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A Vicarious Descant

There was only one Old Testament prophet who actually lived to see the fulfillment of what all the other prophets had prophesied. The prophets had foretold some aspect of the coming of the Messiah, but the last prophet, St. John the Baptist, was the only one to actually see the Messiah and witness the fulfillment of his own prophesy of the Messiah. And this fulfillment took place when St. John spoke the words, “Behold the Lamb of God!” and “The one who has the bride is the bridegroom; the best man, who stands and listens to him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom’s voice. So this joy of mine has been made complete. He must increase. I must decrease” (John 3:29-30).

It is interesting that the Prophet Isaiah was called to begin his prophetic mission in the year 740 BC—just about the same time that the city of Rome was founded. It was Isaiah who prophesied that the Messiah would be heralded by one crying out in the wilderness.

In the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, immediately after Isaiah prophesies about the coming of the Messiah, we find the very passage that Jesus would proclaim when he stood up in the synagogue in Nazareth and was handed a scroll containing the Book of the prophet Isaiah (Luke 4:16ff). : “The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord hath anointed me: he hath sent me to preach to the meek, to heal the contrite of heart, and to preach a release to the captives, and deliverance to them that are shut up” (Is 41:1)

St. John the Baptist was the herald of the Messiah and of all the things that God could have instructed this last prophet of the Old Testament to do, it was to perform a baptism of repentance. We must take note that Jesus did not begin his ministry until John the Baptist could no longer baptize. So, in other words, the proclamation of the Good News had to follow the preparation of hearts to hear the Good News. It is no different today as the Church teaches the Faith before each Sacrament is received.

The baptism of repentance that John preached was known by the Scribes and Pharisees to be one of the signs that the Messiah had come. From the prophet Ezekiel, they knew that the Messiah’s arrival would involve both water and repentance, but they did not know how the two would be related. This is why they question John the Baptist so rigorously in John chapter one, verses 19ff.

In accordance with God’s plan of salvation, we read in St. Mark, “Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: ‘This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel’” (Mark 1:14-15) The voice of the herald will certainly fall silent when the one who he announces has arrived.

The Baptism of John was a baptism of repentance that pointed toward the baptism in Jesus Christ. It did not itself cause any interior sacramental change. The baptism instituted by Jesus Christ is one of water and the Spirit and takes

away all sin. John’s baptism was not only an immediate foreshadowing of the baptism by water and the Spirit, but also a bridge between the Old and New Covenants. The waters of baptism were sanctified by the Messiah.

St. John the Baptist’s birth is celebrated six months before the birth of Christ. It comes at the point where the number of hours of daylight begin to decrease, compared with the birth of Christ, at a time in the year when the number of hours of daylight begin to increase. We have all noticed our shortening daylight hours by now—let them be a gentle reminder that time is short and God calls us be vigilant and watchful!

The Letter to the Hebrews, chapter 11, says, “Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen” (Heb 11:1). The patriarchs, “...died in faith. They did not receive what had been promised but saw it and greeted it from afar and acknowledged themselves to be strangers and aliens on earth...” (Heb 11:14). The patriarchs and prophets, the Letter to the Hebrews tells us, “endured mockery, scourging, even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, sawed in two, put to death at sword’s point; they went about in skins of sheep or goats, needy, afflicted, tormented. They wandered about in deserts and on mountains, in caves and in crevices on the earth. Yet all these, though approved because of their faith, did not receive what had been promised” (Heb 11:36-40). All that is, up until John the Baptist. It was the redemption of Christ that won for the prophets and

Mass Intentions for the Week



Monday, August 08, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Michael Voris (L)

Tuesday, - August 09, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Pal Buzhala (D)

Wednesday, - August 10, 2022

7:30 a.m. – D’Alessandro Family (L&D)

Thursday August 11, 2022

7:30 a.m.–Diriex & Garety Family (L&D)

Friday, - August 12, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Pal Buzhala (D)

Saturday, -August 13, 2022

7:30 a.m. - Patrons of the Shrine

4:00 p.m. – Jillian Haid (L)

Sunday, August 14, 2022

6:30 a.m. – Calabrese Family (L)

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

12:00 p.m. – The Special Intentions of a Parishioner (L&D)

Holy Father’s Intention for August:

For Small Businesses

“We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.”

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, August 13, 2022

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

Sunday, August 14, 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 August 07, 2022

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

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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.

