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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



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"From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly."
- Lk 1:48b-49, 52

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We are blessed that you are here to worship with us. Our parish family extends to you the hospitality of Jesus Christ.

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Dear brothers and sisters,

On August 15 each year, Catholics celebrate a feast day in honor of one of the greatest mysteries of the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary: her bodily Assumption into Heaven. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it:

"The Most Blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of His Body" (974).

The Assumption is the oldest feast day of Our Lady, but we don't know how it first came to be celebrated.

Its origin is lost in those days when Jerusalem was restored as a sacred city, at the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine (c. 285-337). By then it had been a pagan city for two centuries, ever since Emperor Hadrian (76-138) had leveled it around the year 135 and rebuilt it as Aelia Capitolina in honor of Jupiter.



For 200 years, every memory of Jesus was obliterated from the city, and the sites made holy by His life, death and Resurrection became pagan temples.

After the building of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in 336, the sacred sites began to be restored and memories of the life of Our Lord began to be celebrated by the people of Jerusalem. One of the memories about his mother centered around the "Tomb of Mary," close to Mount Zion, where the early Christian community had lived.

On the hill itself was the "Place of Dormition," the spot of Mary's "falling asleep," where she had died. The "Tomb of Mary" was where she was buried.

At this time, the "Memory of Mary" was being celebrated. Later it was to become our feast of the Assumption.

For a time, the "Memory of Mary" was marked only in Palestine, but then it was extended by the emperor to all the churches of the East. In the seventh century, it began to be celebrated in Rome under the title of the "Falling Asleep" ("Dormitio") of the Mother of God.

Soon the name was changed to the "Assumption of Mary," since there was more to the feast than her dying. It also proclaimed that she had been taken up, body and soul, into heaven.

That belief was ancient, dating back to the apostles themselves. What was clear from the beginning was that there were no relics of Mary to be venerated, and that an empty tomb stood on the edge of Jerusalem near the site of her death. That location also soon became a place of pilgrimage. (Today, the Benedictine Abbey of the Dormition of Mary stands on the spot.)

At the Council of Chalcedon in 451, when bishops from throughout the Mediterranean world gathered in Constantinople, Emperor Marcian asked the Patriarch of Jerusalem to bring the relics of Mary to Constantinople to be enshrined in the capitol. The patriarch explained to the emperor that there were no relics of Mary in Jerusalem, that "Mary had died in the presence of the apostles; but her tomb, when opened later . . . was found empty and so the apostles concluded that the body was taken up into heaven."

In the eighth century, St. John Damascene was known for giving sermons at the holy places in Jerusalem. At the Tomb of Mary, he expressed the belief of the Church on the meaning of the feast: "Although the body was duly buried, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay. . . . You were transferred to your heavenly home, O Lady, Queen and Mother of God in truth."

All the feast days of Mary mark the great mysteries of her life and her part in the work of redemption. The central mystery of her life and person is her divine motherhood, celebrated both at Christmas and a week later (Jan. 1) on the feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) marks the preparation for that motherhood, so that she had the fullness of grace from the first moment of her existence, completely untouched by sin. Her whole being throbbed with divine life from the very beginning, readying her for the exalted role of mother of the Savior.

The Assumption completes God's work in her since it was not fitting that the flesh that had given life to God himself should ever undergo corruption. The Assumption is God's crowning of His work as Mary ends her earthly life and enters eternity. The feast turns our eyes in that direction, where we will follow when our earthly life is over.

The feast days of the Church are not just the commemoration of historical events; they do not look only to the past. They look to the present and to the future and give us an insight into our own relationship with God. The Assumption looks to eternity and gives us hope that we, too, will follow Our Lady when our life is ended.

The prayer for the feast reads: "All-powerful and ever-living God: You raised the sinless Virgin Mary, mother of your Son, body and soul, to the glory of heaven. May we see heaven as our final goal and come to share her glory."

In 1950, in the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Assumption of Mary a dogma of the Catholic Church in these words: "The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven."

With that, an ancient belief became Catholic doctrine and the Assumption was declared a truth revealed by God.

(This article was taken from ewtn.com:

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/assumption-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary-814>)

Blessings,

Fr. Enrique Hernandez

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High School Religious Education Registration for 2021-22 is On-Going!

Welcoming all freshmen & sophomores for Confirmation Prep and juniors & seniors for Confirmation Year! We plan to start in late September and will meet on select Sundays twice per month. Register Online at <https://forms.gle/RFP9FxmTpfzVLMa7>

Please register by Friday September 3. Thank you!

Questions? Email Aliah Taylor, Youth Ministry Assistant, at taylora@hfparish.org

Find more information on our website at: <https://hsreligious.weebly.com>

PARISH TRUSTEE ELECTION

Wisconsin law requires that every parish have two trustees, each serving a two-year renewable term. They serve as the legal Board for the parish along with the pastor, the Archbishop and the Vicar General of the Archdiocese.

