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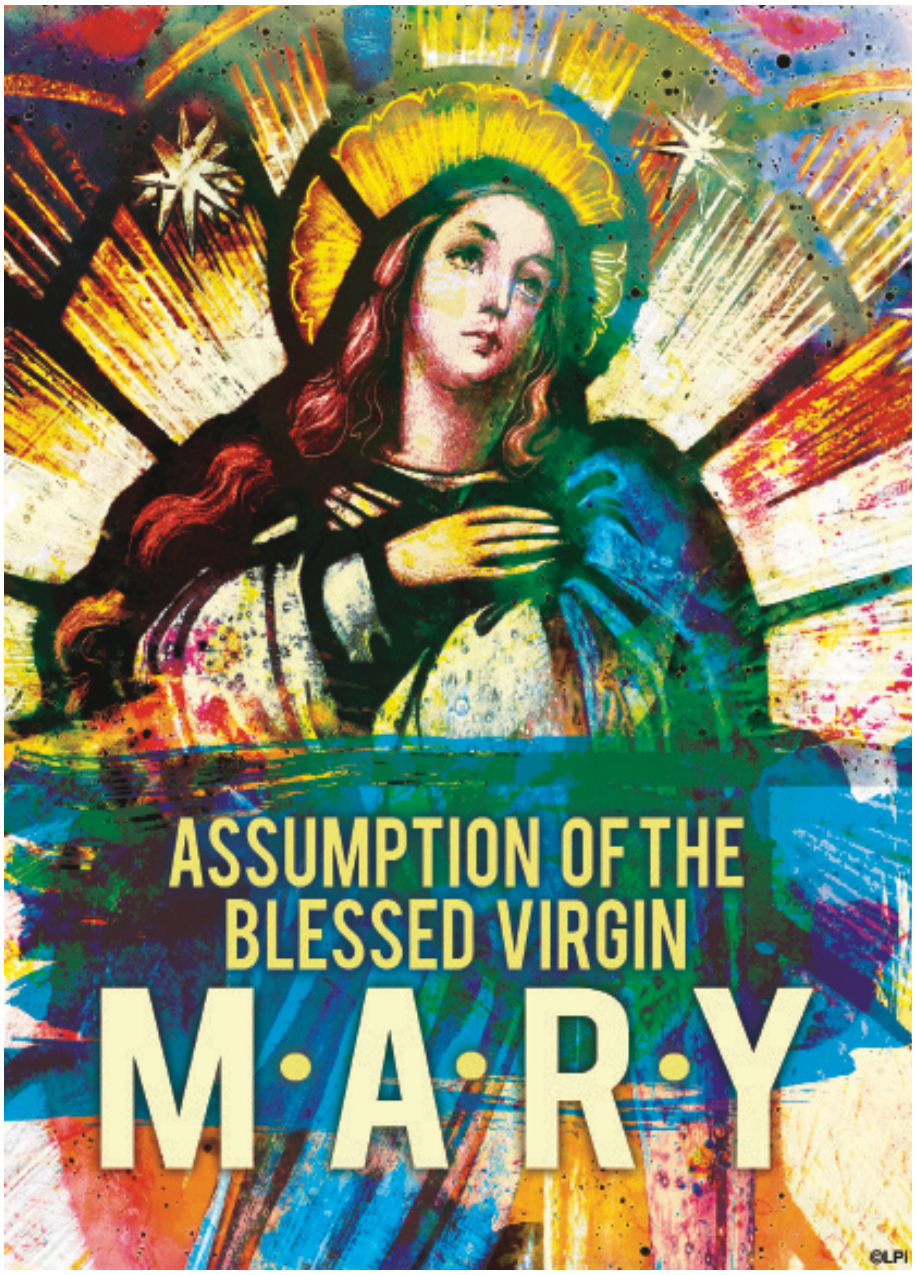

Sharing Faith, Celebrating Traditions and Serving Each Other to the Praise and Glory of God.

AUGUST 15, 2021

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

JOIN US FOR MASS!

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS
4:00 pm | Holy Redeemer

SUNDAY MASSES
8:30 am | St. James the Less
10:00 am | Holy Redeemer
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WEEKDAYS MONDAY-FRIDAY
8:00am | Holy Redeemer

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAYS 8am | St. James
MONDAYS 7pm | Holy Redeemer

ADORATION

MONDAYS 7-8pm | Holy Redeemer

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WELCOME!

Welcome to the Catholic Community of Holy Redeemer-St. James. Our parish is a place to grow, to put faith in action, and to use our gifts of time, treasure and talent as disciples of Christ. Thank you for choosing to worship with us today.

