

# SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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## 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three.” - Lk 12:50-52

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# Parish Directory / Liturgy Schedule

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## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am

### Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,  
12:00 pm

### Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm  
7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

### Reconciliation

Saturdays 11:00am-12:00pm  
In the  
Sister Carol Center

### Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

### Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am mass

## PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

**The Parish Center is open**  
**Monday - Thursday from 8:30am-5pm**  
**Friday from 8:30-4pm**

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

**Baptisms:** Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

**Marriages:** Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

**Registration:** It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: 586-777-3670.

**RCIA:** Please call the Parish Center: 586-777-3670

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at [stjoan.church](http://stjoan.church) and we will contact you by phone. Or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during office hours.

## Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

**Go to: [livestream.stjoan.church](http://livestream.stjoan.church) to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.**

### Weekday Masses

Monday thru Friday @ 7am

### Weekend Masses

Saturdays @ 4pm & 6pm  
Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

### Holy Hour

Thursdays @ 7pm





**It's ALWAYS My Fault:** I've come to accept that no matter the problem or situation, it will somehow be my fault when something goes wrong. This is

true with projects around the parish and also all my do-it-yourself projects with my family. And, I would say, about 95% of the time, it is my fault! I own it. This is where I'm partly a Dennis the Menace but mostly a Clark Griswold when it comes to these situations.

You may remember that over the Fourth of July weekend, I did some work over at my sister Cindy's house. Yes, this was the weekend when I gashed my arm on some siding and had blood dripping on my sister's new kitchen floor. Yes, this was the gash that got infected and has now left a lovely remembrance by way of a scar on my arm.

One of the projects that weekend was to install a new Nest Learning Thermostat in her house. She was having issues with her air-conditioner maintaining a proper temperature, and one of my solutions was to install a new Nest thermostat. But we also suspect that some mice or other critters have nested underneath her air-conditioner unit outside. Her air-conditioning unit was temporarily placed on cinder blocks and has yet to be permanently installed. I've been wanting to put my inspection camera underneath the unit to see what might be living down there. We are convinced there are some critters there because one of her dogs (Emmi, a Jack Russell Terrier) goes right to the unit when she's outside and sits and stares at it (but then again, this is the same dog who sits and stares at the family's new iRobot vacuum). I just haven't gotten my camera underneath the cinder blocks; it's on the list.

Well, Cindy mentioned to me recently that she was still having issues with the air-conditioner. She would set the thermostat, it would go on, but then it would go off for no reason. As a result, the house would get sweltering hot by the middle of the night. She would set it again, but it would do the same thing. As she described the problem, I began to wonder if I did something wrong with the installation or settings. I ruled out an installation failure because the thermostat was turning the air-conditioner

on and off; it just wasn't staying on or maintaining a consistent temperature. Then, it dawned on me; I bet I messed up some settings.

I logged into her Nest account and quickly determined that I had left the Nest's Eco mode on. The Eco mode tells the thermostat to turn the unit on or off based on whether "it" thinks someone is home. Well, the thermostat is located on a wall where it wouldn't sense much motion. So, the thermostat would reset the temperature to 80 (the upper limit I set) even after my sister set it to 73 because "it" thought no one was home. UGH. I made some changes, and at least it did a better job of keeping the air-conditioning on at night. So, in the end, it WAS MY FAULT! But it's still not perfect. Now I have to get my inspection camera under the outside unit to see what critters are living there. But then again, my assumption on the critters is based on Emmi staring at the unit for minutes without end the moment she gets to go outside. So now I'm bracing for the reality that somehow whatever is wrong outside will also be my fault! That's how it works when you're a Dennis the Menace and Clark Griswold rolled into one person!

**The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** On Monday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Because it falls on a Monday this year, it is not a holy day of obligation. Nonetheless, we will have our regular 7 AM Mass and a Mass at 7 PM that evening.

What exactly are we celebrating with the Assumption of Mary?

