



St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center

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Assumption of Mary - August 15, 2021



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



"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

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCC

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If your loved one dies and you need a sign language interpreter for Catholic funeral, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE contact Fr. Joe at 312-685-7899 v/text. If you know of a Deaf person in the hospital or nursing home who would like his blessing, he can call them at the nursing home.

NOTES FROM FR. JOE

- ◆ Today we honor Our Blessed Mother, MARY, the Mother of Jesus. AUG 15: The Assumption of Mary. God took Mary, body and soul, to heaven. We can always pray to her, asking her help.
- ◆ AUG 17: Our Lady of Knock. Mary, with St. Joseph and St. John, appeared to a group of people in Knock, Ireland on Aug. 21, 1879. However, her feast day is celebrated on Aug. 17th.
- ◆ SHREDDING, FREE: Sat, Aug 28, 8:30-11:30am. Limit: two grocery bags full. Salvation Army parking lot, 8354 W. Foster Ave.
- ◆ COVID is NOT disappearing. Please remember: wash your hands/use hand sanitizer frequently; wear a mask (we will continue to wear masks in church); Sign of Peace (no hugs or handshakes). Drink plenty of water. Get enough rest. If you feel sick, contact your doctor. If you or someone in your family becomes very sick – high fever, coughing, lose taste, weak, very dizzy – call 9-1-1. If you don't have the vaccine, please get it! Look here for updates on safety: www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/covid-19/home/emergency-travel-order.html
- ◆ CHAPEL: there have been some delays in finishing the chapel. We hope it will be ready by October.
- ◆ SENIOR CITIZEN BINGO: we hoped we could start in September. We will have to wait to see what the Covid rate is before we can plan to open for Bingo. Please be patient. We are concerned about your safety.
- ◆ DOMESTIC VIOLENCE is ALWAYS WRONG! If you are a victim, or you know someone who is being abused, call 1-877-863-6338, 24 hrs/day, everyday of the year. Confidential.
- ◆ MASS at St. Julie Billiart: Fr. Joe will celebrate 6 pm Mass at St. Julie Sept 12, Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12, Dec 24 (8pm).
- ◆ BELIEVE IT OR NOT...some children are starting back to school! DRIVERS: please be careful, slow down especially near schools and parks.
- ◆ PARENTS: St. Francis Borgia deaf center will offer its RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM for CHILDREN starting this Fall, IN-PERSON. We need to know asap who will be in our classes. Please see MRS. MARGARET SWATEK who is at St. Francis Borgia EVERY SUNDAY. Or, contact her at mswatek@archchicago.org

SUMMER FESTIVALS:

Fri-Sun, Aug 20-22: Milwaukee Irish Fest (best Irish fest in the country!). irishfest.com/Milwaukee-Irish-Fest

PLEASE continue to act in a SAFE & HEALTHY way. Wear a mask. Use hand sanitizer, often. Always, ALWAYS, wash your hands after using the washroom.

In person Deaf Social & Support is back at Schaumburg Township! 3rd Tuesday each month, 10:30 am to 3 pm. Next mtg Aug 17. Must RSVP: 224-520-9763vp, sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org

WASH YOUR HANDS SOAP & WARM WATER, 20 Seconds.
GET REST: getting enough sleep is important.
DRINK WATER
MOVE AROUND: do not sit at your VP or computer screen for hours.
PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER. PRAY.

FEEDING HUNGRY CHILDREN: There are hundreds of sites in the Chicago area where children can receive healthy, FREE meals. Text FOODIL to 877877, or call 1-800-359-2164. The Greater Chicago Food Depository has a number of "Pop-up Pantries". These are mobile sites where food is available for families. Go to: www.chicagofoodbank.org and search "Pop-up Pantries".

MOSQUITOES: summer in Chicago means lots of mosquitoes. Reduce the number of mosquito eggs. How? Drain any standing water such as children's pool, bird-bath, etc in your yards. That way, the mosquitoes cannot lay their eggs.



EAT HEALTHY! Shop ALL summer at Farmers' markets, some open this weekend.
Find a Farmer's Market near you: www.agr.state.il.us/agrihappenings/display2.php or www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/

Plenty of fun inexpensive family activities in Chicago for the summer.
MOVIES IN THE PARK, different days around the city, plays films with captions.
<https://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/movies-parks>

Children of Peace School is the only Catholic elementary school program for children who are deaf and hard of hearing in the state of Illinois. Their academically challenging curriculum is culturally sensitive and emotionally supportive, serving students from pre-school through 8th grade.
INFO: www.childrenofpeacechicago.org

Family Together
Say the Hail Mary:
The Hail Mary
Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Message from Margaret Swatek, Religious Education Reporter **Aug 15, 2021** **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

When the angel of Gabriel told Mary that she was to have a son, she asked, "How can this be?" (Luke 1:34). But the angel assured her that it would happen through the Holy Spirit, and Mary believed him. That's why, in today's Gospel for the feast of the Assumption, Elizabeth calls Mary "blessed" - because she believed (1:45).