As we reflect on today's celebrations with our church family our friends and relatives, our hope is that we have experienced Jesus alive in us.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are held on the:

- First Saturday at 10:00 am at HR
- Third Saturday at 10:00 am at SJ

Please call the parish office or contact Sister Karen: sisterssl@aol.com

MATRIMONY

Please contact the parish office upon engagement or at least 6 months prior to your wedding date to prepare for the celebration of this joyous Sacrament!

HOLY COMMUNION

The two year preparation for children who have attained the age of reason (6 years) is done through our Religious Education program or through the parish school. For adults, preparation is done through our parish RCIA program (RIte of Christian Initiation). For enrollment in either program, please contact the Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation, drehrsj@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION

Our two year parish confirmation program for high school youth is called "Sealed". To register or for more information, please visit hrsjlifeteen.com

For adults over 18 years of age, confirmation preparation is done through our RCIA (RIte of Christian Initiation) program. Please contact the Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation, drehrsj@gmail.com, for more information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office if you would like to have a priest visit and anoint a sick loved one.

HOLY ORDERS OR RELIGIOUS ORDERS

Anyone interested in a religious life as a priest, deacon or sister, please call the parish office to arrange a meeting with Sr. Karen.

IF YOU SHOULD EXPERIENCE THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

We know this a tough time and we want you to know that your parish is there for you. If your loved one has passed or if you feel you will be in need, please call the parish office. Our Bereavement Ministers will assist in making arrangements with your chosen funeral directors and offer you helpful guidance that will aid in the Liturgical planning of the Mass or Memorial service.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please call the parish office if you would like to receive Communion. We will make arrangements for a Eucharistic Minister to the Sick to visit.

TODAY'S READINGS

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

A SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FROM SR. KAREN

We hear in today's readings the dialogue between Elizabeth and Mary when they meet. From his conception, Christ was blessed and holy and Mary was recognized as the mother of the Lord. Mary has a unique role in salvation history. God was with her throughout her life. And because of that, because she is "Theotokos", the God-bearer, the Church teaches that her body never saw corruption.

When I visited "Mary's House" in Turkey, the place where she went with St. John after Christ left us, I was so struck with a feeling of peace. There is a wall along the pathway with little pieces of cloth stuck in the crevices. Each piece has a prayer or petition to Mary from someone who visited. It is not elaborate or huge, just a simple place of prayer, but oh so powerful. You could feel the prayers and the love of the people who had visited. I had never heard of this place but was so glad and felt so blessed to have been there. It brought back to me the humanness of Christ and Mary and how much our God loves us to have come down and dwelt among us. There is no burial place as we believe Mary was taken to heaven, body and soul, but there was a strong feeling of her presence. God blessed us through Mary and continues to bless us. Let us not forget her presence and the power of Mary's prayer.

Have a blessed week,

Sr. Karen Collier, SSL

OUR PRAYERS FOR THE INTENTIONS OF

SATURDAY, August 14

4:00 PM — Harriet Hammons+
Bella Brendel (Intentions)

SUNDAY, August 15

8:30 AM — Frank & Rosa Titus +
Alejandre Gaetos +

10:00 AM — For the people of our parish

11:30 AM — Robert Sharkey+
Aurora Montes+

4:00 PM — For the people of our parish

MONDAY, August 16

8:00 AM — Angela Lopez +
Intentions of the Franklyn Family (Thanksgiving to St. Jude)

TUESDAY, August 17

8:00 AM — Fr. Elmer Carroll +
Rapheal Nodalo +
Intentions of the Franklyn Family (Thanksgiving to St. Jude)

WEDNESDAY, August 18

8:00 AM — Intentions of the Franklyn Family (Thanksgiving to St. Jude)

THURSDAY, August 19

8:00 AM — Lempi Honkonen+
Intentions of the Franklyn Family (Thanksgiving to St. Jude)

FRIDAY, August 20

8:00 AM — Holy Souls
Elena Marquez (Intentions)

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS...

William & Irene McAndrew, Ron McLoud, Dolores Maggipinto, Vito Maggipinto, Jorge Gonzalez, Emma Eday, Alicia Yale, Sharon Le Berthon, Janet Keene, Trudy Lousen, Margaret Gibbons, Jim Le Berthon, Renee Meyerson, Roxanne Martin, Maryanne Moses, Patricia Ryan, Dominic Lingua, Thomas Hansen, Gary Lucero, Christopher Kramer, Harmon Jones, Rudolph Casillas, Regis Coyle, Bob Spychalsky, Maria Esparza, Donna Spaziano, Bernie Sullivan, William Mulvoy, Andrew Clark, Veronica Ford, Travis Winsor, Kevin Tiqui, Kaarel Tanner, Andre Hernandez, Linda Lim, Marecil Lim, Madeline Doctors, Diana Nunoz, Diosdado Enriquez, Lydia Alaoria, Mary Collings ,Kathy Garcia, Cory Luick, Melanie Salinas, Claire McLiam, Mike Delaney, Renee Nankervis, Dan Zimmerman, Christine Corrigan, Diana Munoz, Denise Spaziano-Camner, B. Feeney, and Amelia Puno.

