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# ASSUMPTION GROTTTO NEWS

ASSUMPTION GROTTTO CHURCH

August 15, 2021



Our Lady of Lourdes  
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## A Vicarious Descant

“The most bountiful God, who is almighty, the plan of whose providence rests upon wisdom and love, tempers, in the secret purpose of his own mind, the sorrows of peoples and of individual men by means of joys that he interposes in their lives from time to time, in such a way that, under different conditions and in different ways, all things may work together unto good for those who love him.” These are the opening words of the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus* defining “ex cathedra” (from the chair of Peter) the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

One of the ways we know how early the Church devoted herself to honoring the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is by the processions that were held throughout various dioceses of the world. While the Church has honored our Lady’s Assumption since Apostolic times, it is the procession that took place in Rome that was of particular solemnity. It was a candlelight procession—just as we have done here at our parish for so many years and will again observe after this evening’s 7:00 PM holy Mass. And while the pope solemnly declared the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1950, it was a proclamation of what had always been believed but was now being questioned. When things that had never been questioned begin to be doubted, the Church responded with the light of truth through the Magisterial or “teaching” authority given her by our Lord Himself.

Pope Pius XII promulgated this apostolic constitution at a time when the world had

just emerged from World War II. This explains the very next paragraph of the proclamation which says, “2. Now, just like the present age, our pontificate is weighed down by ever so many cares, anxieties, and troubles, by reason of very severe calamities that have taken place and by reason of the fact that many have strayed away from truth and virtue. Nevertheless, we are greatly consoled to see that, while the Catholic faith is being professed publicly and vigorously, piety toward the Virgin Mother of God is flourishing and daily growing more fervent, and that almost everywhere on earth it is showing indications of a better and holier life.”

The Holy Father affirmed that the Church invites us to contemplate the mysteries of God more fully with each passing age, and among them, the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is particularly for our age. Considering the two apparitions of The Blessed Mother—one at Lourdes in 1858, and the second, less than 60 years later in Fatima, the Holy Father was moved to declare the dogma of the Assumption solemnly just before the 100th anniversary of the apparitions at Lourdes.

In *Munificentissimus Deus* he wrote, “Actually God, who from all eternity regards Mary with a most favorable and unique affection, has ‘when the fullness of time came’ put the plan of his providence into effect in such a way that all the privileges and prerogatives he had granted to her in his sovereign generosity were to shine forth in her in a kind of

perfect harmony. And, although the Church has always recognized this supreme generosity and the perfect harmony of graces and has daily studied them more and more throughout the course of the centuries, still it is in our own age that the privilege of the bodily Assumption into heaven of Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, has certainly shone forth more clearly. (3)

“That privilege has shone forth in new radiance since our predecessor of immortal memory, Pius IX, solemnly proclaimed the dogma of the loving Mother of God’s Immaculate Conception. These two privileges are most closely bound to one another. Christ overcame sin and death by his own death, and one who through Baptism has been born again in a supernatural way has conquered sin and death through the same Christ. Yet, according to the general rule, God does not will to grant to the just the full effect of the victory over death until the end of time has come. And so it is that the bodies of even the just are corrupted after death, and only on the last day will they be joined, each to its own glorious soul. (4)

“Now God has willed that the Blessed Virgin Mary should be exempted from this general rule. She, by an entirely unique privilege, completely overcame sin by her Immaculate Conception, and as a result she was not subject to the law of remaining in the corruption of the grave, and she did not have to wait until the end of time for the redemption of her body. (5)

“Thus, when it was solemnly proclaimed that Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, was from the very beginning free from the taint



**Monday, - August 16, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Michael and Rose Carrico (L)

**Tuesday, - August 17, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Poor Souls

**Wednesday, - August 18, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Louis and Dolores Garavaglia (D)

**Thursday August 19, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Melody Binkard

**Friday, - August 20, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Harold and Abby Rutila (L)

**Saturday, -August 21, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Faithful Departed in Grotto Cemetery

4:00 p.m. – Joseph and Sanara Bradley (L)

**Sunday, August 22, 2021**

**6:30 a.m.** – Private Intention

**9:30 a.m.** - People of the Parish

**12:00 p.m.** – Charles Cardines

**Holy Father’s Intention for August**

*The Church: Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel. (www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/the-popes-monthly-intention)*

**Prayer for Pope Francis**

*Almighty and everlasting God, have mercy upon Thy servant, Pope Francis, our Supreme Pontiff, and direct him, according to Thy loving kindness, in the way of eternal salvation; that, of Thy gift, he may ever desire that which is pleasing unto Thee and may accomplish it with all his might. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen. (recite 1 Our Father & 1 Hail Mary).*

**Mass Servers**

**Saturday, August 14, 2021**

**4:00 p.m.** D. Bastuba, J. Cline

**Sunday, August 15, 2021**

**6:30 a.m.** R. Jacek, M. Pomeroy.

**9:30 a.m.** K. Garavaglia, A. Santine, M. Grado, C. Bueche

**12:00 p.m.** M. Chambers, A. & W. Remski, G. Welsing, J. & D. Berch

**Readings for the week of 08-15-21**

**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 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

**Requiescat in Pace**

**Augustina “Augie” Anetrini**

**February 19, 1930– July 24, 2021**

Eternal rest grant unto her O lord

and let perpetual light shine upon

her. May her soul and the souls of

all the faithful departed, through

the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

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**SUNDAY MASSES:** Saturdays at 4:00; Sundays at 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), & Noon

**HOLY DAY MASSES:** 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), Noon & evening at 7:00 p.m.

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 2:30-3:30, Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

