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ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 15, 2021

First Reading

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab

Responsorial

Psalm 45:10, 11, 12, 16

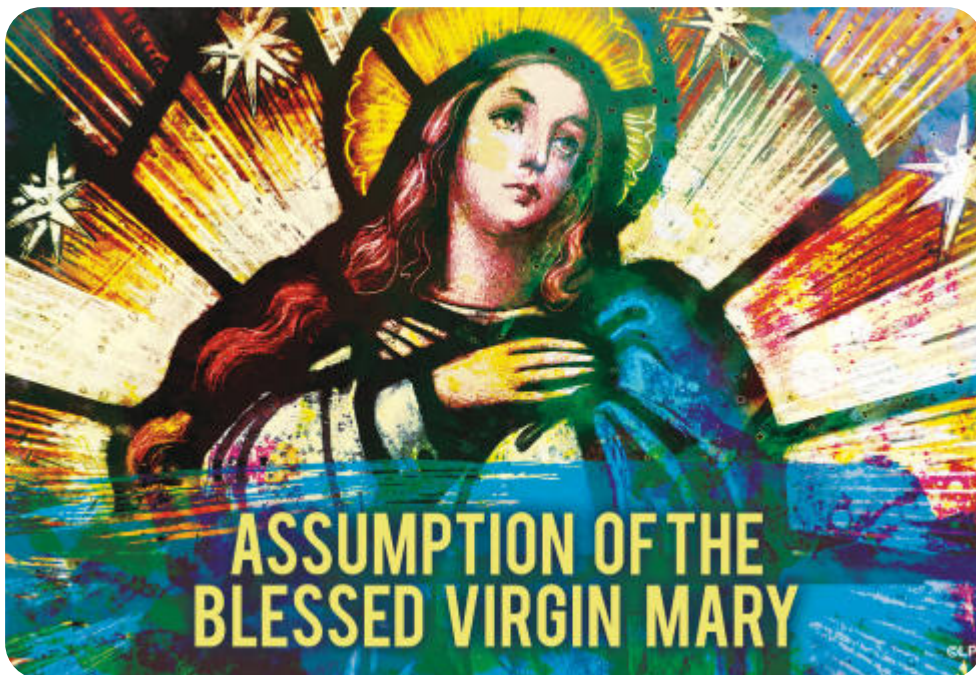
**The queen stands at your
right hand, arrayed in gold.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:20–27

Gospel

Luke 1:39–56



<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/081521.cfm>

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 22, 2021

First Reading

Joshua 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b

Responsorial

Psalm 34:2–3, 16–17, 18–19, 20–21

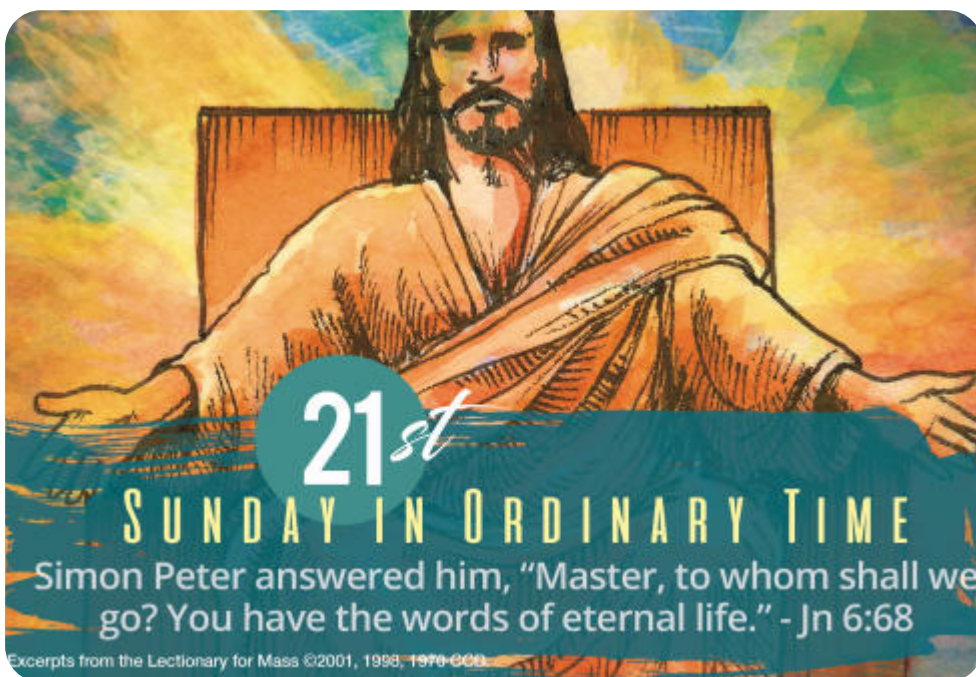
**Taste and see the
goodness of the Lord.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:21–32

