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Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Sunday 8:30 and 10:00 A.M.

Daily Mass

Monday through Saturday 8:00 A.M.

Holy Day Mass

Evening Before 5:30 P.M.

Holy Day 8:00 and 10:00 A.M.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00–3:30 P.M.

Sacrament of Baptism

A Baptism Preparation Program is required for all registered first-time parents. Please call the Director of Pastoral Care.

Sacrament of Marriage

The bride or groom must be an active registered parishioner for at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding at St. Helena.

Nursery

Services available during the 10:00 A.M. Sunday Mass.

Parish Registration

To register in the parish, please fill out a registration form and return to the Parish Office. Registration forms are available at the entrances of the Church. Return completed form to the Parish Office.

Email: church@sainthelena.us

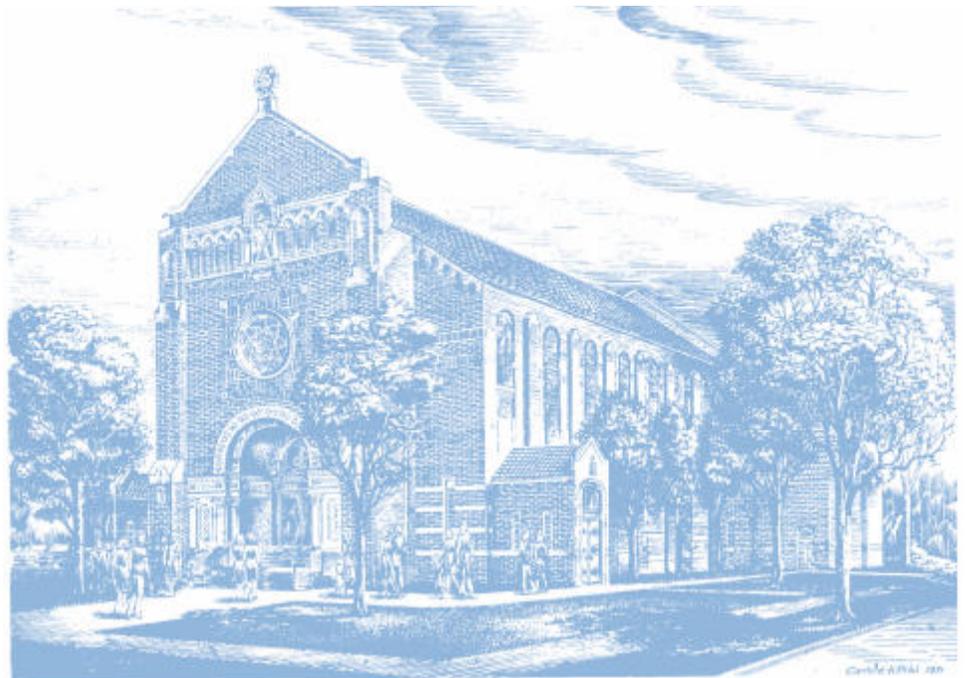
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The Church of St. Helena

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
August 15, 2021

All generations will call me blessed.

-Luke 1:48B



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THE WORD

According to some scholars, the twentieth century was dominated by the thought of Karl Marx, Charles Darwin, Sigmund Freud, and Friedrich Nietzsche, and they helped to lay the thought that "the human person comes from chaos, exists by power and conflict, not love, and shall return to chaos and nothingness." (*Mary Mother of the Son*, by Mark Shea, Vol. II, p. 176) The consequences of their thinking was devastating: abortion on demand, Nazism, the spread of Communism, and euthanasia (to mention some).

Even though these four theorists no longer have the same following, there is a residual of their thought, and many people are affected even into this century. All we have to do is turn on the news. Communism still has dominance in China, abortion and euthanasia flourish throughout the world, biological tampering with genetics continues, and gender changes scar many individuals.

But the Lord has provided an antidote for these problems—His Mother, particularly her Assumption into Heaven. Mary's Assumption is a promise to us that we too will live forever, both body and soul. She came from God in a special way (immaculately conceived without original sin), lived a life of purpose and love amid chaos, and she re-

turned to the Lord both body and soul. As a human person, she points us to our beginning and our end, plus she is an example of how to live in between that beginning and end.