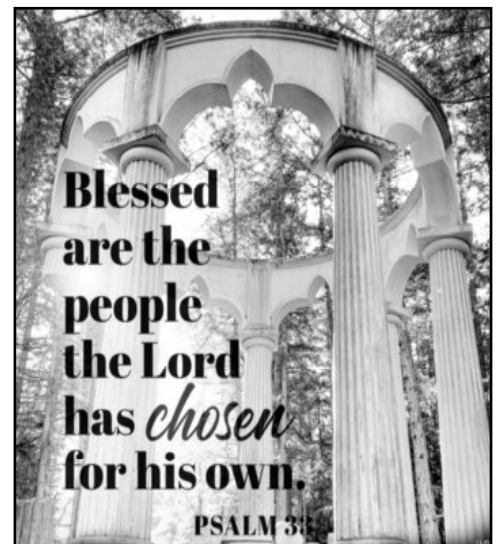
WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

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.



A Vicarious Descant (continued)

patriarchs the crown of everlasting glory—something we all still seek.

How many gifts and blessings God has given to us in our time! But what is the Lord calling us to endure? What is the Lord calling us to proclaim? Let us pray with greater urgency for the conversion of sinners and let us offer what prayers, sacrifices and mortifications we can in reparation for sins against the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Let us pray that God spare our country, our Church and the world the many sorrows which have been predicted by our Lady in her many apparitions if the world does not stop offending God. Let us call those who are isolated from the Lord’s flock to enter the sheepfold and seek salvation.

Our Patronal Feast Day is one week away, while it is not a Day of Obligation for Mass, it should still be a day of celebration—an extra Sunday, if you will. There are still many needs and opportunities to help make the day a prayerful and joyful day of thanksgiving and praise. **We are especially in need of volunteers to help setup on Saturday, August 13 at 10:00 AM.** Contact the rectory if you are able to help. Likewise there is still time to bring any religious goods to the lounge that you would like to entrust to someone else’s care.

More Volunteers Needed for August 15th Feast Day Set Up

We need more volunteers to help with set up for our August 15th Feast Day. Volunteers should be at the church at **10:00AM on Saturday, August 13.** Please contact the Rectory to let someone know if you are able to help.

Fatima Devotions on August 13th

You are invited to join us on August 13th as we pray for World Peace through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima! We will begin with a Holy Hour in the Church after the 7:30 AM Mass

this month from approximately 8:30 AM until 9:30 AM. Afterwards we will meet at the cemetery gate to form a procession to the Grotto with the Banners for Our Lady. At the Grotto we will recite the Rosary and petition St. Jacinta and St. Francesco. Please bring a bagged lunch and a salad or dish to share during the social afterwards. Keep the 13th of each month until October open for our new parish Fatima Devotions. We'll have something different each month to present on the Fatima Message and how to help our Lady save poor sinners. Invite your Family and friends!

August 15th Used Religious Items Sale

It is time to bring in any used religious items for our used-religious sale on Assumption Day. Books, statues, pictures, and any Catholic or Christmas items are accepted. **We are also in need of newspapers, tissue paper, and paper and plastic bags for the sale.** If you have any questions, please contact the Rectory. Thank you.

August 15th Planning Meeting

The second August 15th Planning Meeting will be on Tuesday, August 9 at 7:00 PM, in the school.

August 15th Altar Boy Practice

There will be an Altar Boy Practice on Sunday, August 14 after the noon Mass.

Grotto St. Vincent Helpers

Parishioners who are in need of help may contact Jeff Cline at 586-242-1959.

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New Banners for Our Lady

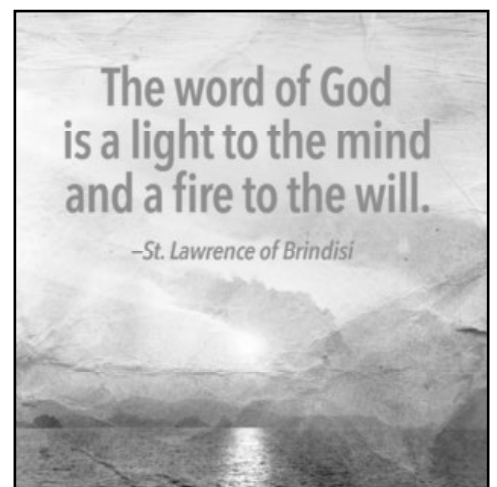
We need volunteers to assist in making new Banners to honor our Lady. Some of our older banners are worn and in need of replacement. This is a wonderful gift to our Blessed Mother. Banners may be made using any title from the Litany of Loretto. For more information, or to volunteer, please call the Rectory.

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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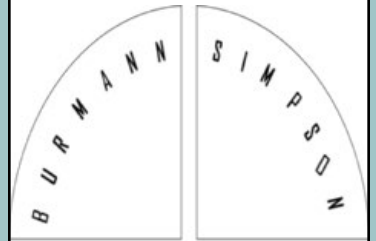
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DIANE M. KORZENIEWSKI**

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