First, let's look at the word assumption. The word assumption comes from the Latin word *assumere*, meaning to take to oneself. Thus, with the Assumption of Mary, we celebrate that moment when Christ took the Blessed Virgin Mary home to himself when the course of her earthly life had finished. Over time and in other rites or Orthodox traditions, the Assumption of Mary is called the Dormition of Mary or the Glorification of Mary. As stated by Pope Saint John Paul II in his general audience on July 2, 1997, "The dogma of the assumption affirms that Mary's body was glorified after her death. While for other human beings the resurrection of the body will take place at the end of the world, for Mary, the glorification of her body was anticipated

by a special privilege."

Belief in the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary dates back to the earliest days of Christianity. The most substantial evidence we have comes not from scripture but the ancient liturgical texts, iconography, and poems honoring the mother of Jesus Christ.

Mary's assumption into heaven was well established theologically and was part of the devotional life of the Church by the Middle Ages. While the concept of the Assumption of Mary was undoubtedly part of the life of the Church, it wasn't proclaimed as dogma until 1951 by Pope Pius XII in his Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*.

Pope Saint Paul VI, in his Apostolic Constitution *Marialis Cultus* (For the Right Ordering and Development of Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary), offered a beautiful reflection on Mary's role in our life (#57): "Contemplated in the episodes of the Gospels and in the reality which she already possesses in the City of God, the Blessed Virgin Mary offers a calm vision and a reassuring word to modern man, torn as he often is between anguish and hope, defeated by the sense of his own limitations and assailed by limitless aspirations, troubled in his mind and divided in his heart, uncertain before the riddle of death, oppressed by loneliness while yearning for fellowship, a prey to boredom and disgust. She shows forth the victory of hope over anguish, of fellowship over solitude, of peace over anxiety, of joy and beauty over boredom and disgust, of eternal visions over earthly ones, of life over death."

The University of Dayton has an excellent website dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. There you will find a ton of information about the Church's teaching and writings about the Blessed Mother. I strongly encourage you to glance through the vast resources available at [udayton.edu/imri/mary/](http://udayton.edu/imri/mary/).

Mother of the Church. Pray for us!  
Queen assumed into Heaven. Pray for us!

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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### THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 21 C

#### Reading One – Is 66:18-21

Thus says the LORD: I know their works and their thoughts, and I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory. I will set a sign among them; from them I will send fugitives to the nations: to Tarshish, Put and Lud, Mosoch, Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands that have never heard of my fame, or seen my glory; and they shall proclaim my glory among the nations. They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots, in carts, upon mules and dromedaries, to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their offering to the house of the LORD in clean vessels. Some of these I will take as priests and Levites, says the LORD.

#### Responsorial – Ps 117:1, 2

- R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**  
Praise the LORD, all you nations; glorify him, all you peoples!
- R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**  
For steadfast is his kindness toward us, and the fidelity of the LORD endures forever.
- R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**

#### Reading Two – Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

Brothers and sisters, You have forgotten the exhortation addressed to you as children: "My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reproved by him; for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines; he scourges every son he acknowledges." Endure your trials as "discipline"; God treats you as sons. For what "son" is there whom his father does not discipline? At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it.

So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.

#### Alleluia – Jn 14:6

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

#### Gospel – Lk 13:22-30

Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord, open the door for us.' He will say to you in reply, 'I do not know where you are from. And you will say 'We ate and drank in your company, and you taught in our streets.' Then he will say to you, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!' And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves cast out. And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."





## *Walking With Purpose 6-Week Studies Sept 12-Oct 17.*

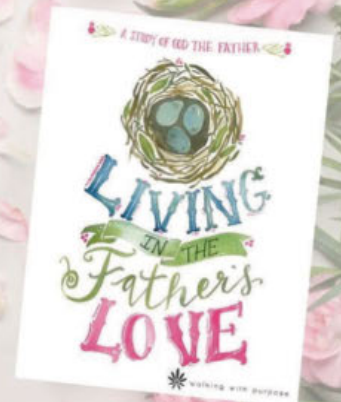
Get acquainted with the beauty of **Walking With Purpose** Bible studies with this 6-week program: **Living in the Father's Love**. There are two groups; one meets Mondays from 10 am-12 noon and the other from 7-9 pm.