Gospel

John 6:60–69



<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/082221.cfm>

ST. JOSAPHAT PARISH

*We warmly welcome all
visitors who have joined us
to celebrate!*



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TEACHING PARISH PROGRAM

Seminarian-2nd Theology Andres Rojas

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



We ask that you please be considerate of others, as people grow in their comfort gathering as a community again.

You can still watch Mass online:
[facebook.com/StJosaphatParish/
live/](https://facebook.com/StJosaphatParish/live/)

**MASKS STRONGLY
RECOMMENDED ON
THESE PREMISES**



The Departments of Public Health strongly recommend all persons, regardless of vaccination status, wear masks indoors.

PARISH INFORMATION

INFANT BAPTISM

Infant Baptisms are often celebrated on Sunday at 11:15 am. Visit our website under Sacraments > Baptism for current dates.

Baptismal Preparation Class is the 2nd Monday of the month at 7 pm in the church. RSVP to the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before Mass on Saturdays from 4:15–4:45 pm or by appointment.

BULLETIN

Available on stjosaphatparish.org and through a link on the JosaFAST weekly email. Submit articles via link on homepage of parish website. Deadline is Tuesday at Noon.

JOSAFAST AND TAKE 5 FOR FAITH

Our weekly email is sent every Thursday at 5 pm. Our daily reflection is sent at 6 am. Sign up online or contact the Parish Office if you'd like to receive them.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE

Please stop by the sacristy before Mass to let the priests know, then go to the communion station of the presider of the liturgy.

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION & COMMUNION CALLS

If you would like someone to visit, please contact the Parish Office.

PASTORAL COUNSELING

Services are available from Miriam Wolfe, M.A., L.P.C. at 773.517.3182, and Theresa A. Nollette, LSCW, M.Div., 312.540.0320 or theresa_nollette@sbcglobal.net.

MOVING?

Email the parish office.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Pastor at least six months in advance of your wedding to set a date. Parish Marriage Guidelines available at www.stjosaphatparish.org

DONATIONS

Electronic donations may be made through GiveCentral.org, or by texting SUNDAY to 312.625.5666. If you would like envelopes, or did not receive your envelopes, please contact the Parish Office.

DON'S HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

Contact Michelle Knight at the Parish Office michelle@stjosaphatparish.org

CAREER TRANSITION CENTER OF CHICAGO

Our parish has member benefits. Reference ctcchicago.org

ASSISTANCE FOR ABUSE CASES

Allegations concerning abuse and/or neglect should be reported to the local police. Key numbers: National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800.799.SAFE; DCFS Hotline: 800.25.ABUSE; Archdiocese of Chicago Office of the Protection of Children and Youth: 800.994.6200

BLESS YOUR HOME

Fr. Francis will gladly come to bless your home. Contact the Parish Office.

EMERGENCIES

Call anytime.

PARISH OFFICE

Parish hours are Monday–Friday, 9 am–5 pm.

OUR MISSION AND VISION

St. Josaphat Parish is participating in the Archdiocese of Chicago's three-phase Renew My Church vision and strategic plan for renewal of the Catholic Church in our great city. We are now in the "Building the New Reality" phase, focusing on three areas of pastoral renewal: Making Disciples, Building Communities, and Inspiring Witness. Our parish Mission and Vision are aligned with the Archdiocese's.

OUR MISSION

(WHAT WE DO DAY-TO-DAY)

We bring people into closer relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith by sharing the Good News through prayer, evangelization, service, liturgy and the sacraments.



OUR VISION

(OUR DREAM FOR THE PARISH)

WE WANT OUR PARISH TO BE A PLACE WHERE :

- people encounter Jesus and feel God's infinite love.
- everyone feels welcome, especially those seeking Jesus for the first time.
- lay leaders are formed and empowered to be missionary disciples.

WE WANT OUR PARISHIONERS :

- to feel comfortable talking about their faith and their relationship with Jesus.
- to share the goal of reaching heaven, and through their witness, help others to do the same.
- to see our community as their support system.
- to lead and serve others as missionary disciples.
- to discern as young adults their vocation in life as single, married, ordained or religious.

