

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

AUGUST 15, 2021

"Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

— Luke 1:42

THE DESTINY OF ALL MORTAL FLESH

The celebration of today's feast on a Sunday is unusual on our Roman Catholic calendar. Our observance of the Lord's Day is held in such high esteem that few other feasts replace it. Occasionally there is a feast—usually of one of the saints—in which the saving power of God in Christ is so uniquely focused that the Roman rite deems it worthy of celebration on the Lord's Day. Today is such a feast. Yet some are surprised at the brevity of the dogma in its entirety: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The Roman Catholic Church never defined any specifics or particulars about the event itself. It is not in the scriptures. There are no verifiable eyewitness accounts. At its core, the dogma reveals in Mary the destiny of all mortal flesh, and reinforces our creedal belief in resurrection of the body. This feast strengthens our faith, defined last week in Hebrews as the realization of things hoped for. We find, in Mary, that realization of what we all hope for, what Paul today affirms: "In Christ shall all be brought to life" (1 Corinthians 15:22).

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The vision concerning the woman clothed with the sun (Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab).

Psalm — The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold (Psalm 45).

Second Reading — Christ, the first fruits; then those who belong to him (1 Corinthians 15:20-27).

Gospel — Mary praises God in the Magnificat (Luke 1:39-56).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$6,081.00	\$4,457.00
Number of Families contributing	73	50
Total Pledge for 2021	\$161,051.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (28 Weeks)	\$99,259.00	\$101,016.00
Received to Date	\$91,624.00	\$72,772.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$7,635.00	\$28,244.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$172.00	\$6,172.00

Seventeen ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$60.00	\$87,915.00

Two people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$63,780.00

POOR BOX totaled \$50.00.

4 CHILDREN contributed \$35.00.

BAA totaled \$175.00.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE totaled \$390.00

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

One day, a rich Dad took his son on a trip to a village. He wanted to show him how poor someone can be. They spent time on the farm of a poor family.

On their return from the trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"

"It was great, Dad."

"Did you see how poor people live?" the father asked.

"Oh yes," said the son.

"So, tell me, what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father.

The son answered: "We have one dog, they have four; We have a pool, they have rivers; We have tube lights at night, they have stars; We buy foods; they grow theirs; We have walls to protect us, they have friends; We have television, they spend time with family and relatives."

The boy's father was speechless. Then his son added: "Thanks Dad, for showing me how poor we are."

It is not about money that makes us rich. It's simplicity, love, compassion, friendship, values, and family that makes you rich.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

TRUTH AND LIE

"TRUTH" is like a Surgery, it Hurts, but it Cures...!

"LIE" is like Pain Killer, it gives Relief Immediately, but it gives SIDE EFFECTS LATER!!!

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite and St. Joseph for the needy; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

3 SOLUTIONS

There are three solutions to every problem:

- ACCEPT it
- CHANGE it
- LEAVE it

If you can't ACCEPT it, CHANGE it.

If you can't CHANGE it, LEAVE it.

EXCUSES FOR SPEEDING

1. I went by them so fast, I probably missed the speed sign.
2. I'm due in traffic court and if I am late they are going to enforce a bench warrant.
3. I'm trying to beat my wife home. Don't ask.
4. An elderly man was stopped after doing 73mph where the speed limit was 55mph. He asked, "Is there a senior citizens discount?"

BE HUMBLE

If you are humble, nothing will touch you, neither praise nor disgrace, because you know what you are. If you are blame, you won't be discouraged; if anyone calls you a saint, you won't put yourself on a pedestal.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Just after receiving his driver's license, a Baptist minister's son wanted to talk about using the family car. "I'll make a deal with you," his father said. "Bring your grades up, read your Bible more often, and get a haircut. Then you may use the car once or twice week." A month later the question came up again. "Son," the father said, "I'm proud of you. I see you studying hard and reading your Bible every day. But you didn't get a haircut." After a moment's pause, the son replied, "Yeah, I've thought about that. But Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, and even Jesus had long hair." "True," the father replied, "But maybe you noticed that they walked wherever they went."

FRUITS OF PRAYER

Once a man was asked, "What did you gain by regularly praying to God?" The man replied, "nothing ... but let me tell you what I lost: Anger, ego, greed, depression, insecurity, and fear of death."

Sometimes, the answer to our prayers is not gaining but losing; which ultimately is the gain.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday: St. Stephen of Hungary
Thursday: St. John Eudes
Friday: St. Bernard
Saturday: St. Pius X

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For Pete Suedle and Mary Louise.
Tuesday: For a special intention.
Wednesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus for the sick and holy souls.
Thursday: For Tom Patrick on his Birthday.
Friday: Holy Souls and Precious Blood.

A SPECIAL BOND

*I miss you more than you will know
Your voice and your bright smile,
And though we must be separated
It's measured in mere miles.*

*No one on earth could take your place
You've come to mean that much,
We've shared our hearts and Jesus' love
Through you, I've felt his touch.*

*So come what may in this old world,
From now until the end,
I know for certain we'll remain
The very best of friends.*

Denise A. DeWald

READERS

Sat. Aug. 14th, 4:00 P.M.
Cathy Lisa & Reed

Sun. Aug. 15th, 10:00 A.M.
Jimmy Joseph & Monroe

Sat. Aug. 21st, 4:00 P.M.
Christina & Julie Ann

Sun. Aug. 22nd, 10:00 A.M.
Jimmy Joseph & Monroe

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	-	Reed
Tuesday	-	Joy
Wednesday	-	Natalie
Thursday	-	Bryce
Friday	-	Taneil

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	-	Cathy Pole
Tuesday	-	Nora
Wednesday	-	Catherine Ann
Thursday	-	Rita Weaver
Friday	-	Joy

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	August 14th
Front	Winnie Ann
Right	Cathy Pole
Left	Catherine Ann
August 15th	August 22nd
Rose Marie	Rose Marie
Mary Cat	Mary Cat

IMPOSSIBILITIES

Most of the things worth doing in the world had been declared impossible before they were done.

LEARN THIS: WEAK people REVENGE. STRONG people FORGIVE. INTELLIGENT people IGNORE.

WISDOM OF ST. FULTON SHEEN

The person who thinks only of himself says only prayers of petition; the one who thinks of his neighbor says prayers of intercession; whoever thinks only of loving and serving God, says prayers of abandonment to God's will, and this is the prayer of the saints.

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PRAYER

Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, we believe in your triumphant assumption into Heaven where the angels and saints acclaim you as Queen of Heaven and earth. We join them in praising you and bless the Lord who raised you above all creatures. With them we honor you.

We are confident that you watch over our daily lives, and we ask that you intercede for us now. (mention your request) After this earthly life, show us Jesus, the blest fruit of your womb, O kind, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary.

O, Queen assumed into Heaven, pray for us. Amen.