A virgin birth is not the only truth of our faith that defies a natural explanation. We might also wonder how Jesus was fully God and fully man, or how, after lying in His grave for three days, He rose from the dead. But while we don't know the *how*, we do know the *why*: so that our loving God could save us from sin and death.

Mary's bodily assumption into heaven is another truth that can't be explained on a natural level. Again, we don't know *how* it happened, but we do know *why*. By saying yes to the angel's request, Mary gave birth to the Savior of the world. Because of this yes, she played a central role in our salvation. And so God greatly honored her by allowing her to share fully in the fruit of Jesus' victory over sin and death even now, before He comes again in glory.

One day we too hope to share in Christ's victory. At His Second Coming, the corruptible will become incorruptible (1 Corinthians 15:54). Our bodies will be brought to life again as spiritual bodies, and we will see Mary in all her beauty and splendor.

We don't know how this will happen. But that's where faith comes in. As Elizabeth said to Mary, *Blessed are those who believe*. We are truly blessed when we choose to believe that all of God's promises will be fulfilled. And when we struggle to believe, we only have to turn to Mary, our Mother. She is always eager to intercede for us and lead us into the loving arms of her Son, Jesus.

"Mary, Mother of God, pray for us."

Certainly He would not have wanted the body of the woman who gave Him his human body to lie separated from her soul in death when He could raise her whole, in body and soul, to be with Him as they had been on earth. And, since it was within Jesus' power to grant her this great honor, to raise her up to heaven just as He will raise all those who are saved on the last day, we must believe that He really acted in this way, raising her up to be with Him in heaven.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sun, Aug 15: Mass, 10:30am. 6pm Mass, St. Julie (Fr. Joe) Sign up at deaconed@stjulie.org
Sun, Aug 22: Mass, 10:30am. 4pm Mass, St. Mary of Vernon.
Sun, Aug 29: Mass, 10:30am.
Sun, Sept 5: Mass, 10:30am (Fr. Bill Key)
Sun, Sept 12: Mass, 10:30am (large church, Fr. Joe). 6pm Mass, St. Julie Billiart.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR NEW INFORMATION.
WWW.DEAFCHURCHCHICAGO.ORG

Many of our Chaplains for the Deaf are posting Masses on the internet.
Mon and Weds - Fr. Shawn Carey - www.facebook.com/bostondeafcatholic.org/
Tuesdays - Fr. Mike Depcik at 10:30 am EST, 7:30am PST - www.facebook.com/deafmass
Thursdays - Fr. Paul Zirimenya 12 noon PST, 3pm EST www.facebook.com/stbenedictparish
Fridays - 3pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet - www.facebook.com/groups/icdaus/

Readings for the week of Aug 15, 2021

Sun Aug 15: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Mon Aug 16: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tues Aug 17: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9-14; Mt 19:23-30
Weds Aug 18: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thurs Aug 19: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14
Fri Aug 20: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
Sat Aug 21: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12



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Mass Every Sunday 10:30am
At St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center
Mass at 4:00pm:
St. Julie Billiart: 2nd & 3rd Sundays every month
St. Mary of Vernon: 4th Sunday of every month

Take a look at FR. MIKE DEPCIK's web-page, every week: www.frmd.org

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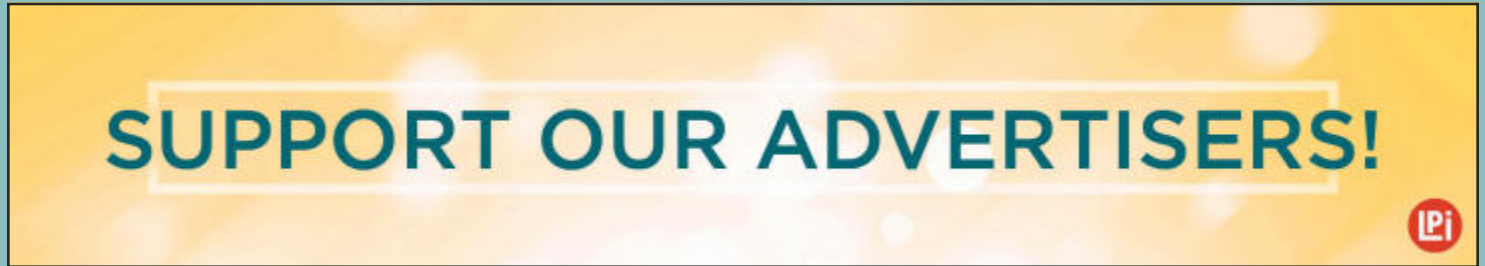
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