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LIVING OUT OUR VISION

TEACHING THE FAITH

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A 4TH OR 5TH GRADE CATECHIST?

Men and women of all ages—from older teens to retirees—are needed to serve in our Religious Education and Youth Ministry programs in a variety of ways. Being involved in the faith formation process allows you to deepen your own faith, meet new people and build our parish community. We will provide you with all of the resources you need to teach and lead the children and youth in our program.

Contact Erin to learn more: erin@stjosaphatparish.org

**CALLED TO BE
A CATECHIST**

SPREADING THE FAITH

PUTTING OUR MONEY WHERE OUR MISSION IS: JOB OPENING AT ST. JOSAPHAT PARISH!

Do you (or someone you know) love to talk about your faith and reach out to others in faith? Do you want to be a part of a new culture here at St Josaphat where our mission is to help bring others into a closer relationship with Jesus? We are looking to hire a **Director of Evangelization: Hospitality & Outreach.** Check out our parish website under "How Do I?" for a full job description.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

AUGUST 15, 2021

In today's gospel, Luke sets the stage for the arrival of Jesus Christ, establishing the cultural, religious, social and geographical setting of Jesus' entrance. The first event, after the long trek Mary took to visit her cousin Elizabeth, was the miraculous announcement of their pregnancies. During this encounter, the second sentence in the Hail Mary was created: "Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb." (Luke 1:42)

The Spirit of God in Elizabeth rejoiced in the presence of Mary through her unborn child. Have you ever been so excited, genuinely and unselfishly happy for someone? Do you have a friend that lifts you up as much as Elizabeth and Mary lifted each other up in this exact moment? Have you told them that lately? The fact that most of Luke puts the spotlight on two women during that time emphasizes to me how important the role of women really is in this world. It is empowering to see how much worldly and spiritual power and love is felt in this encounter.

Mary knew that her friendship with Elizabeth would allow for compassion and understanding of her situation. She was truly blessed and Elizabeth knew it before Mary

could even tell her. Many of us have friends we can talk to and confide in. There may even be a hierarchy of different levels of friendships in your life, but is there anyone that you talk to as openly and freely about God as Mary and Elizabeth talk about God in this gospel?



As Elizabeth recognized God's presence in Mary, maybe we can help each other to start noticing God in our everyday lives. During these current times of fear and uncertainty, of living with restrictions and so many safety rules, embracing our ability to lift each other up with the help of the Holy Spirit could be the exact prescription we need to continue to trek through this long pandemic together. Together, not divided or isolated, but together as a village with the help of the Holy Spirit guiding us and showing us the way.

— Erin Bretts, Coordinator of RE and Youth Ministry

AUGUST 22, 2021

Do you have to see a miracle to believe in miracles? Joshua asked the people which god they will follow. It was common among the people of this time to choose their god based on where they lived and who everyone else followed. The Israelites saw many miracles, so they believed in the Lord God—God brought them out of slavery, he protected them on their journey to the Promised Land and he drove out the people who dwelt there. Obviously they wanted only to worship that God who did all of this for them. The idea of "worshipping a god" might seem foreign to us in this day and age, but nowadays our gods can be fame, money, power, popularity, etc. It is up to each of us to choose the Lord God and to choose to have a relationship with him. To do this, we really have to put aside all of our other gods and focus on Jesus. What does your relationship with Jesus look like? Do you make time for him every day as you would money, popularity, etc....? Do you seek out Jesus? Do you want to get to know him better? (Shameless plug: One way to strengthen your relationship with Jesus is by joining us online for Alpha beginning September 23rd!)

Jesus asked his disciples in today's gospel reading from John, "Does this shock you?" Jesus had just asked them to eat his flesh and drink his blood. He explains that it is the spirit who gives life, not the flesh. He lost many of his disciples because of this but then he asked one last question of the twelve left, "Do you also want to leave?" We



are always given a choice. It is up to us to answer with a resounding "NO!" To say: we don't want to leave, but we want to know how to stay and grow closer to Jesus. We don't have to witness miracles the way the Israelites did to believe. We can believe by our faith alone. And through prayer, sacraments, service and liturgy, we can continue to grow in our relationship with Jesus.

See you for Alpha on zoom on September 23rd! Sign up on our website.

— Mary Jane Sullivan, Pastoral Associate and Senior Director of Evangelization

SAVE THE DATE: ST. JOSAFEST 2021!

Our parish festival is returning Saturday, September 11 and Sunday, September 12.

