

August 15, 2021

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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

- *ST. PIUS X*
(*SOLON SPRINGS*)
- *ST. ANTHONY*
(*GORDON*)
- *ST. MARY*
(*MINONG*)

*“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed.”*

— Lk 1:46-48

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Call the office (378-4431) to register full or part-time.

Mass Schedule

In-person masses:

Tuesday: 9 am—St. Pius
Wednesday: 9 am—St. Mary
Thursday: 9 am—St. Anthony
Friday: 9 am—St Pius
Saturday: 4 pm—St. Anthony and 5:30 pm—St. Mary
Sunday: 8:30 am—St. Pius and 10:30 am—St. Mary

Live-streamed Mass

Sunday: 12:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Due to the Covid-19 virus the Sacrament of Reconciliation (only through a screen- 6 feet away) by appointment and parishioners must call Fr. Kinney directly to arrange for a time that is convenient.

Visitation of the Sick

We are most eager to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us because of illness, handicap or age. If you wish to receive the sacrament please call the rectory. Please notify us of any hospitalizations so that we may be of assistance.

Mass Intentions Week of Of 8/10/21-8/15/21

- John Cosgrove Jr. from Paul and Ann LaLiberte
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Aug. 15, 2021: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Jul 19, 2021
by Mary M. McGlone

The Catechism of the Catholic Church [tells us](#) that the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin celebrates the belief that at the end of her earthly life, Mary was "taken up body and soul into heavenly glory" in a "singular participation in her Son's resurrection."

Although the Book of Revelation does not identify Mary as the woman portrayed in today's selection, tradition has seen her in this mother whose son was in danger and as the woman clothed with the sun and crowned with stars. These images morphed to portray Mary as a queen. (Thirteen of the 55 titles of Mary in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin call her a queen.)

From a different perspective, Swiss psychiatrist Carl Jung is reputed to have appreciated the proclamation of the Assumption as the church's best expression of full acceptance of the feminine. Critics have added that even if the hierarchy wasn't ready to accept everything it implied, the teaching affirms that ordinary people of flesh and blood are created with the capacity to share divine life.

In truth, neither church nor society has probably ever been quite ready for Mary of Nazareth and all that she implies for the rest of our race. Rather than celebrate her simplicity as one of us, we typically depict her with crowns and halos, imagining her as the pinnacle of beauty. And we rarely depict her with a skin tone that is anything but white. But what about the Mary of the Gospels? Who was that Jewish woman?

Luke tells us more than anyone else about Mary, primarily in the infancy narratives. At the Annunciation, Mary spoke in the name of humanity and gave her yes to God's desire to dwell among us.

After that, as we read in today's Gospel, she began the down-to-earth activity of preparing for what would happen; she sought out Elizabeth, the elder whose experience came closest to her own. In telling of that visit, Luke portrays Mary singing a song of praise based in the Hebrew Scriptures and prefiguring the essence of what her Son would preach. When sung out of liturgical context, the song could be labeled subversive or even communist.

Mary of the Magnificat has no pretensions. Decidedly non-regal, she refers to herself as a slave, using the same word that describes Jesus in [Philippians 2:7](#). But except for proclaiming God's goodness to her, the focus of Mary's song is not on herself. Her song is a proclamation of faith, a practical creed praising God's ways without any philosophical concepts.

The first article of Mary's creed proclaims that those who stand in awe of God's majesty (fear of the Lord) will learn how God's mercy outshines even the splendor of all creation.

Then, perhaps as an explanation of God's mercy, she goes on to sing of how God upends all worldly values and expectations. The proud lose their way (and just maybe, embarrassment at their confusion may save them from themselves). The mighty discover to their terror that their power offers no ultimate safety net, while the lowly who trust in God fear nothing. The hungry who know how to share enjoy fulfillment while there will never be enough to satisfy those who count on their own wealth.

At the end of her psalm, where Catholics might pray the "Glory Be," Mary sings the praises of the God of Israel, the God who has remained faithful throughout their history and promises to be their future.

The song of the mother of God is Luke's gift to us. As we ponder her assumption into the realm of God, Luke invites us to contemplate the God of real life and history whom she proclaims. Mary's song urges us to recognize God's activity in the everydayness of our world. She points to where we can find God working among us and warns us about the possibilities of losing our way. As we celebrate her Assumption in body and soul, Mary's canticle tells us where we will find our own salvation.

Mary's creed leads us to seek God in the times and places where the lowly are cherished and the hungry filled. Everything about this feast urges us to appreciate flesh and blood — to appreciate it so much that we do everything possible to save the powerful from their pretensions, to help nourish every kind of hunger and to receive and share God's own mercy.

The more we are able to do that, the more we will sing with her, "My soul proclaims the greatness of God who loves and blesses the lowly — including me."

[St. Joseph Sr. Mary M. McGlone serves on the congregational leadership team of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.]

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CSA Results (6/30/21)	7,055	6,835	6,535
% of Goal	66%	104%	44%
Electronic Donations (Monthly)	755.00	335.00	1404.14

Mark Your Calendars

- Ice Cream Social, Sunday, 8/22 after the 8:30 am mass at St. Pius
- Reader/Extraordinary Minister training, 8/22 after the 10:30 am mass at St. Mary
- Reader/Extraordinary Minister training, 8/29 after the 8:30 am mass at St. Pius
- CCW&M Bake and Craft Sale. Friday, Sept 3rd at Henson's Country Foods and at the Greenhaven Building. Starts at 9 am.
- Pictures from the interfaith picnic can be found on the tri-parish website: <https://www.stspiusmaryanthony.com/>

Training and Recommitment for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Are you already serving in either of these very important ministries in your parish or are you considering becoming either a Reader or an Extraordinary Minister? Two information and training sessions are being offered:

- after the 10:30 am Mass, Sunday, Aug 22 at St. Mary's in Minong
- after the 8:30 am Mass, Sunday, Aug 29 at St Pius X in Solon Springs.

If you are considering being part of these ministries or if you have questions, please contact either:

Kathy Birtzer, CRE at 715-378-4431
or
Paula Tupa at 612-296-1674.

Pray For our friends and neighbors who are ill or homebound. If you know someone who should be put on or removed from this list, please call the office.

Dawn DenHartog	Joseph Treb
LaVerne Treb	John Poole
Virginia Bartelt	Cami Marie DenHartog

Readings for the week of August 15, 2021

Sunday: *Vigil*: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: 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

Kids Corner

Hey Kids!

Today is the 20th Sunday in Ordinary time on our LITURGICAL (big word) Calendar and the colors should be green. What color is Father Kinney wearing and what color is adorning our altar? Well, today, August 15th, is **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity***--the time when Jesus' Mother Mary, went to join her body and soul with her Son in heaven. Wouldn't this be a great day to give a MERRY surprise to your mother or grandmother or a friend's mother--maybe a little bunch of flowers or a homemade gift or a card or a cookie? Wouldn't Jesus just love that you are honoring His Mother by honoring another mother here on earth?

*August 15th is a "Holy Day of Obligation" and we are obliged to go to mass on August 15th but since it is on a Sunday.... we go to mass anyway!



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