There is always room at the table for new women to join our morning or evening groups. This short study is a great way to experience the beauty of the program designed especially for today's women.

Register and pay \$21 for materials at [sjascs.org/walking-with-purpose](https://sjascs.org/walking-with-purpose).

There is also registration and payment info about the 20-week studies that begin on Oct 24 (no meetings on Oct 31). 10 am: Discovering Your Dignity | 7 pm: Touching the Divine.

*Questions? See the website for group leaders and contact information or reach out to Kristine Hass at [khass@sjascs.org](mailto:khass@sjascs.org) or call 586-772-1282.*



## **St. Joan of Arc** **RCIA** RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

### **A new RCIA group at SJA is starting soon!**

Fill out the contact form for our RCIA coordinator, Patty Chase, at [sjascs.org/rcia](https://sjascs.org/rcia)

**Are you or anyone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?**

#### **What is RCIA?**

RCIA is the process through which a person becomes a fully initiated member of the Catholic Faith. It's for

- Adults and children of catechetical age (over 7 years) who have not been baptized
- Those who have been baptized in another Christian denomination who want to become Catholic
- Those who were baptized as infants in the Catholic Church but have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (First Eucharist and/or Confirmation) and who have had no faith formation

#### **How long does it take?**

Each person is on a personal journey in his/her relationship with God. Time varies depending on the individual. We walk with you in this process.

#### **Do I have to commit to becoming Catholic if I enter the RCIA process?**

No, the RCIA process is marked by opportunities for discernment along the way, and ultimately it is about one's readiness and desire to be received into the Church.



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### Light of the Spirit Prayer Group



2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month  
at  
St. Joan of Arc

The meeting will now be from  
6:30pm—8:30pm

August's Meetings will be on  
8/10 and 8/24

We hope that you can join us!

*Are you called  
to help our  
parish families  
grow in Faith?*

*The best way to learn is to  
teach! If you want to grow  
in faith while helping youth  
grow in theirs - consider  
joining our Faith Formation  
team at St. Joan of Arc.*



We need adult helpers, those  
interested in becoming catechists,  
family mentors and small group  
leaders for our Confirmation classes.

Contact our Office of Faith  
and Family Formation to  
learn more. 586-772-1282  
or [khasse@jascs.org](mailto:khasse@jascs.org)





*Spend an hour  
with me.*

HOLY  
HOUR  
SONGS &  
PRAYERS

Join us for Eucharistic  
Adoration with music at  
7 pm every Thursday  
in the church.





August 14, 2022

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 | Heb 12:1-4 | Lk 12:49-53

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

My mom loved her Nintendo 64. We especially enjoyed "Paperboy," a video game where a paperboy riding a bicycle attempts to deliver newspapers along Easy Street, Middle Road, or Hard Way. He has to avoid obstacles that pop up along the way - barking dogs, mailboxes, skateboarders, trash cans, you name it! Sometimes life can seem that way. We can't predict which obstacles will pop up, but the author of the Letter to the Hebrews encourages us to persevere, "keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus." Whether we're riding along "Easy Street" or "Hard Way," we can look to Jesus to help us overcome the hardships that may come our way because we are his followers. As Jesus tells the disciples, following him will not always be easy and may even result in conflicts within our families. When that happens, we can look to the example of Jesus and the great "cloud of witnesses" to whom the Letter to the Hebrews refers, knowing that peace and reconciliation await us at the finish line.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I used to have great fun watching my boys at our neighborhood swim meets. Even as my then-7-year-old zig-zagged into the lane lines during the backstroke, I would yell "Go! Go! Go! You've got this." (And, please, someone catch his head at the finish!) He couldn't hear a word I said. I wonder if it's a bit like this when it comes to the "cloud of witnesses" - the saints, known and unknown, who encourage us in our faith. We can't see them or hear them, but we know they are there. In turn, we can become cheerleaders for others running the race alongside us: offering encouragement, prayers, and reminding one another of the joy that awaits us. Spoken or silent, our prayers can help us and others persevere in our faith and place our trust in Jesus when times are tough.

