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AUGUST

15



In the **Solemnity of the Assumption**, we celebrate that "the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." ~Pope Pius XII (Nov. 1, 1950)

Assumption OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

"Like the bodies of the saints, however, (Mary) has been held in honor for her character and understanding. And if I should say anything more in her praise, she is like Elijah, who was virgin from his mother's womb, always remained so, and was taken up, but has not seen death."

~St. Epiphanius of Constantia (477 AD)

"Almighty ever-living God, who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son, body and soul into heavenly glory, grant, we pray, that, always attentive to the things that are above, we may merit to be sharers of her glory."

Collect from the Solemnity of the Assumption



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 14

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Evelyn Morrissey +

Sunday, August 15

-The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Jean Steele +

Monday, August 16

No morning Mass

Tuesday, August 17

7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

8:30 a.m. Confessions

Wednesday, August 18

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration

6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. Dave Vachon +

Thursday, August 19

8:00 a.m. Mildred Huss +

Friday, August 20

8:30 a.m. Terry Flowers +

Saturday, August 21

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Ed Bushee +

Sunday, August 22

- Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Jean Steele +

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY—AUGUST 15, 2021

This weekend (August 14th/15th), the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. This solemnity, though officially declared a dogma of the Church by Pope Pius XII on November 1, 1950, can be traced back to the earliest centuries of the life of the Church. With the toleration of Christianity by the *Edict of Milan* (311 AD), Christian holy sites would eventually become celebrated locations where churches were built. One such location close to Mount Zion was centered around the empty “*Tomb of Mary*.”

At the empty “*Tomb of Mary*,” devotion to the Blessed Virgin was marked with local celebration surrounding Mary’s having been taken into heaven. This celebration quickly spread throughout the Church and became known as both the “*Dormition of Mary*” and the “*Assumption of Mary*.” Though no biblical account is recorded of Mary’s Assumption, the tradition and practice of the Church has re-echoed this belief throughout the ages.

At the *Council of Chalcedon* (451 AD), when asked to bring a relic of the Blessed Mother to the council by the Emperor Marcian, the Patriarch of Jerusalem, St. Juvenal, responded that this was not possible. Sharing with the emperor this ancient teaching, he stated that it is known that “Mary had died in the presence of the Apostles; But, her tomb, when opened upon the request of St. Thomas the Apostle, was found empty. The Apostles concluded that her body was taken up into heaven.” This belief in the Assumption has continued to be handed on throughout the ages.

The word “*Assumption*” itself comes from the Latin verb “*assumere*,” which means “*to take to oneself*.” The meaning of the word itself helps to clearly express the teaching of the Assumption: That Our Lord, Jesus Christ, took His Mother home to Himself where He is. In this way, the Blessed Virgin continues to serve as our model, pointing us towards heaven and He with whom she now resides: her Son, Jesus Christ.

Marking this solemnity, though we have spent the past three weekends exploring the Eucharist in the sixth chapter of the Gospel of St. John, we are briefly interrupted by the Gospel of St. Luke. This deviation gives us the opportunity to consider the heavenly destiny to which the Eucharist helps us aspire. It is this same heavenly destiny to which Our Lady has already so gloriously attained and that which we hope to one day share in. Until that time, may we continue to ask the Blessed Virgin to continue to intercede for us to Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

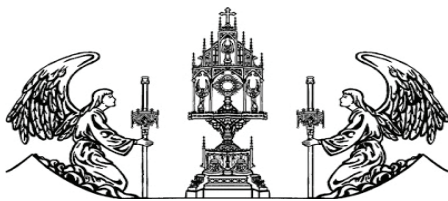
TEACHING MASS: AUGUST 22ND AND AUGUST 25TH

In place of our August Discussion Forum, we will once again offer a “**Teaching Mass**” on both **Sunday, August 22nd, from 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM, and Wednesday, August 25th, after the 7:00 PM evening Mass.** (*Note: A “Teaching Mass” is **NOT** a Mass. It is a walk-through and offers explanations of the various parts of the Mass.*) This walk-through offers us a chance to more fully immerse ourselves into the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

A “Teaching Mass” offers the chance to delve into the scriptural, spiritual, historical, and practical aspects of the liturgy itself. As we’ve focused on the past few weekends: *The way we pray is the way we believe*. As the Mass “is the greatest and highest act of prayer” (Benedict XVI), it exemplifies our belief. We are called to live out the Mass in our daily lives.

All are welcome to join us for the “Teaching Mass.” Invite Family & Friends!

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., August 16 - Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time - St. Teresa Stephen of Hungary -
Jgs 2:11-19/ Mt 19:16-22

Tues., August 17 - Jgs 6:11-24a/ Mt 19:23-30

Wed., August 18 - Jgs 9:6-15/ Mt 20:1-16

Thurs., August 19 - St. John Eudes, Priest -
Jgs 11:29-39a/ Mt 22:1-14

Fri., August 20 - St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church - Ru 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22/ Mt 22:34-40

Sat., August 21 - St. Pius X, Pope - Ru 2:1-3,8-11; 4:13-17/ Mt 23:1-12

Sun., Aug. 22 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jos 24:1-2a,15-17,18b/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a,25-32/ Jn 6:60-69



Sharon Miller, Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie and Cheryl Jackson, Sandy Arnold, Andrea Holte, Tom Williams, Jen Coyne, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Nora LaVine, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Doreen Ayres and Leanne Lee.



There will be a "Teaching Mass" on Sunday, August 22 from 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday, August 25 after 7:00 p.m. evening Mass. A "Teaching Mass" is a walk-through of the Mass that offers explanation of the various parts of the Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28
Religious Education Registration
Pizza & Sundae Bar
Following Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass
in the Parish Social Hall.
Classes resume Sunday, September 12
8:30-9:45 a.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday, August 19 as Michelle will be attending the 2021 Fall DRE Gathering at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Pierceton, IN. The Parish Office will re-open at 9:00 a.m. Friday, August 20.

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., August 14 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., August 15 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Tues., August 17 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Wed., August 18 - Adoration 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., August 19 - Michelle out of the office attending a the Fall DRE Gathering in Pierceton.
- Sat., August 21 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., August 22 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., August 22 - "Teaching Mass" 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- Tues., August 24 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Wed., August 25 - Adoration 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., August 25 - "Teaching Mass" following 7:00 p.m. evening Mass.
- Wed., August 25 - Catechist Meeting following 7:00 Mass in the Parish Social Hall.
- Sat., August 28 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sat., August 28 - Religious Education Pizza & Sundae Bar following 5:00 evening Mass in the Parish Social Hall.
- Sun., August 29 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Tues., August 31 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Wed., September 1 - Adoration 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 21/22



5:00 Marita Crawfis
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Jay Crisp



(Process in with the Book of Gospels)

5:00 Bruce Holland
7:30 Ben Wagner
10:00 Catherine Crawfis



5:00 Volunteers
7:30 Dale/Sarah McCorkle
10:00 Todd/Anjie Hartman Family & Chris/Laurie Reifsteck Family



5:00 Alex/Audrey Mechling
7:30 Abby/Adrienne Wagner
10:00 Raphael/Theo Souza

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report August 7/8 Weekend

Adult Envelopes- \$3,072.00
Child Envelopes- \$3.00
Loose- \$224.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$880.66
Religious Ed. Fund- \$135.00

Total- \$4,314.66

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40
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