And, her life is a pledge to us of what is to come—eternal happiness with God. Consequently, our lives can be lived differently than those who have no hope. We need not live for the moment as if there is no tomorrow, and we can treat others with respect and dignity because they, too, have a goal of eternal life.

Yes, our Lord rose body and soul from the dead, but He is God and man. Mary is the first among Christians, and she is not God, but fully human. She holds out hope of eternal life—body and soul—for all us humans who do the will of our Lord that we, too, will be rewarded in being assumed into Heaven (like Mary) by the power of Jesus' resurrection. Today, we can honor the Blessed Virgin Mary by praying with the words of the Archangel Gabriel, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" She gives us hope!

John Sondag
Director of Religious Education

WOMEN OF ST. HELENA—Every Friday morning, a group of women meet at Church after the 8:00 Mass for quiet time, and prayer. We pray in silence for a half hour, then voice our prayer requests for family, friends and special intentions, followed with the rosary. If you would like to join us, please call Barb Kaluza at 612-721-2504 or Shirley Balster at 612-722-8847, as we sometimes cancel due to weather. All are welcome and encouraged to come and share the blessings of praying with women of varied ages.

FOOD SHELF—Thank you all for the donations. The amount collected each week is amazing and heartwarming. It's hard to believe it is almost back to school time. Here are just a few suggestions for a quick breakfast or school lunches. Oatmeal, peanut butter and jelly, granola bars, fruit snacks, pudding and jello cups, healthy snacks, crackers and juice boxes. Of course all items that are donated are greatly appreciated. These are just suggestions. *"Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."* 2 Corinthians 9:7

FESTIVAL DROP-OFF—If you plan to deliver items after our business hours, please call John Sondag at 612-275-0431 to schedule a drop-off time.

DO YOU HAVE OLD BASEBALL CARDS?—This year, at the "Autumn Daze" Festival, we are going to have a new booth which will sell sealed envelopes having baseball cards. So, donate your good, used cards, and we can re-sell them. Bring them to the Parish Offices or call 612-275-0431.

HOME VISITS—If you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Communion, please call Virginia Tschida at 612-729-7344 to schedule a visit.

THE ARCHDIOCESE OFFICE OF WORSHIP—Parishes may once again fill holy water fonts. Those uncomfortable dipping their fingers into such water simply may choose not to do so. Please know our holy water fonts are thoroughly cleaned each week.

JOB OPPORTUNITY—St. Helena School has a part time Janitorial job opening. If interested or for more information please call Mrs. Rian at 612-729-9301.

2021 AUTUMN DAZE \$10,000 RAFFLE—\$10,000 Raffle sales are Approaching 40% of the goal as of last weekend. If you haven't already purchased your tickets, it's not too late. Stop by the Parish Offices or call 612-729-7344 to purchase a ticket. Or you may call 651-260-5722 or 612-275-0431. We'll arrange for you to purchase one or more tickets to enter the NEW AND IMPROVED \$10,000 RAFFLE. Each ticket is still \$100, but instead of offering 100 tickets for the first session, 200 WILL BE SOLD. The winner of that drawing will receive \$10,000 (or half the amount of the tickets sold).



COME TO DOUGHNUTS AND COFFEE AFTER THE 8:30 AND 10:00 A.M. MASSES—EVERY SUNDAY— Everyone is invited to “Doughnuts and Coffee” downstairs in Rowan Hall after the 8:30 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. Masses on Sunday mornings. It’s a great way to meet and visit with parishioners.

SPECIAL TREATS IN HONOR OF ST. HELENA—NEXT WEEKEND, AUGUST 21 & 22—The parish is honoring St. Helena on the weekend of August 21 and August 22. Everyone is invited on Saturday evening, August 21, after the 4:00 P.M. Mass to a treat of brownies and root beer floats downstairs in Rowan Hall. Then on Sunday, August 22, after both Masses, we will have root beer floats plus doughnuts and coffee outside in front of the church (weather permitting otherwise they will be served downstairs in Rowan Hall).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN—Parents of public school children in grades one through eight can enroll them in the 2021-2022 Wednesday Night Religious Education Program by calling John Sondag at 612-275-0431. Covid protocols will be followed.

