

August 15, 2021 — THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN



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

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Looking Ahead:

August 15th, ICC Welcome Picnic
 August 22nd SJV Welcome Picnic
 August 28th Pilgrimage to Cathedral



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions Available

Father is available for confession on Saturday afternoons from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. You can also call Father to make an appointment if you need a different time.

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	<u>ICC Aug 7/8</u>	<u>SJV Aug 8</u>
Weekly Giving	\$ 4,486.07	\$ 982.00
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Other Giving		
Food Bank/Outreach	45.00	
St. Vincent de Paul	457.00	
SAS	100.00	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
 GENEROSITY



Dear Parishioners of ICC and SJV,

This weekend the Church has the joy of celebrating the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary! It's quite amazing that this day fell on a Sunday, as normally this would be an extra day of obligation for all Catholics on any other day of the week. This particular Marian doctrine was officially declared by Pope Pius XII in his 1950



document titled, *Munificentissimus Deus*, Latin for, "The Most Bountiful God". The central teaching about Mary is one of four "Marian dogmas", which are the Church's four most important teachings about the Blessed Virgin. These four dogmas/teachings are: 1) Mary as the Mother of God 2) The Immaculate Conception of Mary 3) Mary's perpetual virginity 4) The Assumption of Mary.

The Assumption is the Church's teaching that at the end of Mary's earthly life, her body and soul together were "assumed" or "taken up" at once to Heaven. This is unlike the rest of us where when our life ends, our body and soul separate upon death until Jesus returns for final judgment. While there is no explicit Bible reference to this teaching, we Catholics do cite the Book of Revelation which references a woman in Heaven, "clothed with the sun... with twelve stars around her head" (see Rev. 12:1). The way the early Church Fathers looked at the teaching was from the perspective of Mary and the idea of corruption. They said that if we believe that from the beginning of her existence Mary was persevered from the "corruption" of sin, (the Immaculate Conception), then it logically follows that at the end of her life, her body would be preserved from the "corruption" of earthly decay, (the Assumption).

On this holy day of the Assumption of Mary, we ask for her intercession to help us be more like her Son Jesus in our everyday lives. May we also continue to pray for one another, our parish communities, and for more vocations to the holy priesthood.

Respectfully Yours in Christ,

Know Someone Interested in Becoming Catholic?

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process by which adults are prepared and welcomed into the Church, Please contact the parish office for further details. Our first class starts in October.



ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

Classes for adults wishing to be confirmed this November will begin on Wednesday, August 25th, at 6:30 p.m. Please register in the office or by calling 360-435-8565.

FAITH FORMATION

August 28 Confirmation Pilgrimage 9am

August 29 Faith Formation Teacher Meeting

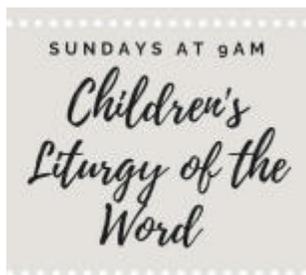
September 12 — Fall Faith Formation begins

SIGN UP FOR FALL FAITH FORMATION!

I currently have three families signed up for Faith Formation. I need to order the books for the classes but have NO idea of how many I need. Please use the sign-up sheets in the back of the church to sign up your children. Call Michel Gallegos (360-435-8565) for more info.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR CLOW!

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) will begin September 12th. We need volunteers to offer this service during the 9:00 a.m. Mass to our young children. Call Michel Gallegos (360-435-8565) for more info.



 Immaculate Conception Regional School is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. Please call the office (360-428-3912 x16) or go to www.ICRSweb.org to apply today.

ICRS is offering tours of the school each week by appointment. Monday- Thursday between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM and Fridays 9:00-noon. Call the school office at 360-428-3912 x16 to set up your tour today.

Volunteers Needed for Communion to the Homebound

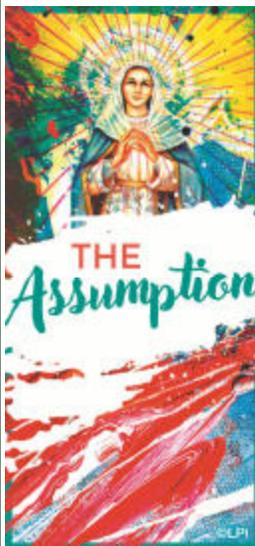
We are looking for Eucharistic Ministers who can provide Communion to the homebound, those in nursing homes and residences. Training session is in September. You must also have a Safe Environment certificate. (see below)

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLASS

All volunteers who work with children and the elderly in the parish are required to take the Safe Environment Training which seeks to educate on the prevention and reporting of child abuse and other potentially sensitive topics environment. Training and criminal background checks expire every three years.

Our next safe environment session will be on Thursday, September 9th at 6:30 p.m. Please call the office to register.

Feast Day Reflection — The Assumption

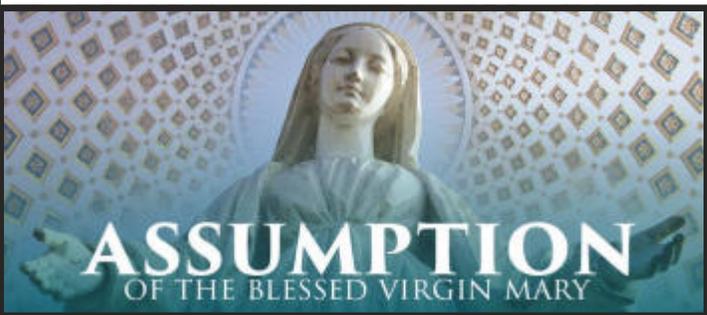


They are courageous, wise women who ground us, focus us, and inspire us. They are the good mothers who walk with us and light our way. They teach us life lessons and help us heal and navigate through challenges and difficulties. We need people to point the way. Sometimes, these wise ladies are not our biological mothers but women in our lives, who through their strong and faithful presence, anchor us and remind us that we are loved. We need these women. Human beings do their best when they have cheerleaders in their lives.

They show us that even when facing despair there is always a brighter tomorrow.

Jesus needed his mother. She had to be that faithful anchor, that guiding presence, in his life. Jesus needed to be affirmed and encouraged just like any other human being and Mary had to be there, right by his side, doing precisely that. Even when her heart was pierced as he was nailed to a tree, she did not give up hope. Most certainly, she continued to wait, watch, hope, and love until he took his final breath. That's what mothers do. Even when their heart breaks, they persevere.

Today, our Blessed Mother is our cheerleader once again. Taken up to heaven in body and soul, she points to and directs us toward our final destiny. Life eternal waits! Any disappointment, fear, or anxiety can be set aside as she gently reassures us of God's love and promise. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given. We can persevere and do what we need to do to live life well, with faith, hope, and love as our guiding lights. Knowing who we are and who we will one day become helps us to better chart the course and direction of our earthly lives. Looking to the example of our Blessed Mother, we receive the assurance we need



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