

# THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



## The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary

When the angel Gabriel visited Mary with this shocking news that she would become the mother of God's Son, she responded: "May it be done according to your word" (Luke 1:38). Did Mary have any idea of the consequences of her response?

Mary's life is definitely shaped by the fact of her faith. "Blessed is she who believed"-this exclamation from Elizabeth to Mary (Luke 1:45) becomes the focal point of her life, and she takes her place among the great believers of history. For Mary, faith becomes trust in and obedience to God. In saying "Yes" to the birth of the Son of God from her womb, conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, Mary placed her entire life at God's disposal. She offered a dwelling place for His presence and she made the incarnation possible.

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII (1939-1958) defined the Dogma of the Assumption. The dogma affirms the elevation of Mary's body and soul to heavenly glory. Pius XII called for broad consultation, inquiring among the bishops and through them, among the clergy and the People of God the possibility of defining the assumption of Mary as a dogma of faith, and of the result was extremely positive. The New Testament does not directly affirm Mary's Assumption. But, because in her life she was perfectly united with the life and saving work of Jesus, Mary shares Jesus' heavenly destiny in body and soul. Her mysterious conception and her Mother's participation in Jesus mission, makes her life perfectly suitable for heavenly continuation.

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### Confessions

Wednesday & Friday: 8: a.m.

Wednesday from 5:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m.

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday : 8:00 a.m.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday ...5:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m. Please join us in  
Prayer

### Sacrament of Baptism:

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## THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINT MARY Parish Mission Statement

*The Church of St. Mary, followers of Christ, are inspired by our Catholic faith to build on our traditions through the Eucharist, prayer and education. As the family of God, and with one another, we desire to live our faith in the world.*

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, August 14, 2021

4:00 p.m. (SJ) † Jason Zeal by John and Jean Zeal

6:00 p.m. † Rozalia, Maria and Marcin

### Sunday, August 15, 2021 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m. For the people of St. Mary

10:15 a.m. (SJ) † Catherine Cherven by Donna Noon

### Tuesday, August 17 2021 (SJ) † Jason Zeal by Sue Wilbricht

### Wednesday, August 18, 2021

8:30 a.m. † Pat Uhl by family

5:00-5:45 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament And Reconciliation

6:00 p.m. † Purgatorial Society 2020

### Thursday, August 19, 2021

8:30 a.m. (SJ) † St. John's Purgatorial Society

### Friday, August 20, 2021

8:30 a.m. † Ken Berlage by Marilyn Berlage

### Saturday, August 21, 2021

4:00 p.m. (SJ) For the people of St. John

6:00 p.m. † Francis Kavanaugh by Mr. & Mrs. Kavanaugh

### Sunday, August 22, 2021 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m. For the continued health of Terri Ludwig by the Knights of Columbus

10:15 a.m. (SJ) † Donald Noon by Donna Noon

## The Mass (2)

### Unless....

The Gospel of John has four appearances of the Risen Jesus, and one of them is read on Mercy Sunday (20-19-31). The appearance occurs in Jerusalem, where the disciples locked themselves in a room, fearful of authorities. Jesus appears and bestows on them the Holy Spirit, and what Jesus does is very powerful. We would do well to pay attention to it for the lesson is that our mission as Christians is the same as his Father's in sending him! **"As the Father has sent me, so I send you,"** he tells his disciples (John 20:21). This sentence places a great deal of responsibility on us as Christians; our role in this world is to continue Jesus' mission! Christ's mission and our mission are the wishes of our heavenly Father!

There is the story of Thomas, as one of the Twelve, Thomas was not present when Jesus appeared having separated himself from the Group. When the other disciples tell him about their experience, he refuses to believe, saying **"I will never believe it without probing the nail prints in his hands....(John 20:24)**. The Gospel does not tell us why he left the Twelve, giving us some freedom to wonder about his decision. It does not say why he returned either. The fact is that Thomas was not in the room when Jesus appeared, that he separated himself for unknown reasons from them. When he returned, Jesus singles him out and offered himself to him to finally dismiss all doubts that Thomas had **"Take your finger and examine my hands...(John 20:27)**

When I read the story from John it brought a vivid picture to my mind: our current situation. Our churches are empty for many Sundays and weekdays. We were separated from the Church, the Body of Christ. We know the reason for separation: COVID-19 and social distancing.