**STUDY** The *catechism* chapter 3, The Characteristics of Faith (153-165), references this passage from Hebrews on being surrounded by a cloud of witnesses. Read especially #165.



Registration is now open for

# Faith Formation

**JOIN US FOR A MONTHLY FAITH  
ADVENTURE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.**

**Visit [sjascs.org/Faith-Formation](https://sjascs.org/Faith-Formation) for all the details  
including dates, sacrament preparation  
and materials fees.**

**Our Family Formation Sunday School starts  
October 2. Register by Aug 31.**

**Our monthly Sunday School is for all  
parish families with children in grades  
K-6. See the website for the schedule of  
Monday night classes for students  
preparing for Confirmation.**



 **St. Joan<sup>of</sup> Arc**  
FAITH & FAMILY FORMATION



**Questions?**

Contact Kristine Hass  
at [khass@sjascs.org](mailto:khass@sjascs.org)  
or 586-772-1282

## Weekly Calendar of Events

### **Monday, August 15th**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed  
7:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

### **Tuesday, August 16th**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

### **Wednesday, August 17th**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed  
5:00 PM Baptism of Giada R. Frampton

### **Thursday, August 18th**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed  
7:00 PM Holy Hour - Live Streamed

### **Friday, August 19th**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

### **Saturday, August 20th**

11:00 AM Reconciliation  
4:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass - Live Streamed  
6:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass -Live Streamed

### **Sunday, August 21st**

8:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed  
10:00 AM Sunday Mass- Live Streamed  
12:00 PM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

## Words on the Word

### *August 14, 2022 – Better Than None*

It's been conventional wisdom for several years that fewer Americans are saying they are religious, with more saying they are unaffiliated with any major religion.

The so-called “nones.”

But a recent story in the *Wall Street Journal* indicated the assumption may be exaggerated, or even, perhaps, a fallacy.

The article, contributed by a professor at Baylor University, said that “these conclusions are based on (previous) analyses that are so flawed as to be close to worthless.”

Essentially, this author writes, the reason for the dichotomy begins with the fact that numerous new denominations are springing up, along with thousands of new congregations, and a large number of non-Christian denominations. Thus, when people who belong to any of these communities respond to surveys or are otherwise counted, they are often classified as “others.” Likewise, large national databases “often lump Others in with the Nones.”

Admittedly, this is one article on one grouping of studies. As with so many other topics, more research surely will need to be done.

Taken at face value, though, the good news would seem to be that Americans haven't become as intolerant or ignorant of religion as we might have thought. The downside, as it was believed to have been before, is that fewer people are indicating they are Catholic.

And so, along with more study, more work will continue to need to be done. The name of the game, here as when St. Paul addressed the Hebrews, is faith and perseverance.

“Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,” we hear in today's second reading, “let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith.”



# Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

## Mass Intentions

- Monday August 15, 2022 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (White)**
- 7:00 a.m. Josephine Lucchese and a Special Intention for the Rogier and Dettloff Families
- 7:00 PM George Petroff
- Tuesday August 16, 2022 Weekday, Saint Stephen of Hungry (Green/White)**
- 7:00 a.m. Rocco Taglione
- Wednesday August 17, 2022 Weekday (Green)**
- 7:00 a.m. Rosemary Schenden
- Thursday August 18, 2022 Weekday (Green)**
- 7:00 a.m. Gary Webber
- Friday August 19, 2022 Weekday, Saint John Eudes, Priest (Green/White)**
- 7:00 a.m. Lewis McQuillan
- Saturday, August 20, 2022 Vigil of the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church (White)**
- 4:00 p.m. Pasquale & Stella Urso, Bonnie Batche, Edward & Henry Blind, Allen Laturno, Joan Weber, Dr. Lori Karol, Robert Barnwell and Special Intentions for the J. Champine Family and for the Thomas Family
- 6:00 p.m. Casey Zaranek
- Sunday August 21, 2022 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)**
- 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Saint Joan of Arc Parishioners
- 10:00 a.m. Robert Bidigare
- 12:00 p.m. Robert Connolly, Michael Faber, Helen Haamen, and a Special Intention for Andrew Varrasse