This two-day, family event in the church parking lot promises fun for everyone, with an Oktoberfest on Saturday night and a Carnival Sunday afternoon!

On Saturday, September 11, the FESTivities begin immediately following the 4:00 pm—YES, 4 pm—Mass. We've moved up the mass time that Saturday, so you can have more fun!

We are looking for **VOLUNTEERS** to join the **St. JosaFEST Planning Committee**—to help organize the event. If you can lend a hand, please contact Jim Malooly at gymzstout17@yahoo.com or 312.919.4639. Are you an SJS parent? This counts toward your volunteer hours!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Each and every child in our parish has a right to have their spirit nourished and nurtured. If you have a child or children in Grades Pre-K4–8th not enrolled in a Catholic school, we invite you to register them in our Religious Education program. We have created a place here at St. Josaphat where all our children feel welcomed and at home.

Classes are on Tuesday nights from 6:00–7:30 pm beginning **September 21** for the 2021/2022 school year. As of now, we intend to have classes in person. Register on our website today!

YOUR PASTOR INVITES YOU TO TRY ALPHA!

Fr. Francis would like to encourage all parishioners to not only join us for Alpha this fall, but to bring a friend with you. We are offering both in-person and online Alpha beginning the end of September.



What is Alpha? Alpha is a time to discuss faith in a light and fun atmosphere. Small groups are created to build community and bond while discussing topics such as, “Is there more to life than this?”, “How can I have faith?”, “How can I make the most of the rest of my life?”

What are past Alpha guests saying about Alpha? “I was so sad when it ended.” “I learned so much from listening to others’ experiences.” “Our group wants to continue to get together.”

Sign up today on our website! **In-person** at St. Teresa begins on Monday, **September 20** at 7 pm.

Online begins on Thursday, **September 23** at 7 pm. All are welcome!!

Sign up now and bring a smile to Fr. Francis!

CALLING PARENTS OF YOUNG KIDS

Another great Alpha offering begins on Wednesday, **September 15**. The **Alpha Parenting Course** is a 5-week program on Zoom for parents with children from newborn to age 10. The course offers practical support to strengthen family relationships and much more. Join us by signing up on the parish website.

BAPTISMAL PREP

Baptismal Preparation Class is offered the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the church. Sign up on our website. Our next class will take place on **September 13**.

PRE CANA

For couples getting married: Pre Cana is currently offered online by the Archdiocese of Chicago, but we will resume at our parish this fall. The first in-person offering will be Saturday, **October 2**. Sign up online.

LET'S CELEBRATE

FIESTA!

St. Josaphat Fiesta Fundraiser
Friday, **September 10** at 7 pm

Holy Guacamole! This is nacho ordinary night out. Book a sitter and come enjoy a fiesta at the home of Lisa and John Steele (one street west of school) to celebrate our parish with St. Josaphat friends. We will have food, drinks and entertainment. If you are new to the school, this is a great way to meet other parents!

To sign up, please **text FIESTA to 312.625.5666**, or find the event on Give Central: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/80/event/30858> (Cost is \$125 per person, which directly benefits our parish.)

The event is donated by the following hostesses and hosts:
Brittain & Jon Harts, Denise & Bobby Lucas, Carla & Bob McLaughlin,
Lisa & John Steele, Katie & Scott Welch, Chiara & Dan Wrocinski



UPCOMING EVENTS

SJS ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Wednesday, **August 18**, 2–4 pm,
on Belden outside school

BOOMERS PLUS PICNIC
Saturday, **August 21**
after the 5 pm Mass, in the
Community Park behind church



Looking to find your inner calm at the start of the day? Beginning the week of August 30, weekday Masses will return at 8 am on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Come spend some time with your friend, Jesus. (Wednesday morning Mass will be for school students and staff only.)

JOIN THE LITTLE SISTERS
OF THE POOR FOR THE
RETURN OF OUR

**CHEZ
STE.
MARIE**

SEP 9 | THUR | 6 PM

ST. MARY'S HOME

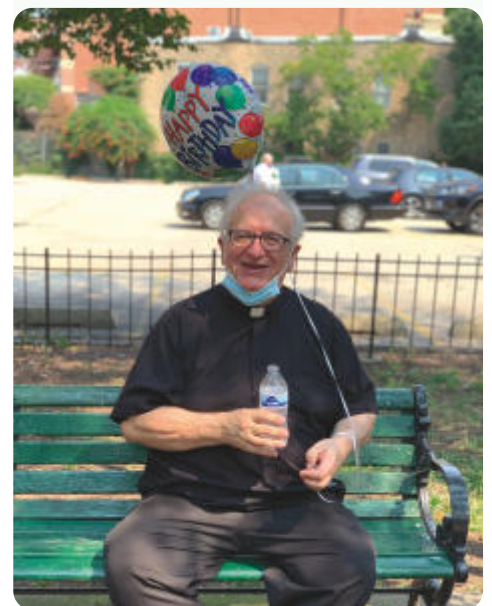
WINE TASTING



SCAN
HERE TO
REGISTER!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FR. GRASSI!