Backpack Blessing!

Join us at the 10am Mass next Sunday August 22
We will bless students of all ages and their backpacks as they begin a new school year!

Question:
What lessons should I learn from the Assumption of Mary?

Answer:
Growing in holiness is similar to training in a sport. We need someone to show us how we can live our faith well. Mary is a model of sanctity. She shows us how to be faithful to God's will, living each day with confidence in God's mercy and love. At the Nativity, in Jesus' public ministry, and at the Crucifixion, we see her steadfast trust. She allows the Lord to use her life to accomplish his plan for her and for all of us. In the Preface of the Mass for the Assumption of Mary, we pray: "For today the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven as the beginning and image of your Church's coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people."

It is this image of holiness that we strive to imitate. In the office, at home, or in our community, we look for signs of God's grace that call us to an ever greater love of him and each other. A greater awareness of God is a sign of our conversion of heart that lives the lessons Mary teaches.

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The scripture tells us that making a joyful noise to the Lord pleases Him. In Chronicles we read of the special place that singers and musicians had in the daily worship of God. King David certainly praised the Lord in his singing and dancing. And those beautiful psalms he wrote are a treasure that he left us.

Choir (or perhaps choirs) will be back in the worship services beginning in September. Do you love to sing? There might be a place for you in music ministry. Please come to see Andrea after the 4 pm Mass on Saturday, or the 10 am Mass on Sunday. If those times are not convenient, please call the office M-F before 2 pm and leave a message for Andrea.

Make the commitment and reap the rewards!

MASS UPDATE

We are pleased to announce a new Mass Schedule effective this weekend:

Saturday Vigil Mass
4pm Holy Redeemer

Sunday Mass
8:30am St. James
10am Holy Redeemer
11:30am St. James
4pm Holy Redeemer

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AUGUST 15, 22, 29

FAMILY PORTRAITS TAKEN AFTER MASS

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UNVEILING OF OUR 2021 PARISH MEMORIAL

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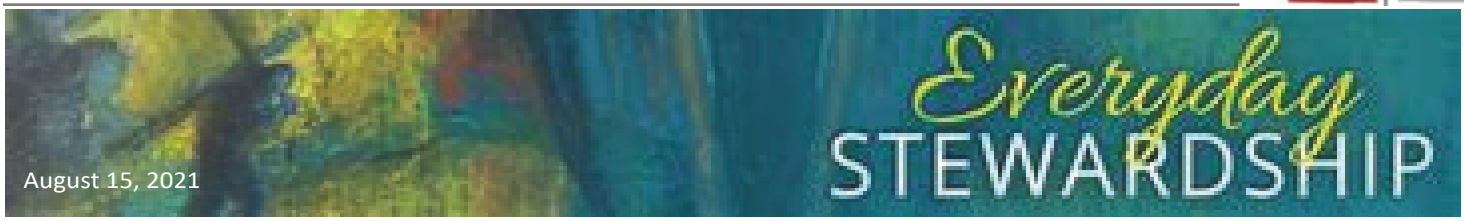

Mary said:

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;

my spirit rejoices in God my savior.

For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness;

behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed.

The Might One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him."

~Luke 1: 46-50

Take Time to Reflect

Think of 3 times when you had been less than gracious to your family, a friend, or a stranger. How did you treat them? How should you have treated them instead?

Stewardship Reflection

To Be Full of Grace

I read once that to be a gracious person meant to walk softly, speak with intent, and to leave those you have met feeling that their lives were better that day because they encountered you. What a way to live!

But alas, living like that each and every day is so very hard. I hate to think that sometimes people I have encountered are happy to see me go, but I know that it is true. As Christians, we are graced people, but on some day, that grace can seem pretty hidden.

If you are looking for an example of gracious living, look no further than Our Lady. She answered the call regardless of the cost, and she lived her life with a great dignity in the face of horrible trials. She was a gracious host to the Incarnation in her womb, and she continues to invite us to get to know her Son better. She certainly embodies the definition of gracious living above.

We are called to always be ready and open to the call of her Son. He will bring us to those in need, seeking light in a world of darkness. Our hope must be then that after our encounter with another, they will feel enriched by our presence and the presence of Jesus.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, Everyday Stewardship, Living an Extraordinary Life
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