## Daily Readings

### Monday, August 15

Revelations 11:19a; 12:11-6a; 10ab  
Luke 1:39-56

### Friday, August 19

Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Matthew 22:34-40

### Saturday, August 20

Ezekiel 43:1-7b  
Matthew 23:1-12

### Tuesday, August 16

Ezekiel 28:1-10  
Matthew 19:23-30

### Sunday, August 21

Isaiah 66:18-21  
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13  
Luke 13:22-30

### Wednesday, August 17

Ezekiel 34:1-11  
Matthew 20:1-16

### Thursday, August 18

Ezekiel 36:23-28  
Matthew 22:1-14



## I Am The Resurrection & The Life

“Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families.”

**Joann Cardani Johnston**  
**Ruth Guarino**  
**Deacon John L. Skladanowski**  
**Earl Tomlinson**



“I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.”

*Minnie Louise Haskins*



## Reporting Sexual Abuse

Individuals with knowledge of sexual abuse by clergy or other Church representatives are urged to contact local law enforcement and/or the Michigan Attorney General's Office at 844-324-3374 or [aginvestigations@michigan.gov](mailto:aginvestigations@michigan.gov).

Individuals also may contact the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting [protect.aod.org](http://protect.aod.org) calling the toll-free, 24/7 victim assistance line at 866-343-8055 or by emailing [vac@aod.org](mailto:vac@aod.org). There are no time limits or restrictions on individuals wishing to report abuse. Every complaint shared with the Archdiocese of Detroit, regardless of its source or the date of the alleged activity, is reported to civil authorities. No complaints are held back, pre-screened or disregarded.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

August 14, 2022

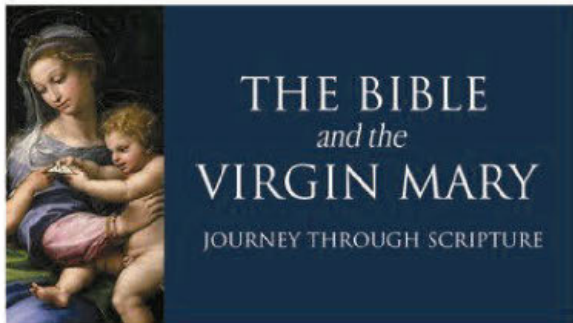
## WATCH THE WOMAN

In the Gospels we hear Jesus refer to his mother Mary as “Woman.” This reference should draw our attention to both Genesis and Revelation. But who is this “Woman,” and why is she so central to salvation history? This powerful film presents the Catholic teaching about Mary and her important role in the life of the Church today. On this Solemnity of the Assumption, let us ponder Mary’s role in our own lives!



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### THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY: EPISODE 11: THE ASSUMPTION

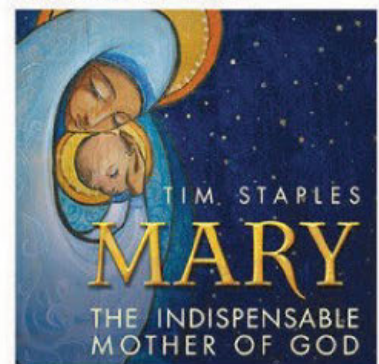


In this session of “The Bible and the Virgin,” we explore both the teaching of Mary’s Assumption and the identity of the mysterious woman in the book of Revelation. This episode also reveals how John’s apocalyptic visions are the dramatic fulfillment of the promise God made back in the Garden of Eden!