THE 2021-2022 CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM—Children in St. Helena parish in the eighth grade (and high school, if they have not yet been Confirmed) will receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring, 2022. If you are not in St. Helena grade school, enroll now in the 2021-2022 Confirmation Program held on Wednesday evenings to prepare for the sacrament by calling John Sondag (612-275-0431). Covid protocols will be followed.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?—The Church of St. Helena offers a program that prepares people to become Catholic. It’s held on Tuesday evenings, at 7:30 P.M. in the Parish Offices. If Tuesdays are impossible for any individual, another time can be negotiated. For more information, call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH—The Church of St. Helena offers a program that helps people to know more about the Catholic Faith and have their questions answered. For more information, call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

HELP THE NEEDY THROUGH THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE—The St. Vincent de Paul Conference in the parish reaches out to individuals or families who need assistance. Conference members visit their homes to assess how they can be of service and in a very personalized and confidential way give them help. The next meeting is Thursday, August 26, at 6:30 P.M. in the Parish Offices. For more information, call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

PURCHASE YOUR "AUTUMN DAZE" BUTTONS—They are such a deal that you'll want to buy several! The cost is \$1 a button. Each button is worth a free pop at the festival and a chance to win \$10, plus special offers at local businesses.

ENRICH YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH—You can bolster and enliven your faith by purchasing and listening to some

CDs displayed at the handicap entrance to the church. These summer months of leisure and vacation may be a good time to deepen your reflection on Christ, His teachings, and the teachings of the Church.

PRAY THE VIRTUAL ROSARY—FRIDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00 P.M.—You can pray the Rosary with parishioners on Fridays at 7:00 P.M. Call 612-275-0431 to get the Zoom ID and Password.

CALLING ALL PEOPLE WHO KNOW HOW TO PLAY A BAND INSTRUMENT—If you know how to play a band instrument, we are looking for people (young and old) to march in the “Autumn Daze” Parade on Saturday morning, September 18, at 10:00 A.M. Please call John Sondag (612-275-0431), if you can play with our band.

WINE FOR THE "AUTUMN DAZE" FESTIVAL—If you are out shopping, buy several bottles of wine to give to "Autumn Daze." We can use the wine for the Wine Walk, the Wine Toss, Baskets, or other areas for the festival. Bring the wine to the Parish Offices.

ARE YOU CLEANING YOUR GARAGE OR ATTIC?—Donate good, used furniture and household items to the “Autumn Daze” Festival for the Auction, Attic Treasures, and some of the other areas and endeavors of the festival. Bring the items to the Parish Offices, or call 612-275-0431 to have them picked up. (No clothes, stoves, electronic musical organs, refrigerators, exercise equipment, or couches, please.)

CASES OF POP FOR “AUTUMN DAZE”—You can donate cases of cans of pop (Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew, and Sierra Mist). If a store has a sale on pop, pick up some cases for the “Autumn Daze” Festival. Bring the pop to the Parish Offices.

WANTED: GIFT CARDS FOR A RESTAURANT—Do you have a gift card from a restaurant but it’s out of the area or serves food that your diet restricts. Donate that gift card to the “Autumn Daze” Festival. We can use it as a prize or in some other area connected with the festival. Just put it in an envelope labeled “Autumn Daze,” and drop the envelope in the collection or bring it to the Parish Offices.

WANTED: STUFFED ANIMALS AND GOOD, USED TOYS—We need good, used toys and stuffed animals for "Autumn Daze." You can bring them to the Parish Offices.

WE NEED CROCHETED, EMBROIDERED, OR KNITTED ITEMS—The Harvest Gift Shoppe at "Autumn Daze," can use items that are crocheted, embroidered, or knitted. Bring your crafted items to the Parish Offices.

