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# ASSUMPTION GROTTO NEWS

## ASSUMPTION GROTTO CHURCH

July 24, 2022



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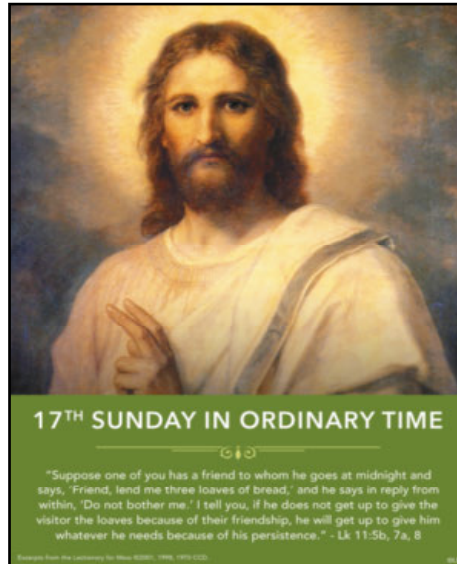
### A Vicarious Descant

In July 2009, Pope Benedict XVI promulgated his last encyclical titled, *Caritas in veritate* (Charity in Truth). In that encyclical, the Holy Father wrote an apt reply ahead of time to many of the troubles plaguing the Church today.

We read, “Truth needs to be sought, found and expressed within the “economy” of charity, but charity in its turn needs to be understood, confirmed and practiced in the light of truth. In this way, not only do we do a service to charity enlightened by truth, but we also help give credibility to truth, demonstrating its persuasive and authenticating power in the practical setting of social living. This is a matter of no small account today, in a social and cultural context which relativizes truth, often paying little heed to it and showing increasing reluctance to acknowledge its existence” (*Caritas in veritate*, 2).

The Holy Father goes on to say this: “Without truth, charity degenerates into sentimentality. Love becomes an empty shell, to be filled in an arbitrary way. In a culture without truth, this is the fatal risk facing love. It falls prey to contingent subjective emotions and opinions, the word “love” is abused and distorted, to the point where it comes to mean the opposite. Truth frees charity from the constraints of an emotionalism that deprives it of relational and social content, and of a fideism that deprives it of human and universal breathing-space” (*Caritas in veritate*, 3).

Fideism can be defined simply as blind faith divorced from reason. It calls to mind



Pope John Paul’s famous encyclical *Fides et ratio*, Faith and Reason, “like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth—in a word, to know himself—so that, by knowing and loving God, men and women may also come to the fullness of truth about themselves” That is the opening sentence of *Fides et ratio* promulgated in 1998.

The Holy Father said that the word “love” can be “abused and distorted to the point where it comes to mean the opposite.” So, what is the “opposite” of love? It is not hate. The opposite of love is not described with one word, but if one could be chosen it would be selfishness.

The opposite of love is the willingness to lie and misrepresent what has been divinely revealed and faithfully handed on to us through the teachings of Christ

through the Church. It is what the serpent did in the Garden of Eden: “And the serpent said to the woman: No, you shall not die the death. For God doth know that in what day soever you shall eat thereof, your eyes shall be opened: and you shall be as Gods, knowing good and evil” (Gen 3:4-5). Three back-to-back lies that underlie what we call today a “fallen human nature.” Adam and Eve did die, their eyes were not opened (except to shame), they did not become as gods and their ability to discern good from evil was greatly diminished.

There is a lot of opposition to love, that is, true charity, right now over a broad range of issues that would not even have been countenanced by the most progressive secularist minds of even a few decades ago.

In the Book of Wisdom we read, “Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training (or doctrine)” (Wisdom 2:12). But then a few verses later we read, “Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hope for the wages of holiness, nor discern the prize for blameless souls; for God created man for incorruption, and made him in the image of his own eternity, but through the devil’s envy death entered the world, and those who belong to his party experience it” (Wisdom 2:21-24). These verses are most directly a prophecy of the redemption by Christ through the

# Mass Intentions for the Week

## Monday, July 25, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Msgr. Clifford Sawher (D)

## Tuesday, - July 26, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Augie Anetrini (D)

## Wednesday, - July 27, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Robert A. Timmerman (D)

## Thursday July 28, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Tomaszewski Family (D)

## Friday, - July 29, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Michael & MaryAnn Ryan Family (L)

## Saturday, -July 30, 2022

7:30 a.m. - Maria Lester (L)

4:00 p.m. – Pal Buzhala (D)

## Sunday, July 31, 2022

6:30 a.m. – Lawrence Stump (L)

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

12:00 p.m. – Pal Buzhala (D)

## 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 30, 2022

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

## Sunday, July 31, 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 24, 2022

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

**Monday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

**Tuesday:** Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43

**Wednesday:** Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-18/Mt 13:44-46

**Thursday:** Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53

**Friday:** Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**Saturday:** Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12

**Next Sunday:** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

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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.

Love  
IS THE  
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OF THE  
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- ST. AUGUSTINE

DO NOT FORGET  
THAT HOLINESS  
CONSISTS NOT IN  
EXTRAORDINARY  
ACTIONS, BUT IN  
PERFORMING  
YOUR DUTIES  
WELL.

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

**A Vicarious Descant (continued)**

Cross, but they also speak of what has followed ever since that redemption.

The Holy Father said that “charity degenerates into sentimentality” and “love becomes an empty shell, to be filled in an arbitrary way.” This is easily seen today through the distortions to such foundational institutions as marriage and family—and manipulating language to deny how God created the human person—male and female He created them (Gen 1:27).

The Holy Father teaches us that justice is not ever divorced from charity, but presupposed by it. This is both at a personal level and a societal level.

Holy Mother Church offers this wisdom to all peoples—and especially those in positions of authority. You may not remember this, but Pope Benedict personally handed President Obama a copy of *Caritas in veritate* along with a copy of the encyclical, *Dignitas personae*, on bioethics and the dignity of man at their meeting on July 10, 2009.

We should not be scandalized when we hear about others, even fellow Catholics, expressing ideas and innovations contrary to what has been held by the Church and will always be held by the Church. It has been going on for a long time at every level. The Lord has assured us that He will provide for the indefectibility of His Church. It is our task to remain faithful disciples and continue to love our enemies and do good, especially with prayer, to those who persecute us.

On this seventh Sunday after Pentecost, holy Mother Church places before us the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and, in particular, that gift of wisdom. The offertory verse points to the thousand sacrifices offered by Solomon in the first days of his reign—after which the Lord appeared to him and said, “Ask what thou wilt and I will give it to you.” Solomon, not even 18 years old at that time, asked for wisdom, and God granted him wisdom in a measure unlike any man before him or after him.

May we each continue to pray to apply the gift of wisdom that is strengthened through our sacramental life so that we may each bear much good fruit. May our prayers also be for those greatly in need of true wisdom and charity. And through the intercession of the Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, may we one day come to share in that eternal joy of the heavenly kingdom.

**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.

**New Parish Email Address**

The parish email address has changed, to **parish ‘at sign’ assumptiongrotto.com**.

**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 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.

**Gardening Volunteers**

A number of parishioners have offered to help with the weeding, planting and gardening needs around the parish. If you are interested in helping for as little as an hour or on a weekly basis, please contact the parish office.



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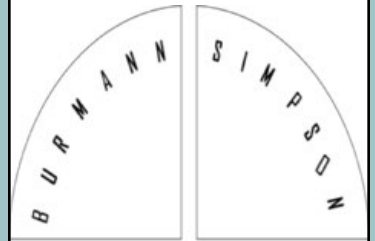


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