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### MARY: THE INDISPENSABLE MOTHER OF GOD BY TIM STAPLES

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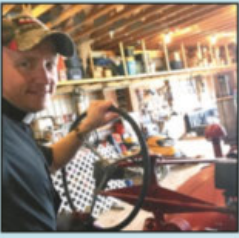


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## Tire Tracks in the d'Arc



**Coming Home—  
Part II:** Two weeks ago, I told you about Gretchen, who we were blessed to be able to baptize and bring into the Church at the almost 87 years

old. I referenced Jesus' parable in Matthew 20:1-16, the laborers waiting all day to be hired in the vineyard.

It's interesting as a priest that there are often times when everything is just kind of trundling along. There are, of course, many blessed moments in the day to day work when we are involved in sacramental service. But now and then, there are just times that multiple events will occur in a short space of time that really open your eyes to the power of God. And if they do that for me, I think it's appropriate to use them to give you that opportunity to witness the power too. That's why I like to tell you about these occasions. Such an occasion occurred again last week.

Last week I took a few days vacation, but I had no plans to go anywhere. I decided that on Wednesday, I was going to sand the old wooden fence that surrounds my back-yard (more on that project in a future column, I suspect). It was a really dirty job and, if you recall, Wednesday was a hot day, about 94 degrees. I always seem to pick these days to do outdoor work! I can't pretend I don't like it! I was finished sanding by maybe 3:30pm, so I showered-up and got a change of clothes. Storms were forecast for around 7pm so I wasn't going to get much further in my project, but I decided to go to the hardware store and buy the stain so that I'd have it ready whenever that day came. I was at Gilbert's at 5pm when Rachel called from our office. There was an emergency anointing call and Monsignor was not going to be able to get there for a few hours. When Rachel told me it was the husband of a lady I had been visiting near the parish, I was confused. "But her husband is not Catholic," I told Rachel. I said I could certainly go, but let's find out for sure what the family is asking for, so Rachel called his daughter back and then called me again. "So..... he was baptized last week!" Rachel said. "Well, that changes things!" I replied.

I was about to leave the hardware store and I don't really know why, maybe it was the impending storm, maybe it was laziness, maybe it was the Holy Spirit, but I just decided to call the daughter from the store. I was going to go home and change out of shorts and t-shirt, but for whatever reason, I called instead and said, "I can come right away, I'm actually just down at the end of

your street almost, but I'm not dressed as a priest! Is that okay with you?" I have never showed-up to someone's home to anoint someone dressed like that, but she told me that was not a concern. So I left directly from the store.

The man's wife greeted me at the door and we were talking briefly when their daughter appeared out of the bedroom and said, "Mom, I think it needs to be now." We went into the room where he was resting in bed. There was a number of family members present. His daughter told me he'd been having breathing apneas, which is usually an indication that the end is very close. I watched and saw him take a breath and immediately began the anointing. That was the last breath he took. His wife had been holding his hand throughout the anointing, and I'm not sure she even realized that she was smiling. Her daughter looked at her after we realized that he had died. She said to her mom, "Mom, you're joyful!" And I think with surprise at this realization, her mom replied, "I am! This is how I wanted it to be... at home." They told me that just an hour earlier, she had not been at all ready to let him go. It was both odd and beautiful to witness mom and daughter "high-five" over the body of their loved one who had just passed away within the last 2 minutes.

The couple had been married 71 years and she had cared for him the last 11 years of his life. She just wanted him to die at home, not in a care facility. He had never been baptized until six days prior to his death. They had visited with a Deacon friend of the family, who I also know and previously worked with, and the man had expressed the desire for baptism. His wife said that when she was younger she "had seen" Fr. Solanus Casey, but was too embarrassed to cross the street to meet him because she didn't consider herself appropriately dressed to meet him. I laughed because of the state of my attire that day! And she laughed too. As it transpired, Fr. Solanus' feast day was her husband's 95th birthday, just 3 days after he had been baptized. I reminded her that when they married, 71 years ago, their most important vocation was to bring each other to heaven. "Just look at what you did for your husband in the last week of his life!" I said. And as her daughter opened the window to let some air into the room, I said, "And shortly he's going to be storming heaven like thunder!" (of course, I could see the heavy skies outside and I knew the storm was closing in).

