Faith Matters

August 15, 2021
Assumption of the Virgin Mary

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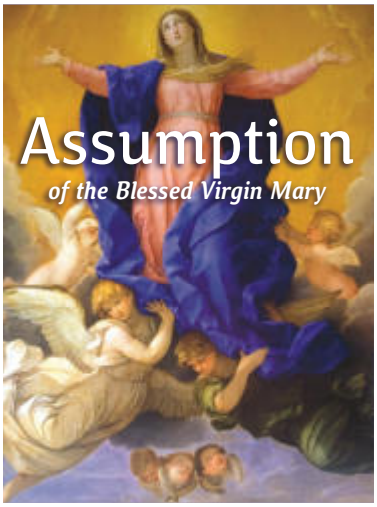
Mary, Our Heroine *by Deacon Jeff Jacobs*



When I was in my five years of formation toward my ordination to the permanent diaconate 20 years ago, I remember during our Theology classes a professor saying to not get into arguments over scripture with our Protestant brothers and sisters. He said that they've basically memorized the Bible and we Catholics typically have not and will trip us up. Just agree and move on.

As we celebrate the Assumption of Mary this Sunday I recall a neighbor who likes to discuss scripture and religion with me. You see, being ordained can sometimes be a curse. Once a Bible studying non-denominational or a Protestant of some religion finds out I am clergy, the days of talking about the Chiefs game or how much fertilizer to put on the lawn are over.

Such was the case the other day when my neighbor walked across the street to tell me his son was dating a Catholic and it is getting serious. He said he doesn't have an issue with Catholics and their beliefs, just Mary. That's when my "I agree" method stopped. You see, Mary is a heroine in the Catholic Church. My neighbor just couldn't agree with praying to Mary to intercede for us. He said, pray to the Holy Spirit or Jesus—not Mary. This idea of Mary being assumed whole into Heaven didn't make sense. He said, "Where in the Bible does it say that?" and, well, it doesn't.

I couldn't help but to let my formal training in Church history and Theology kick in. I explained the communion of saints and how awesome it is to ask those who have gone before us to pray for us. Our heroine, Mary, has her son's ear. She can literally whisper into it on our behalf. On the topic of assumption, I let him know that though Catholics believe and trust in the sacred scriptures, there is more in the life of the Church than is written in the Bible. In 1950, Pope Pius XII declared that Mary was taken to Heaven body and soul. This was actually an ancient belief that Pope Pius officially made part of our Catholic belief.

Aside from Jesus, Mary is the greatest of them all. She gave her life to God so she could give birth to our Savior. Instead of self-glorification, Mary demonstrated giving totally of herself to God. She subjected herself to watching her Son being ridiculed and ultimately tortured and killed for our salvation. She is our heroine. For all of this she was rewarded by her assumption into Heaven; body and soul. So we pray to Mary to intercede for us so that we can stop looking for self-glorification and totally give ourselves to God.

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This Friday, 4pm, Aug. 20

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A leader of Wichita's 40 Days for Life will be at the Respect Life meeting in the St. Joseph room at 4pm, Aug. 20. All are invited to learn more! A Rosary for Life will follow in the church at 5:00pm.

WEEKEND MASS: Saturday 7am & 4:30pm | Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 4:30pm
WEEKDAY MASS: Monday-Friday 7am | Tuesday-Friday 5:30pm
CONFESSION: Saturday 3:30-4:15pm | Weekdays - 20 minutes before Mass

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Mass Intentions

† *Indicates deceased*

Sat. 8/14	7:00am	The Knoff Family
	4:30pm	†Bill Welch
Sun. 8/15	7:30am	†Mary Landreth
	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:30am	†Marsha Pauls
	4:30pm	Judy O'Brian
Mon. 8/16	7:00am	John & Mary Mertes
Tues. 8/17	7:00am	†Pauline Clement
	5:30pm	†Mary & †Peter Nguyen
Wed. 8/18	7:00am	†Mary & †Peter Nguyen
	5:30pm	†Paul Marcotte
Thurs. 8/19	7:00am	†Mary Nguyen
	5:30pm	†Gerald Pauls
Fri. 8/20	7:00am	†Joseph Nguyen
	5:30pm	Joe & †Pauline Clement Family
Sat. 8/21	7:00am	†Shannon Nye
	4:30pm	†Dominique Nguyen Trong Khai & †Maria Nguyen Thi Tuyet
Sun. 8/22	7:30am	†Pauline Clement
	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:30am	Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council
	4:30pm	†Leona & †Henry Wiebe

Live Streamed Masses

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Pray for the Repose of the Soul of:

Ralph DiMattia, father of Thomas
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Office of Hispanic Ministry, 269-3919
Religious Education, Wed. PSR 6:30-7:30pm
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New Way to Connect with Parishioners - Bridge Lessons for Beginners!

Bridge lessons for Beginners starts Thursday, September 9 at 1:00pm in the St. Joseph Room. If interested, call or text Judy Addison at 316-841-2278.

Middle School Back to School Kick Off, Aug. 22

All 6th, 7th and 8th graders are invited to the Middle School Youth Group pool party and hot dog/hamburger dinner next Sunday, August 22 at 4:00pm. Watch your email for info on location. Contact Lori Chrisman (316-300-3254) with any questions.

Cub Scouts Pack Meeting, Aug. 23

Calling all current and interested Cub Scouts! Our next pack meeting is Monday, August 23 at 6:00pm in the Youth Room. We hope to see you there!

Experienced Music Accompanists Needed

Organist or pianist is needed for 4:30pm Sunday Masses on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. The school is also in need of someone to play at 8:00am Wednesday morning student Masses. Contact Shirley Wiebe at 316-461-9533 or pianogal@rocketmail.com

Homebound Ministry Schedule

	A Route:	C Route:	G Route:	D1/D2 Route:
8/15	Born	Pickert	Gilbertson	Wagoner
8/22	Wetta	Rodriguez	Davidson	Dalrymple/Loebsack

Online PSR Registration Opens August 24

LITURGICAL MINISTERS & MORE: August 21 & 22

Sat. 4:30pm	Sun. 7:30am	Sun. 9:30am	Sun. 11:30am	Sun. 4:30pm
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–	D. Lazarin	C. Pollard	–	–
GREETERS				
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D. Roberts	K. Wald	M. Werne	C. Conover	–

ALTAR SERVERS: August 16-21 (NO 8:00am Weekday Mass during the Summer)

	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
7:00am	L. Alberti L. Winters	C. Duncan W. Morris	R. Collins C. Cox	K. Jantzen E. Koster	A. Johnson P. Moore	NEED SUB NEED SUB
5:30pm	*No 5:30pm Monday*	O. Engel N. Rodriguez	D. Nguyen A. Wilgers	A. Kaiser M. Kaiser	D. Fernando A. Habashy	*No 5:30pm Saturday*

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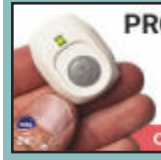
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