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THE MESSENGER

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Holy Sacrifice of The Mass
Saturday: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am
& 10:30 am

Daily Mass
Tuesday-Friday: 8:00 am

Rosary
Monday-Friday: 7:30 am

Mary, Queen of Angels, Pray for Us!

First Saturday to Honor the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Mass 9:00 am

First Friday to Adore the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Exposition/Adoration
10:30-11:15 am
(Benediction follows)
Confessions
10:35-11:15 am,
Mass 11:30 am

Confession
Tuesday-Friday: 7:15-7:45 am,
Saturday: 4:00-5:00 pm,
or by appointment

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The Mission of Queen of Angels Church is to:
Grow in our relationship with God through Jesus Christ.
Strengthen our faith by living and teaching the Gospel.
Serve God's People in our parish, our community, and our world.

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If you're worried about an unplanned pregnancy, you may be experiencing a personal crisis full of concerns about your future. Pregnancy Care Clinic can assist you. www.unplannedparenthood.org, 619.442.4357

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

August 8, 2021

Envelopes Used	78
Envelope Collections	$ 4,875.02
Plate Collections	$ 564.00
TOTAL	$ 5,439.02

The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal "*Renewing HOPE*", has begun.
Queen of Angels assessment for 2021 is $30,000.

This is your opportunity to make possible the work that affects so many in our diocese: assistance to the poor, education of those who attend Catholic schools, formation of new priests and care for our retired priest, evangelization and accompaniment of Young Adults and the consoling presence of Christ for those imprisoned.

Thank you for your support as we participate in living the Church's mission to be a witness of compassion and mercy to those in need.

GOAL: $30,000.00 PLEDGED: $ 24,905.00 BALANCE: $ 5,095.00

READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS AUGUST 14-22, 2021

Sunday: 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 /Jn 6:60-69

DATE		TIME	INTENTION
Saturday,	Aug 14	5:30 pm	For the People
Sunday,	Aug 15	8:00 am	Lian McMeeken
Sunday,	Aug 15	10:30 am	†Joaquin Luquin
Monday,	Aug 16	7:30 am	*Rosary*
Tuesday,	Aug 17	8:00 am	Lian McMeeken
Wednesday,	Aug 18	8:00 am	†Marge & Herb Roa
Thursday,	Aug 19	8:00 am	
Friday,	Aug 20	8:00 am	†Brian Padilla
Saturday,	Aug 21	5:30 pm	
Sunday,	Aug 22	8:00 am	
Sunday,	Aug 22	10:30 am	For the People

Continue to Keep in Your Prayers and Hearts those on our Healing and Deployed Military Lists.
Amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray,

For Healing

Erika Allen
Thomas Arietta
Norman Banks
Kelly Barker
Karsen Beron
Ron Brady
Carol Buchtner
Vita Cano
Nela Contreras
Al Florance
Luke Hayworth
June Hill
Chik Hylton
Carmen Holt
Andy Kresha
Katie Larson
Lian McMeeken
Connie Maguire
Rufus Moore
Evelyn Peoples
Joseph Queja
Joan Smith
Jackie Smith
Victoria Thrift
Jack Welch
Robert Craig Wiederkehr
Kailyn & Charis Whaley
Aimee Wolf
Jane Yamamoto

Amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray,
It shall be granted to them by my heavenly father.
Matthew 18:19

Deployed Military

LT Meagan Abad
Rebekah Meyer, USN
HM3 Jacob Tweed
Mattison Underhill, USN

If you have a friend or relative who is serving in our military and is deployed or will be deployed, please contact Darlene at bulletin@queenofangels.org.

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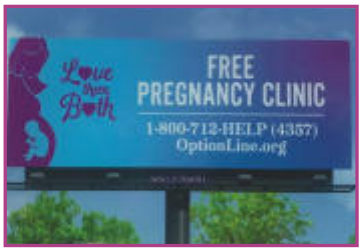
Confession Times Queen of Angels has added additional Confession opportunities. The added days and times are **Tuesday-Friday 7:15-7:45 am** before daily Mass.

Online Giving If you haven't registered yet, we ask that you consider using this service, especially if you currently manage your bills or banking online. To sign up and register, visit queenofangels.org and click on the "Donate Securely Online" tab located at the bottom right corner of the page. If you need more information regarding this service, please contact Pamela in the parish office at 619.445.2145.



LOVE them BOTH
Billboard Ministry Update

Thanks to the generous donations of you the parishioners, over $1,100 was raised to fund more pro-life billboards like this throughout San Diego County. THANK YOU for your generosity!