It was then that things got even more "odd and beautiful," as another daughter walked into the room holding a square, white cardboard box and announced, "I brought a cheesecake to celebrate the moment!" We

all laughed and I commended the family for their attitude and perspective of joy at the passing of a Christian in a state of grace.

It was certainly a blessed occasion, but I want to make a link to what Monsignor talked about recently in his column with regards to the anointing of the sick. As he mentioned a few weeks ago, the Vatican II document *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* indicated that "anointing of the sick" is the more proper name for what many people still refer to as "last rites" or "extreme unction." The sacrament is not only for those at the point of death. Sadly, I have been in the situation where families waited until the last moments of their loved one's life, after many months of sickness, before calling a priest. On more than one occasion I have not been able to reach them in time for them to receive the grace of this sacrament. The *immediate* availability of a priest is not always possible. Though the time between baptism and death was just a few days, this would have been the case last week too, had I gone home to change before attending the home. By the grace of God, it worked-out beautifully, but it should be a reminder to all that while, of course, the sacrament is effective even to the unconscious, administering it often gives great peace to one awake and aware that they are receiving it. It can be so beautiful to see someone able to participate in the prayer as they are anointed.

**The Assumption:** On Monday we celebrate Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven. Of Mary's role in our lives, Bishop Fulton Sheen, analogously writes: "God, Who made the sun, also made the moon. The moon does not take away from the brilliance of the sun. The moon would be only a burnt-out cinder floating in the immensity of space were it not for the sun. All its light is reflected from the sun. The Blessed Mother reflects her Divine Son; without Him, she is nothing. With Him, she is the Mother of Men. On dark nights we are grateful for the moon; when we see it shining, we know there must be a sun. So in this dark night of the world when men turn their backs on Him Who is the Light of the World, we look to Mary to guide their feet while we await the sunrise."

And of the Assumption, Sheen - writes: "There are two bodies in heaven, one the glorified human nature of Jesus, the other the assumed human nature of Mary. Love is the secret of the Ascension of one and of the Assumption of the other, for Love craves unity with its Beloved. The Son returns to the Father in the unity of Divine Nature; and Mary returns to Jesus in the unity of human nature." You are in my prayers this week.

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- There are many ways we need your support for this event!
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  - **There's a Spot for Volunteers!** Consider volunteering the night of the Gala. For more information, please contact Pam Graskewicz.

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**Pray for the Sick List:** Please note that we regularly clear the “Pray for the Sick List” because the list grows beyond our space allocation and we don’t always hear from people when they’ve gotten better. If you would like to add a person please call the Parish Center front desk at 586.777.3670 or send an email to our general inbox at [info@sjascs.org](mailto:info@sjascs.org).

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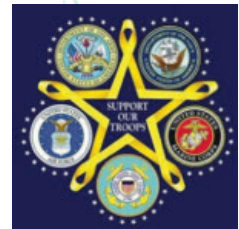
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# Bringing Home the Word

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)  
August 14, 2022

## We Are All Prophets

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Persecution is part of a prophet's life. Their strong messages are rarely met with open hearts even if conversion, rather than confrontation, is what the prophet seeks. Bartholomew, one of the Twelve Apostles, was preaching in India and Turkey in the first century and converted the Armenian king. But the king's brother had Bartholomew flayed alive. Jeremiah foretold the destruction of Jerusalem unless the people returned their hearts to the Lord. This call to conversion was considered demoralizing for those who wished to continue in

their self-centered ways. His words were even crushing the soldiers! Either Jeremiah was quite the preacher, the soldiers were guilty—or both!

The fire of the prophet's words is meant as a call to action for the soul caught up in lukewarm stagnation. They should be uncomfortable.