Now is the time to seek the opportunity to be in Jesus company again. He let us touch Him, examine his wounds, He will never abandon us because he commissioned us to continue his mission here on earth. He needs our hands to do his work and legs to run his errands. Like the Father, who sent Him, He is sending us; **"So do not be afraid little flock. For it gives your Father great happiness to give you the Kingdom."** (Luke 12:32).

**Let us celebrate the Eucharist together.**

Fr. Joachim

## Weekly Offering for August 8, 2021

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Goal: \$7563

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## Readings for the week of August 15, 2021

Sunday, August 15, 2021.... Vigil Lk 11:27-28

Day: Lk 1:39-56

Monday, August 16, 2021.... Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 17, 2021.... Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 18, 2021.... Mt 20:1-16

Thursday, August 19, 2021....Mt 22:1-14

Friday, August 20, 2021....Mt 22:34-40

Saturday, August 21, 2021.... Mt 23:1-12

Sunday, August 22, 2021....Jn 6:60-69

## Liturgical Roles

Saturday, August 21, 2021

6:00 p.m. Lector: Norma S

Lector.....

Sanitize: Schwirtz

Sunday, August 22, 2021

8:30 a.m.

Lectors.....1st reading &

Response.....Karla

2nd reading/prayers.....

Rosie

Sanitize....staff

**The 23rd Psalm**

The Lord is my shepherd—**That's Relationship !**  
 I shall not want— **That's Supply !**  
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures—**That's rest !**  
 He leadeth me besides still waters—**That's Refreshment !**  
 He restoreth my soul—**That's Healing !**  
 He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness—  
**That's Guidance !**  
 For his name sake—**That's Purpose !**  
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of the death—**That's Testing !**  
 I will fear no evil—**That's Protection !**  
 For thou art with me—**That's Faithfulness !**  
 Thy rod and they staff shall comfort me—**That's Discipline !**  
 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies— **That's Hope !**  
 Thou anoints my head with oil—**That's Consecration !**  
 My cup runneth over—**That's abundance !**  
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life—**That's Blessing!**  
 And I will dwell in the house of the Lord—**That's Security !**  
 Forever—**That's Eternity !**

**Parish Religious Education Program in search of helpers!**

P. R. E. P. is looking for helpers of all kinds!

Our main focus is for teachers, leaders, or assistants at all levels (young children, youth, and adults). You may lead, partner teach, or substitute teach a few students/participants, with guidance from CRE and staff.


The Family Faith Program, established in January, normally meets two Sundays a month plus the occasional planning meeting. In addition to lesson help, we are looking for someone to be a food coordinator for our Family Faith meals/snacks. This would include planning, grocery shopping, and preparing a simple meal/snack. You would have assistance all along the way—including set up, service and clean-up.

The PREP program is developing some adult group opportunities as well. More will be announced in the coming weeks.

Please prayerfully & joyfully consider how you might best support our religious education program! Remember the power of faith the size of a mustard seed? No contribution is too small!

Lastly, Prayer Warriors are always needed—for our catechists...for our families...for our youth...for anyone with curiosity about developing a deeper faith!

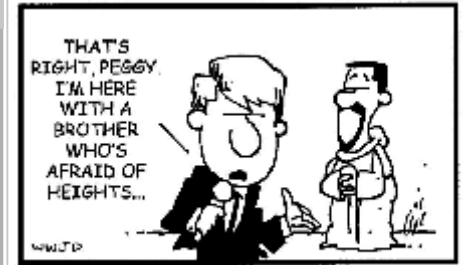
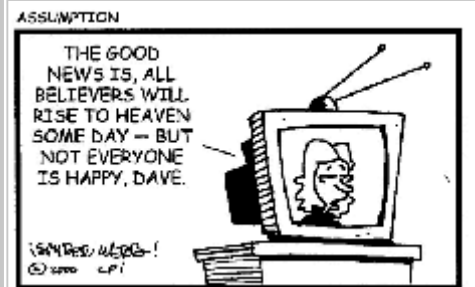
Thank you! If you are interested and would like to chat more—contact Cheryl Rife. [cheryl.rife@live.com](mailto:cheryl.rife@live.com) (815) 990-8618



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