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ASSUMPTION GROTTTO NEWS

ASSUMPTION GROTTTO CHURCH

July 17, 2022



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A Vicarious Descant

In today's Ordinary Form of the Roman Rite, St. Augustine points out the symbolic, spiritual meaning of the presence of God in the house of Martha and Mary. He writes, "You see then, dearly Beloved, ... that in these two women, who were both well pleasing to the Lord, both objects of His love, both disciples; ... I say ... that in these two women the two lives are figured, the life present, and the life to come, the life of labour, and the life of quiet, the life of sorrow, and the life of blessedness, the life temporal, and the life eternal ... In Martha was the image of things present, in Mary of things to come. What Martha was doing, is [what we are about] now; what Mary was doing, [is what] we hope for. Let us do the first well, that we may have the second fully" (Sermon 54). St. Augustine said evangelical poverty—living at the feet of Christ, freed from the obligations of hospitality or the secular life—is the greater good. The contemplative is nourished on the Word of God alone: "man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Mt 4:4).

The Contemplative anticipates the life to come—drawing it closer to this life, while still united in the same house and of the same family as those who go about the work of the material and practical obligations. Martha provided for the needs of not only the Lord, but of her sister, Mary, as well. In so doing she also had a share in the merits of Mary's contemplation as many of us do who support the religious in their prayer and work. "Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from



her." It is fitting that those who work and serve provide for those who listen and pray. I consider the things Mary shared with Martha after our Lord departed from their house. Even more, I consider that Martha—at least for a time—set aside the worries and anxiety of the many things and also placed herself at the feet of the Lord to draw from that Fountain of living water.

Mary was free of anxiety. She didn't need to even respond to the misplaced request of Martha—the Lord responded for her. Anxiety over many things will lead to a busyness that will not recognize what is important. God came and dwelt in her house for a time, God came and shared a meal with them—as he promised in the Book of Revelation when he says to the Church in Laodicea, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock.

If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, then I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me" (Rev 3:20).

Anxiety leads to misplaced priorities. It leads to complaining about things that should not be complained about. It leads to us trying to deprive others of the remedy that we ourselves stand in need of. We might become upset when asked to come to an hour of adoration, or an extra Mass during the week, or to set down what you are doing and gather with the rest of the family for the evening rosary.

Anxiety will lead us to become disappointed with what others are not doing. Undue expectations on others will always lead to disappointment and ultimately—if disappointed long enough and for the wrong reasons—to anger and bitterness. The Devil will always find something that seems important to us that we can very easily become angry over when anything seems to interrupt or obstruct our designs—even if that is the Word of God and the Presence of God. Anxiety almost assures you of losing sight of what is right before your eyes and what is of far greater value than any physical labor we could possibly accomplish.

Pope John Paul II commented on the words of our Lord in today's Gospel, "Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken from her" in a General Audience saying, "The meaning of this reply is self-evident. The "better part" is listening to Christ, remaining close to him, adhering to him in spirit and heart. This is why in the Christian tradition inspired by

Mass Intentions for the Week



Monday, July 18, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Tom Addis (L)

Tuesday, - July 19, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Ann McLeod (L)

Wednesday, - July 20, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Phyllis Bausano (L)

Thursday July 21, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Fr. John Bustamante (L)

Friday, - July 22, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Flores Family (L)

Saturday, -July 23, 2022

7:30 a.m. - Wojciech Mikulec (D)

4:00 p.m. – Fr. John Bustamante (L)

Sunday, July 24, 2022

6:30 a.m. – Mrs. Ila Shenk (D)

9:30 a.m. - People of the Parish

12:00 p.m. – Henry Tomaszewski (L)

Holy Father's Intention for July:

For the Elderly

"We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility."

Prayer for Pope Francis

Almighty and everlasting God, have mercy upon Thy servant, Pope Francis, our Supreme Pontiff, and direct him, according to Thy loving kindness, in the way of eternal salvation; that, of Thy gift, he may ever desire that which is pleasing unto Thee and may accomplish it with all his might. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen. (recite 1 Our Father & 1 Hail Mary).

Mass Servers

Saturday, July 23, 2022

4:00 p.m. D. Bastuba, J. Cline

Sunday, July 24, 2022

6:30 a.m. S. Noji, M. Grado

9:30 a.m. K. Garavaglia, M. Grado, I. Charrette, A. Bustamante, C. Bueche

12:00 p.m. A. & W. Remski, G. & G. Welsing, J. & D. Berch

Readings for the week of July 17, 2022

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8//Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6 -7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

"Know that the greatest service that man can offer to God is to help convert souls." -St. Rose of Lima

"Without the burden of afflictions it is impossible to reach the height of grace. The gift of grace increases as the struggle increases." -St. Rose of Lima

"Pain and suffering have come into your life, but remember pain, sorrow, suffering are but the kiss of Jesus — a sign that you have come so close to Him that He can kiss you." -St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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SUNDAY MASSES: Saturdays at 4:00; Sundays at 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), & Noon

HOLY DAY MASSES: 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), Noon & evening at 7:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 2:30-3:30, Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

BAPTISMS: Every Saturday after the 4:00 p.m. Mass or Sunday after the Noon Mass. Arrange at the Rectory Office.

BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS: After the Noon Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

REGISTRATION: Visit the Rectory or call for a form to be sent out to you.

"Nothing great is ever achieved without enduring much." -St. Catherine of Siena

"You will never be happy if your happiness depends on getting solely what you want. Change the focus. Get a new center. Will what God wills, and your joy no man shall take from you." -Venerable Fulton Sheen

"I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love." -St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

A Vicarious Descant (continued)

the Gospel contemplation enjoys undisputed priority in religious life. Furthermore, in his reply the Master made Martha understand that adhering to His person, to His words, to the truth which He reveals and offers on God's behalf is "the only thing that is [truly] needed." It is as if to say that God--and also the Son made man--desires the homage of the heart before that of activity, and that the purpose of the religion Jesus instituted in the world is to adore the Father "in spirit and truth" (Jn 4:24). He himself desires this, according to the teaching given to the Samaritan woman" (General Audience, January 4, 1995).

It is much like the words of St. John Chrysostom who said that what was said to Martha "refers not to works and working, but to this: that it is our duty to know the right season, and not to spend on carnal things the time proper for listening. Thus, Christ spake not the words as urging her to "idleness," but to rivet her to listening. "I came," saith He, "to teach you needful things, but thou art anxious about a meal. Dost thou desire to receive Me, and to provide for Me a costly table? Provide another sort of entertainment, by giving me a ready hearing, and by imitating thy sister's longing for instruction." He said not this to forbid her hospitality, (away with the thought! how could that be?) but to show that she ought not in the season for listening be busy about other matters" (Sermons of the Fathers).

There are many things that can tempt us to anxiety, whether it be in our spiritual life or temporal life. Our Lord has given us a remedy for that anxiety, and it is to place ourselves at His feet and listen to Him. Regardless of how pressing the matters or urgent the need, the Lord speaks to us each time we open Sacred Scripture and read as little as a verse.

Pope John Paul was on a flight praying the Office when one of the priests knocked hurriedly on his door. The holy father opened the door with his Breviary in his hand and the priest said that there

was a most urgent matter he needed to inform the Holy Father about. The pope asked is it very serious? The priest said it was very urgent. The pope nodded and said, "Then I must pray" and closed the door and finished praying his Office.

It doesn't matter how pressing our worries and the demands on us. Come away for a while and rest. Listen to Our Lord. He speaks to you each time you gather in prayer and worship. He speaks when you are before the Blessed Sacrament in adoration.

As we learned in the parable of the Good Samaritan last week, may each of us set an example of charity—spiritually and materially. May we bring to God prayer and works together, for God's glory and the good of our neighbor.

Adoration

Weekday Exposition/Benediction will resume August 2.

August 15th Vigil Candle Pre-Sale Order Forms

Pre-Sale Vigil Candle order forms for the Feast of the Assumption are now available on the side tables in the church.

Day of Recollection

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Secular Carmelites are hosting a Day of Recollection titled: "*Sr. Marie de Saint Pierre and St. Therese: Complementary Spiritualities Surrounding Devotion to the Holy Face*", on First Saturday, August 6th at 10:00AM in the school gym. Talks will be given by Mary J. Zuzolo, a relative of Sister Marie de Saint Pierre, OCD, the Carmelite cloistered nun our Lord revealed the Devotion of Reparation to His Holy Face to in the 1840's. There will be two conferences, lasting approximately 45 minutes each, with a question & answer period following. The suggested free will offering is \$10.00. Marie Zuzolo is married and a mother of 5 children. She spoke at the Holy Face Conference and

has written many articles for Catholic newspapers and magazines on the Holy Face Devotion, including the forward for a newly released book published by TAN "*The Secret of the Holy Face. The Devotion Destined to save Society*", by Fr. Lawrence Daniel Carney III.

2022 CSA Forms

CSA blank pledge forms are available on the side tables in church if you would like to contribute and did not receive a pledge card in the mail. All pledges and contributions should be mailed directly to the AOD CSA Processing Center.

August 15th Volunteers Needed

We need more volunteers for August 15th. Volunteer sign up sheets can be found on the side tables, or by contacting the Rectory.

New Parish Email Address

The parish email address has changed. to parish 'at sign' assumptiongrotto.com.

New Banners for Our Lady

We need volunteers to assist in making new Banners to honor our Lady. Some of our older banners are worn and in need of replacement. This is a wonderful gift to our Blessed Mother. Banners may be made using any title from the Litany of Loretto. For more information, or to volunteer, please call the Rectory.

Seven Sisters Apostolate

On the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our four parish Seven Sisters Groups renewed their commitments to pray one Holy Hour a week for Archbishop Vigneron, Fr. Perrone, Fr. Bustamante and Fr Aiden Logan. Please see the new flyers on the side table for more information on the Eucharistic spirituality of the Apostolate. If God is calling you to help our Archbishop or priests by making a weekly Holy Hour for them, please call the Rectory.

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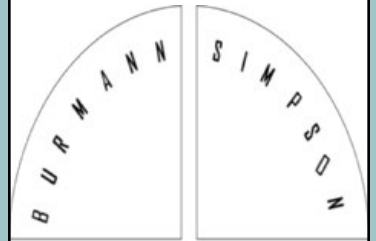
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