And thanks to all who helped us
celebrate after Mass last weekend!



A CHURCH TO COME HOME TO

MASS INTENTIONS

Fr. Francis is praying his daily Mass for us and these intentions this week:

MONDAY.....AUGUST 16

Living and Deceased
Mothers and Fathers

TUESDAY.....AUGUST 17

For an Increase of vocations
to the Franciscans of the
Eucharist

WEDNESDAY.....AUGUST 18

Fr. Dominic Grassi

FRIDAY.....AUGUST 20

8:00 am †Purgatorial Society

SATURDAY.....AUGUST 21

5:00 pm Loved Ones of the Vaughan
Family: †Eddie Vaughan,
†Denny Vaughan, †Tim
Vaughan, †Daniel "Dan Joe"
Vaughan, †Fr. Tom Culloty,
†Conor O'Flynn and
†Sean Browne

SUNDAY.....AUGUST 22

8:00 am †Beau Douglas Corbett
10:00 am †Kathleen Jane Raleigh

MONDAY.....AUGUST 23

Parishioners of St. Josaphat

TUESDAY.....AUGUST 24

Living and Deceased
Mothers and Fathers

WEDNESDAY.....AUGUST 25

Brian Leahy

FRIDAY.....AUGUST 27

8:00 am †Purgatorial Society

SATURDAY.....AUGUST 28

5:00 pm Mary Louise Koehl

SUNDAY.....AUGUST 29

8:00 am Fr. Dominic Grassi
10:00 am †John Kozel

THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Tues.	8/17	10:00 am	Faith Sharing: Breaking Open the Word (Zoom)
		7:00 pm	Holy Hour of Prayer (Church)
Wed.	8/18	2:00 pm	SJS Ice Cream Social (Community Park)
Fri.	8/20	8:00 am	Mass (Church)
Sat.	8/21	5:00 pm	Mass, Fr. Grassi (Church)
		6:00 pm	Boomers Picnic (Community Park)
Sun.	8/22	8:00 am	Mass, Fr. Chris (Church)
		10:00 am	Mass, Fr. Francis (Church, or live on Facebook)
Tues.	8/24	10:00 am	Faith Sharing: Breaking Open the Word (Zoom)
		7:00 pm	Holy Hour of Prayer (Church)
Wed.	8/25	8:00 am	SJS All School Mass* (Church)
Fri.	8/27	8:00 am	Mass (Church)
		3:45 pm	Dare/Coulter Wedding (Church)
Sat.	8/28	3:00 pm	Glavin/Ferreira Wedding (Church)
		5:00 pm	Mass, Fr. Grassi (Church)
Sun.	8/29	8:00 am	Mass, Fr. Francis (Church)
		10:00 am	Mass, Fr. Francis (Church, or live on Facebook)

*All School Mass is exclusively for SJS Students and Staff

PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PRAYERS

WELCOMED IN BAPTISM

*Jane Catherine, child of
Jonathon Ellis and Emily Marshall*

JOINED IN HOLY MATRIMONY

*Patricia Anne Heaslip and
Michael Lawrence Cipolla*

THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYERS

*Fr. Dominic J. Grassi, Theresa &
Leonard Hester, Mary Louise Koehl,
Brian Leahy, Margie Perzynski*

REST IN PEACE

*Beau Douglas Corbett (nephew of
parishioner Lisa Knobloch)*

Loretta Porebski

SUNDAY OFFERING

In order to give you a better understanding of our financials, we are now publishing year-to-date (vs. weekly) Sunday Giving numbers.

FISCAL YEAR 2021 YEAR END REPORT

Budget.....\$652,105.00
Actuals.....\$688,505.82
Difference.....\$36,400.82



*We're most in need of:
individual-sized bags of chips.*

LOOKING FOR A PARISH?

We warmly welcome new parishioners. If you are new to the neighborhood and have not yet registered, please register through our website at www.stjosaphatparish.org.

ST. JOSAPHAT, PRAY FOR US!

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