**BAPTISMS:** Every Saturday after the 4:00 p.m. Mass or Sunday after the Noon Mass. Arrange at the Rectory Office.

**BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** After the Noon Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

**REGISTRATION:** Visit the Rectory or call for a form to be sent out to you.

*“Who except God can give you peace? Has the world ever been able to satisfy the heart?” –St. Gerard Majella*

*“Lord, help me to live this day, quietly, easily. To lean upon Thy great strength, trustfully, restfully. To wait for the unfolding of Thy will, patiently, serenely. To meet others, peacefully, joyously. To face tomorrow, confidently, courageously.” -- St. Francis of Assisi*

of original sin, the minds of the faithful were filled with a stronger hope that the day might soon come when the dogma of the Virgin Mary's bodily Assumption into heaven would also be defined by the Church's supreme teaching authority. (6)

“Thus St. John Damascene, an outstanding herald of this traditional truth, spoke out with powerful eloquence when he compared the bodily Assumption of the loving Mother of God with her other prerogatives and privileges. ‘It was fitting that she, who had kept her virginity intact in childbirth, should keep her own body free from all corruption even after death. It was fitting that she, who had carried the Creator as a child at her breast, should dwell in the divine tabernacles. It was fitting that the spouse, whom the Father had taken to himself, should live in the divine mansions. It was fitting that she, who had seen her Son upon the cross and who had thereby received into her heart the sword of sorrow which she had escaped in the act of giving birth to him, should look upon him as he sits with the Father. It was fitting that God's Mother should possess what belongs to her Son, and that she should be honored by every creature as the Mother and as the handmaid of God.’” (21)

It had been intended by the Council Fathers at Vatican Council I to solemnly declare this dogma. However, war intervened and the Council was suspended before it had completed all but a few objectives. Among those few that were completed was the unanimous affirmation that the Holy Father retained the right to make declarations Ex cathedra “from the chair of St. Peter.” In a way, the Council did not finish its work, but it did dispel any doubts about their work being completed by the authority of the pope himself.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives us the most concise and complete explanation of the Assumption saying, “966 ‘Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life

was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death.’ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians:

May we rejoice greatly with the Church in this most solemn celebration of our Lady’s triumphal assumption into heaven. May it encourage us on our journey and bring us the blessings of God in time and eternity.

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**Thank you!**

Thank you to everyone who planned, set up, assisted, donated and, especially, joined us in prayer on our most solemn Feast Day. May the Blessed Virgin Mary surround us with her mantle of protection and may God bless our parish and grant a most merciful answer to each petition offered this day and every day.

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**Holy League**

Every 2nd Saturday, there is a monthly Holy Hour for men in the church at 6:30 a.m. as part of the Holy League. The Holy League was started by Raymond Cardinal Burke to bring a monthly Holy Hour for men to every parish. More info can be found at [www.holyleague.com](http://www.holyleague.com)

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**Altar Boy Training**

Any boy who has received his First Holy Communion is eligible to be an altar boy. The next monthly Altar Boy Training will be held next Saturday, **September 11** in the church from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. All altar boys are asked to attend.

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**Grotto St. Vincent de Paul Helpers**

Parishioners who are in need of help may contact Jeff Cline at 586-242-1959.

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**Seven Sisters Apostolate**

Our four groups renewed their prayer commitments of one Holy Hour a week for Archbishop Allen Vigneron, Fr. John Bustamante, Fr. Eduard Perrone and Fr. Aidan Logan on Friday, June 11th. After Mass the renewal of their prayer commitments for another year took place at the Grotto where we requested Our Lady's help to persevere in our commitments and placed the Archbishop and priests for whom we are praying into her protection. See the 2021 flyer on the side tables of the church for more information on our parish Seven Sisters Groups. We are in need of more women willing to commit an hour a week for one of our priests as a substitute or alternate. Please call and leave your name at the rectory if God is calling you to assist our priests. For more information see their website: <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/home>.

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**Pro-Life Volunteers Needed**

Image of God Catholic Pregnancy Centers is looking to train new volunteers to help with counseling and simple tasks in the boutique, office and classroom. Call Joe Monte at 313-331-4728

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**Fr. John A. Hardon S.J. 16 Week Marian Catechist Basic Catholic Catechism**

The program is designed for all families Home Educators or those in private/public school. To answer questions and discuss our class parameters two Intro meetings are scheduled for: **August 28 at 10 AM or 1:00 PM (TBA)**. We hope to begin home study class by late September, every other Saturday or one evening during the week. Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, has given permission for mature teens 16 yrs. and up in public or home school education to participate in this course. Parents are welcome to take the course with their teens. For any questions please call the rectory and leave your name if you plan to attend and you will be contacted with the time of the meeting for the date you select. See flyer on the side tables for more information.



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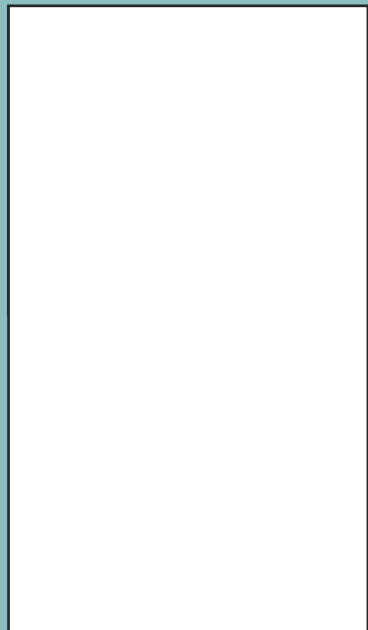
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