The hope is that it will give pregnant woman in crisis information for pregnancy care center locations which will provide support towards choosing life for their baby.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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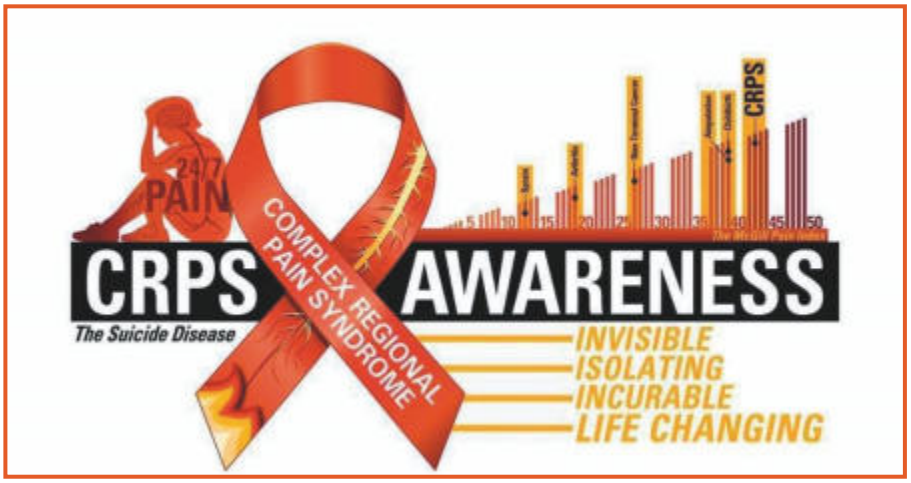
Queen of Angels Council 10118

ANDREW TOMPKINS
MEMORIAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Knight of Columbus will once again be awarding scholarships to practicing Catholics and members of Queen of Angels Parish. Applicants must be a senior in a Catholic, Public, Charter or accredited Home High School or a full-time student at an accredited College or Trade School. Applications will be available online at queenofangels.org. and in the parish office. Applications must be completed and POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 15th to be considered.



Please pray for all affected and suffering from Chronic Regional Pain Syndrome

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Friends,

This Sunday we have the blessing of celebrating the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. As declared Marian dogmas go, this one is fairly recent, having only been formally declared on November 1st, 1950 by Venerable Pope Pius XII in his Apostolic Constitution, *Munificentissimus Deus* ("The Most Bountiful God"). After spending the first 43 paragraphs explaining the theology and laying out a brief history of the belief of God's faithful, going back millennia, that Mary was assumed into heaven bodily as well as spiritually, he writes:

> "For which reason, after we have poured forth prayers of supplication again and again to God, and have invoked the light of the Spirit of Truth, for the glory of Almighty God who has lavished his special affection upon the Virgin Mary, for the honor of her Son, the immortal King of the Ages and the Victor over sin and death, for the increase of the glory of that same august Mother, and for the joy and exultation of the entire Church; by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.
>
> "Hence if anyone, which God forbid, should dare willfully to deny or to call into doubt that which we have defined, let him know that he has fallen away completely from the divine and Catholic Faith."

In other words, we believe that Mary was bodily assumed into heaven, and if a Catholic chooses to not believe that, they have placed themselves in open rebellion towards Christ and His Church. That may sound harsh, especially since it was declared, relatively speaking, fairly recently. But I would offer up two counterpoints to that.

First, as regards its supposed harshness, every family has rules that govern it, and among those rules there is always a hierarchy: some rules operate more like guidelines, to give advice or principles that can be applied to a wide variety of situations; some rules are to be followed unless it is impossible to do so, in which case there is a certain amount of lenience that is extended; and some rules are absolutely unbreakable, regardless of the circumstances. If we apply this analogy to the family of God, we can say that all dogmas, including the dogma of the Assumption, fall into that last category. It is one of our family's "unbreakable rules," or rather, a belief that cannot ever be compromised, regardless of the circumstances.

But what about the fact that it took so long, even by Church standards, to declare the Assumption a dogma? Doesn't that mean that the Church just made this up? Well, no, it does not. Pope Pius XII's letter itself does an excellent job of laying this out, but in the event that you prefer not to read 10 pages, here is something to consider that actually does not get mentioned, but in my opinion is as strong an argument for the Assumption as is out there. Ignoring the number of petitions over the years requesting this declaration; ignoring the almost unanimous response from the college of bishops in favor of it; ignoring centuries of Church Fathers and Doctors writing about this very teaching long before it was declared dogma; ignoring all of that, there is something else: the complete absence, throughout all of Church history, of anyone ever claiming to have either the body, or even a first class relic, of Mary. This 2000 year silence is deafening. Consider for a moment, that in a religion where we collect the body parts of our favorite saints and venerate them, the greatest saint of all has ZERO first class relics worldwide and ZERO churches claiming to have her remains. Why? I would submit that it is because everyone always knew that NO ONE would believe it, because the faithful always believed in Mary's Assumption, even from the very beginning. It may not have been formally declared as one of the family's "unbreakable rules" until 1950, but everyone always knew that it was one.

As we celebrate this great solemnity, it is my prayer that all of us, as God's family and His Church, receive the hope we have in the resurrection of the body through this Marian dogma with open arms. Mary, assumed into Heaven, pray for us.

