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ASSUMPTION GROTTA NEWS

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September 29, 2024



*Our Lady of Lourdes
Shrine Est. 1881*

A Vicarious Descant

When John the Apostle expressed concern about someone driving out demons in the Lord's name, the response of the Lord is surprising to many: "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us" (Mark 9:38-39). In other words, work for the Kingdom and the spread of the Gospel first rather than be concerned with what the Lord may be allowing others to do in His Holy Name.

We might be tempted to make the same complaint about people who "do not follow us" liturgically, spiritually or even socially. The answer is to remember that God alone decides what deeds will be done in His Name. Our responsibility in this is first to honor the Great Commandment: to love God with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength and to love our neighbor as ourself for the love of God. We should be about the work of proclaiming the Gospel and fulfilling what God has asked us to do through the guidance of the Church. Perhaps related to this ad-



monition is our behavior toward our dear visitors to the parish. Since our parish is a pilgrimage site, there are many who "do not follow us" but visit our beloved parish to attend Mass or participate in our devotions. Please show the kindest welcome and utmost patience to them. They are the people and families whom God has sent to pray with us. It should be our gentle and kind example to them that encourages them to return and learn our reverence and cherished devotions.

Today's older liturgical calendar marks the dedication in the

sixth century of two churches in honor of St. Michael the Archangel. The Church had long before chosen this day to honor all the holy angels, which is why the prayers are collectively about the angels, not just St. Michael the Archangel.

Dom Guaranger, quoting the Angelic Doctor, St. Thomas Aquinas wrote, "Compared with ours, how calm and how luminous is the knowledge of pure spirits! They are not doomed to the intricate discouragements of our reason, which runs after the truth, composes and analyzes, and laboriously draws conclusions from premises. They instantaneously apprehend the whole compass of primary truths. Their intuition is so prompt, so lively, so penetrating, that it is impossible for them to be surprised, as we are, into error. If they deceive themselves, it must be of their own will. The perfection of their will is equal to the perfection of their intellect. They know not what it is to be disturbed by the violence of appetites. Their love is without emotion; and their hatred of evil is as calm and as wisely tempered as their love. A will so



Sunday, September 29, 2024

6:30 a.m. Jon Schnur (L)
 9:30 a.m. People of the Parish
 12:00 p.m. Grotto Parishioners and their Intentions

Monday, September 30, 2024

7:30 a.m. Henry Tomaszewski (L)

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

7:30 a.m. Henry Tomaszewski (L)

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

7:30 a.m. Elise & Joshua Tomaszewski (L)

Thursday, October 3, 2024

7:30 a.m. Dan Chambers (D)

Friday, October 4, 2024

7:30 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory
 7:00 p.m. Margaret Lesnek (D)

Saturday, October 5, 2024

7:30 a.m. Elmer Riedy (D)
 4:00 p.m. Conte Family (L&D)

Announced Mass Intentions (as shown above) are available as well as Private Mass Intentions which are offered by retired and religious order priests. Contact the parish office for more information.



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Mass Servers

Saturday, October 5, 2024

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

Sunday, October 6, 2024

6:30 a.m. S. Noji, M. Grado
 9:30 a.m. K. Garavaglia, M. Grado, I. Charrette, A. Bustamante
 12:00 p.m. A.&W. Remski, G.&G. Welsing, J. & D. Berch

Readings for the Week of September 29, 2024

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
 Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50
 Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/Lk 9:51-56
 Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12
 Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Lk 10:13-16
 Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24
 Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16

Commemorations for the Week of September 29, 2024

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday
 Monday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 Tuesday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
 Wednesday: The Holy Guardian Angels
 Thursday: Feria
 Friday: St. Francis of Assisi
 Saturday: Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
 Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday at 6:30, 9:30 (Latin), & 12:00 Noon

HOLY DAY MASSES

6:30, 9:30 (Latin), 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (Latin)

CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before each Mass and Saturday 2:30-3:30 p.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 9-5 p.m., Mon-Fri. or visit the parish website and click on "Register" or call for a form to be sent to you.

Catholic Service Appeal

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Holy Father's Monthly Intentions

From the Apostolic Constitution Indulgentiarum doctrina:

"n. 10—The condition of praying for the Supreme Pontiff's intentions is fully satisfied by reciting one "Our Father" and one "Hail Mary"; nevertheless the individual faithful are free to recite any other prayer according to their own piety and devotion toward the Supreme Pontiff."

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A Vicarious Descant (continued)...

free can know no perplexity as to its aims, no inconstancy in its resolutions. Whereas with us long and anxious meditation is necessary before we make a decision, it is the property of the angels to determine by a single act the object of their choice. God proposed to them, as He does to us, infinite beatitude in the vision of His own Essence; and to fit them for so great an end, He endowed them with grace at the same time as He gave them being. In one instant they said Yes or No; in one instant they freely and deliberately decided their own fate.” (Monsabré 15th Conference, Lent 1875 in “The Liturgical Year” by Dom Gueranger.)

The catechism states:

327 The profession of faith of the Fourth Lateran Council affirms that God “from the beginning of time made at once (simul) out of nothing both orders of creatures, the spiritual and the corporeal, that is, the angelic and the earthly, and then the human creature, who as it were shares in both orders, being composed of spirit and body.”

328 The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls “angels” is a truth of faith. The witness of Scripture is as clear as the unanimity of Tradition.

329 St. Augustine says: “‘Angel’ is the name of their office, not of their nature. If you seek the name of their nature, it is

‘spirit’; if you seek the name of their office, it is ‘angel’: from what they are, ‘spirit’, from what they do, ‘angel.’ “With their whole beings the angels are servants and messengers of God. Because they “always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven” they are the “mighty ones who do His word, hearkening to the voice of His word.”

330 As purely spiritual creatures angels have intelligence and will: they are personal and immortal creatures, surpassing in perfection all visible creatures, as the splendor of their glory bears witness.

331 Christ is the center of the angelic world. They are His angels: “When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him...” (Mt 25:31). They belong to Him because they were created through and for Him: “for in Him all things were created in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him” (Col 1:16). They belong to Him still more because He has made them messengers of His saving plan: “Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation?” (Heb 1:14).

To call upon the holy angels for assistance is to directly ask God for assistance. When we ask our Guardian Angel to help us,

we are asking that our will be more perfectly conformed to God’s will.

Let us renew our prayers and petitions asking the assistance of the holy angels, especially in these days of such uncertainty and turmoil. Our Lord has already told us what to do and what to avoid. May we be numbered among his most faithful disciples in spite of the obstacles and scandals that seem to constantly be placed in our path. May we continue to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us that we may always be children of our heavenly Father (cf. Matt 5:44).

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Rosary Intention for October

Throughout the month of October the Rosary will be prayed after all Masses for the Shrine Patrons and God’s Mercy on our State, Country and all of North America.

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KofC Pancake Breakfast

The Knights will resume their monthly pancake breakfast on **next Sunday, October 6** from **10:30 until noon**. The free will donation goes to support of the parish and KofC charities.

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Fatima Devotions

Our next monthly Fatima devotion will be on Sunday, October 13th. We will meet at the at the Grotto Cemetery gate after the 9:30 AM Mass and Rosary and process to the Grotto to offer prayers and petitions to Our Lady for peace in the world.



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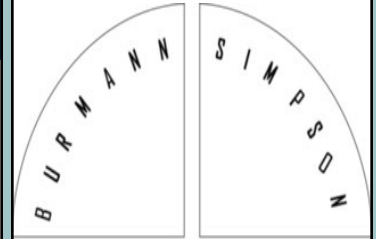
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