GOOD, USED BOOKS FOR THE FESTIVAL—Give your good, used books (fiction or non-fiction) to the "Autumn Daze" Bookstore. No romance novels, please. You can bring them to the Parish Offices, but if you need them picked up, call 612-275-0431.



SCRIPTURE # 1222

**Rv11:19a; 12:1-6a,
10ab
1 Cor 15:20-27
Lk 1:39-56**

MASS INTENTIONS

8:00 AM

Monday	† Leo & † Sylvia Wining
Tuesday	† Roger McInerny, Jr.
Wednesday	† Dick Larson
Thursday	† Francis Giroux
Friday	Lynne & Luis Garcia
Saturday	† Jack & † Shirley Doble

SACRISTY LINENS—Cheryl Griffith

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

August 16: Jgs 2:11-19, Mt 19:16-22
August 17: Jgs 6:11-24a, Mt 19:23-30
August 18: Jgs 9:6-15, Mt 20:1-16
August 19: Jgs 11:29-39a, Mt 22:1-14
August 20: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22, Mt 22:34-40
August 21: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17, Mt 23:1-12
August 22: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b, Eph 5:21-32
or 5:2a, 25-32, Jn 6:60-69

PARISH CALENDAR

August 16

August 17

August 18

August 19

August 20

-Women's Prayer Group, Church, 8:30 am

-Virtual Rosary, 7:00 pm

August 21

-Confession, Church, 3:00 pm

-Mass, Church, 4:00 pm

-Festivity Honoring St. Helena—Root Beer Floats
and Brownies following the 4:00 pm Mass,
Rowan Hall

August 22

-Mass, Church, 8:30 am & 10:00 am

-Festivity Honoring St. Helena—Root Beer Floats,
and Doughnuts and Coffee following both Masses,
Rowan Hall

August 23

Daily Mass, Monday-Saturday, Church, 8:00 am

PRAYER CORNER

Make our lives blameless, Lord. Help us to do what is right and to speak what is true, that we may dwell in your tent and find rest on your holy mountain.

**FR. DALY BREAD – Elevate & Celebrate
the Heart of Jesus**

On Sunday we are on day 7 of 9 in our prayer **NOVENA** to Saint Helena; please join with us in prayer as we prepare for the graces of St. Helena to flood our hearts on August 18. In addition, after each Mass this weekend, we will **ENTHrone** our families and parish to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary—for protection of all our families and a deepening in love and humility. To support our reverence and devotion around the altar of God, these past few weeks our **ALTAR SERVERS** have been training to prepare for progressive solemnities, such as the Assumption of Mary or our patronal feast of Saint Helena. On these great celebrations we plan to use incense and sanctus bells to deepen our worship experience. Lastly, to strengthen our prayer, we are hoping to begin weekly **ADORATION** of the Blessed Sacrament on **Fridays 9:00 AM—5:00 PM**. “Adoration is the Mass held in meditation,” says Louis Bouyer, and how badly our hearts and homes, city and society need silence and solitude in the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus. Please prayerfully consider signing up for a Friday Holy Hour beginning very soon.

Peace, Fr. Michael

P.S. Please join us for Root Beer Floats to celebrate our patroness, Saint Helena, after Masses next weekend (August 21-22).

BAPTISM—A Baptism Preparation Program is required for all registered first-time parents. To register for the class, please call Virginia, the Director of Pastoral Care, at 612-729-7344.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT UPDATE—All volunteers who have regular interaction with youth and vulnerable adults need to be certified under the Archdiocesan Safe Environment standards. Together we can work to protect God's children and the most vulnerable among us. Thank you for your shared commitment to the achievement of this goal. In addition, the Archdiocesan Victim Assistance line is 651-291-4475.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP)—Classes teach couples the Church-approved methods on how to achieve or postpone pregnancy while embracing the beauty of God's gift of sexuality. For a complete list of classes offered throughout the Archdiocese, please visit: archspm.org/family or call 651-291-4489.

ROSARY BEFORE DAILY MASS—The Rosary is recited Monday through Saturday before Mass at 7:25 AM. All are welcome to join.

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