With great hope,

Fr. David

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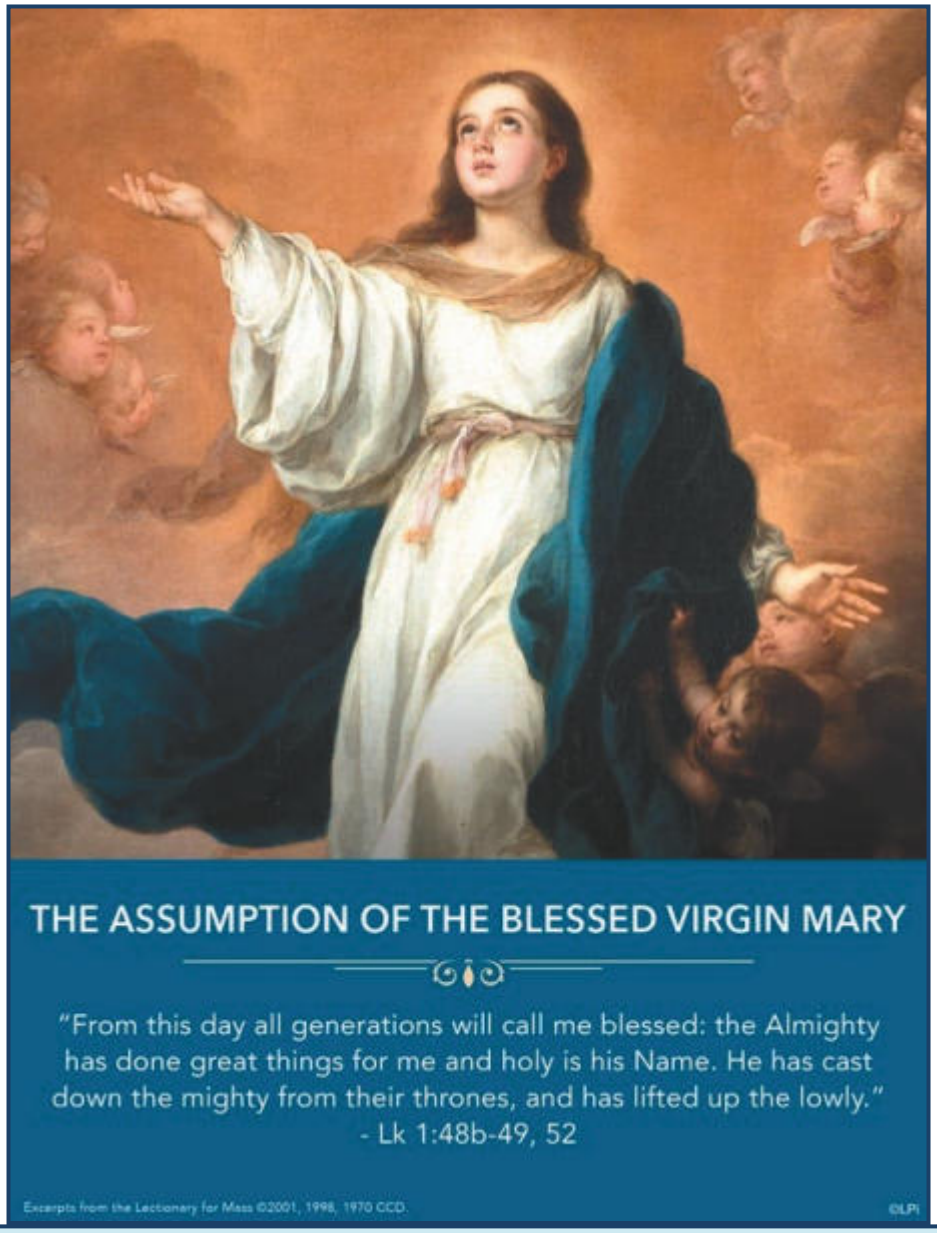

Question:
What lessons should I learn from the Assumption of Mary?

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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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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Israel
Judah
leaped
lowly
Mary
proclaims
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Zechariah

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

WWMD?

WWJD bracelets were all the rage about 25 years ago in Christian circles. I've always wondered if a WWMD bracelet might not make just as much sense, and maybe more. What Would Mary Do?

I would argue that Mary was the most exemplary steward who ever lived. Her answer was always "Yes." Yes, Lord, I am Your handmaiden. Yes, I will visit Elizabeth, and help her in the last difficult months of pregnancy. Yes, I will bring my son up in the Mosaic law and present him at the Temple of Jerusalem. Yes, I will give him to the crowds and to public ministry. Yes, I will offer him on this Cross, if it is Your will.

Yes, yes, yes.

Well, I can't be like Mary, we think to ourselves. There's an intimidation factor with the Blessed Mother and Catholics sometimes — one that almost exceeds that of Christ. Perhaps it's because we are in awe of the fact that she was not divine in any way — she was a mere creation, like us — but somehow, she always had the courage to say yes. How could she do it, when we find it so hard?

Well, God certainly lavished on Mary extraordinary graces. Her lack of original sin liberated her to conform her will to God's.

But God is impatient to give us, too, all the graces we need to be a steward in the example of Mary. He's waiting for us simply to ask. Just as in Adam we died, so in Christ — through Mary — we live.

What can we say yes to today, in Mary's example?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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