Archdiocesan policy requires that trustees be registered parish members, practicing Catholics and at least 25 years of age. Our current Trustees are Tom Dean and Nadine Weske Tom Dean's position is up for renewal, and has served our St Robert Family well for several years. A heartfelt **THANK YOU to Tom Dean** for ALL he has done for St Robert over the past several years in his role as Trustee.

We are Grateful to have him in our Parish Community and look forward to many more years ahead as he continues to share his faith and stewardship with our Parish! We are grateful for all you have done Tom and continue to do!

Father Enrique has nominated Dan Murray to fill the open position for trustee. Like Tom Dean, Dan Murray is a dedicated member of our Parish and continues to seek out ways to serve our Parish community as a steward of our congregation and his faith.

The Parish charter allows any qualified Parish member to be nominated or to place his or her own name in nomination by submitting a written nomination signed by 10 or more registered adult Parish members who are practicing Catholics. **Nominations should be received in the Parish office by noon on Monday, August 23rd.**

Please contact the Parish office at 332-1164 if you have any questions. If there is more than one candidate for the Trustee position, an election will be held the weekend of August 28th/29th.

Readings for the week of August 15, 2021

Sunday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Find daily readings at: <https://bible.usccb.org>.

Mass Intentions for the Week of August 15, 2021

Sunday, August 15: *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:30 am † Kay & Harvey Schaefer (Bob & Maripat Shaw)
11:00 am † Rose Ann Harney (Gnadt Family)
5:30 pm For the living and deceased members of St. Robert Parish and our college students.

Monday, August 16: *Weekday*

No Mass

Tuesday, August 17: *Weekday*

7:00 am † Adrienne Bouchonville (St. Robert Parish)

Wednesday, August 18: *Weekday*

7:00 am † Kay Schmidlein (Rozanne Schmidlein)

Thursday, August 19: *Weekday*

8:15 am † All Souls

Friday, August 20: *Weekday*

8:15 am † Benny Crivello (Phyllis Crivello)

Saturday, August 21: *St. Pius X, Pope*

4:30 pm † Gaye DuMonte (Adrienne Bouchonville)

Sunday, August 22: *Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 am For the victims and survivors of clergy sexual abuse, may God bring healing, strength, and justice to all who suffer.

11:00 am † Mary Therese Guzniczak (Family)

5:30 pm For the living and deceased members of St. Robert Parish and our college students.

WEDDING BANNS

Jordan Roth & Patrick Wilson
August 20, 2021

Alex Sobczak & Caitlin Bright
September 5, 2021



May God Bless them and their families as they prepare for their Wedding Day.

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30pm—4:15pm

(Before the 4:30 Mass)
Sundays: 4:30-5:15 pm
(Before the 5:30 Mass)

At the Mary Altar confessional



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We are looking for volunteers to host Alpha at St. Robert Parish!



Alpha is an exciting opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. It is a unique space for participants to ask questions and share points of view in a series of sessions that include topics about life, faith and meaning such as:

Is there more to life than this?

Who is Jesus?

How can we have faith?

How can I make the most of the rest of my life?

Alpha is open to everyone no matter where you are in your life.

What happens at Alpha?

Each week we:

Start by sharing a relaxing meal

Watch a thoughtful video on that session's topic

Share reactions and ideas with table mates, if desired

No pressure. No follow up. No charge. Come to all or some of the sessions.

Please consider if you could contribute in some way or invite someone. Alpha is inspirational for both the participants and volunteers! The journey and transformation for all participants over 10 weeks is amazing to watch and be a part of, and some people have reported that it is the highlight of their week!

We need volunteers for the following teams: planning team, hosts and helpers, food and hospitality, intercessory prayer team, promo team, AV team.

If you would like to volunteer in some way, please email:

craether@strobert.org



19th Annual Dinner

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6-23-2021

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6-5-2021

Sr. Loretta a McIlvenna, OP, Co-Principal – 1974-76
6-4-2021

Sr. Angela Merici Donovan, OP,
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BECOMING CATHOLIC

If you or anyone you know would like to become Catholic, St. Robert Parish invites you to join the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). It is for:

- Those not baptized
- Those from other faith traditions
- Those baptized Catholic, but not raised in the faith

For more information, please contact Donna Shriner at dshriner@strobert.org or 414-332-1164 ext. 3045. We welcome you to become Catholic and join our family of faith!.

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ALL SOULS DAY MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!

To remember your loved one and to celebrate the lives of those who have gone before us, please join us at the

St Robert Parish
All Souls Day Remembrance Mass
 Tuesday, November 2, 2021
 7:00pm
 St Robert Church
 2200 East Capitol Drive

In the past the All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance has been celebrated at St. Robert on the weekend closest to November 2nd instead of celebrating on the actual day. To avoid any confusion this year, we wanted to notify the congregation of the change. Our All Souls Mass will be moved and celebrated on the actual commemoration day, November 2nd.

Moving forward, each year, the All Souls Day Mass will be celebrated on November 2nd, regardless of the day of the week it falls on.

This year, November 2nd falls on a Tuesday. Our Mass will begin at 7:00 pm with Hospitality to follow.
 Thank you for your support!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
 The St Robert Bereavement Committee



Benefit St. Robert Parish & School!

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