When more than 2,000 bishops reflected on the Church at Vatican II, they insisted that every baptized Christian has a prophetic mission. We're called to shake things up. The role of the prophet is to examine in prayerful observation the signs of the times, and to read into them calls to action. Prophets listen with one ear to the Lord and another to society in order to speak wisely to their contemporaries.

This call to preach whether convenient or inconvenient was experienced by Christ. The flame that burned in his bosom was a desire to turn hearts toward his Father. Jesus didn't back down from preaching out of fear of rejection of the truth. Neither should we.

***Prophets listen  
with one ear to the Lord  
and another to society  
in order to speak wisely  
to their contemporaries.***

### A Word from Pope Francis

Today too, the world needs to see *prophets* in the Lord's disciples, that is, people who are courageous and persevere in responding to the Christian vocation. People who follow the "drive" of the Holy Spirit, who sends them to proclaim hope and salvation to the poor and the excluded....

Angelus, February 3, 2019



## Sunday Readings

### Jeremiah 38:4-6; 8-10

"[Jeremiah] ought to be put to death. He is weakening the resolve of the soldiers...and of all the people, by saying such things to them."

### Hebrews 12:1-4

Consider how [Jesus] endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart.

### Luke 12:49-53

[Jesus said,] "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!"

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Are there ways I have become of the world and need to be more of the gospel?
- Am I willing to make a stand for righteousness, even if it makes me unpopular?



# Let There Be Peace on Earth

By Paige Byrne Shortal

The world changes, and it's changing faster all the time. My husband and I like to make note of the things we say today that would make no sense to people just fifty years ago. "I Googled it," for example. Or "You can read his blog on Facebook." Or my husband's favorite: "I can't find my phone."

Some time ago I read a note from my children's school that would have mystified my grandparents. It read, "We are asking you to provide a nonperishable snack to be stored in your child's homeroom in the event of a security lockdown." *Security lockdown?*

A few days later I was talking with some other moms. One remarked that her son is still terrified of the school fire drill (he hates noise), but he doesn't have any trouble with the lockdown drill. I must have looked confused, so she elaborated. When the principal announces "Code Red" over the PA system, the teacher dims the lights and locks the door while the kids hurry into the closet. In rooms without a closet, there is a designated hiding place where they can't be seen through the glass in the hall door. The teacher closes the window blinds and joins the huddled kids until the all-clear is sounded.

Maybe the world doesn't change nearly enough. Our elders endured their 9/11, which they called Pearl Harbor, followed by yet another War to End All Wars; their economic meltdown, which



they called the Crash, was followed by the Great Depression.

Today we prepare for terrorist attacks and send snacks for our children to eat in the closet. When I was in grade school, we practiced "duck and cover" drills in the event of nuclear war. I wasn't traumatized by those rehearsals because, as I realize now, the adults in charge did a good job of maintaining a sense of normalcy.

We're made for peace and goodwill, and if we can't have peace and goodwill, we at least try to keep our children innocent and untroubled, even if it means making a game out of the unthinkable and providing a snack for

the end of the world.

God promises to make all things new. Forecast in Isaiah, confirmed in the Book of Revelation, we are assured that God will wipe every tear from our eyes "and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain" (21:4). Until then, we must be as much like God as possible—feeding our little ones, creating peace, doing the best we can to make the world as it should be.

*If we can't have peace and goodwill, we at least try to keep our children innocent and untroubled....*



*Saving God, when the world is frightening, when we worry about those we love, help us to remember that you love them even more. We pray always in Jesus' name. Amen.*

The Redemptorists

## WEEKDAY READINGS

August 15–29

**Monday**, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

Rev 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab / 1 Cor 15:20–27 / Lk 1:39–56

**Tuesday**, Weekday:

Ez 28:1–10 / Mt 19:23–30

**Wednesday**, Weekday:

Ez 34:1–11 / Mt 20:1–16

**Thursday**, Weekday:

Ez 36:23–28 / Mt 22:1–14

**Friday**, Weekday:

Ez 37:1–14 / Mt 22:34–40

**Saturday**, St. Bernard:

Ez 43:1–7ab / Mt 23:1–12



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