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Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am
Vigil Mass Saturday at 5:00 pm

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ♦ AUGUST 15, 2021

Let us fix our Gaze

– Fr. Bosco Padamattummal –

THE ASSUMPTION IS THE GREATEST SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY; it is the celebration of her solemn entrance into the glory of heaven. It is her eternal reward for the “Yes” she gave in response to God’s project of salvation and for collaborating consequently as a faithful disciple of Christ, her Son, until the end.

The word “assumption” comes from the Latin root “assumptio,” meaning “to be taken up.” St. Paul teaches that we will be “assumed” (taken up or caught up) into the clouds to meet Jesus at the last day (see 1Thes. 4:17). When we talk of the assumption of Mary, we refer to the belief that she was “taken up” by God to dwell with her beloved Son, Jesus Christ in heaven.

This gives value to the afterlife of those who believe in God and in His only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; a feast which reminds us that if we remain faithful to the end, we shall be “taken up” into the clouds to meet the Lord on the last day.

This becomes more meaningful when we consider the Pauline writing: “In fact, however, Christ has been raised from the dead, as the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. As it was by one man that death came, so through one man has come the resurrection of the dead. Just as all die in Adam, so in Christ all will be brought to life; but all of them in their proper order” (1 Cor 15:20-23). Here, we see the foundation of the grace of the Assumption of

our Lady precisely in the victory of Christ over death. Christ is the cause and model of our resurrection. Those who are born in Him through baptism, those who believe in Him and live in Him, will be resurrected with Him on the last day.



The doctrine of the Assumption of Mary is already prefigured in the book of Psalms: “Go up, Lord, to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your strength...” (Ps. 132:8). In this light, the Blessed Virgin Mary could be understood as the ARK of the Lord’s strength.

In the Old Testament, God made a covenant with the Israelites on Mt. Sinai through Moses. This is known as “The Law” contained in two Tablets of Stones.

This was usually kept in an Ark prepared for it (Ex 25:10-22); the Ark was the dwelling place of the Covenant, (that is, its tent).

Consequently, in the New Testament, we come to contemplate the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Ark of the New Covenant, for she was privileged to provide a fitting dwelling place for our Lord Jesus Christ, — *continued on p. 2*

St. Mary's Parish Weekly Calendar ❖ August 14-22, 2021
Mass Intention [requested by], & parish activities

SAT. AUGUST 14	<i>Memorial: St. Clare, Virgin</i>
Jos 24:14-29 • Mt 19:13-15	9am-3pm RUMMAGE SALE / PC 3:30-4:30pm Confession ➤ 5:00pm VIGIL MASS for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: † Ann Becktel [Deb & Dan Burch]
SUN. AUGUST 15	<i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56	8-8:15 and 10-10:15am Confession ➤ 8:30am MASS: † Tom Burch [Shirley Krzyzaniak & family] ➤ 10:30am MASS: For the People
MON. AUGUST 16	<i>Weekday (20th Week in Ordinary Time) (opt. mem. St. Saint Stephen of Hungary)</i>
Jgs 2:11-19 Mt 19:16-22	➤ No Monday Masses in Manchester during the summer months 7:00pm Evangelization Team mtg/FFH
TUES. AUGUST 17	<i>Weekday</i>
Jgs 6:11-24a Mt 19:23-30	➤ 8:30am MASS: † Ann Herrygers [DeeDee & Jim Sabakian]
WED. AUGUST 18	<i>Weekday</i>
Jgs 9:6-15 Mt 20:1-16	➤ 8:30am MASS: † Tom Burch [Kathy Hagerman]
THUR. AUGUST 19	<i>Weekday (opt. mem. St. John Eudes, Priest)</i>
Jgs 11:29-39a Mt 22:1-14	➤ 8:30am MASS: † Don Christian [Karen Christian]
FRI. AUGUST 20	<i>Memorial: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church</i>
Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 Mt 22:34-40	➤ 8:30am MASS: † Deborah Summers [Claudia Damian]
SAT. AUGUST 21	<i>Memorial: St. Pius X, Pope</i>
Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 Mt 23:1-12	3:30-4:30pm Confession ➤ 5:00pm VIGIL MASS for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: † Ann Becktel [Bill & Astrida Panches]
SUN. AUGUST 22	<i>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 Jn 6:60-69	8-8:15 and 10-10:15am Confession ➤ 8:30am MASS: † Tom Kladzyk [The Selecki Family] ➤ 10:30am MASS: For the People ■

FR. BOSCO'S ARTICLE FROM PAGE 1, continued:
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the New Covenant, in her womb, the Ark. Jesus Christ is the New Covenant at its core. He embodies everything the New Covenant is. At the Last Supper, we hear Him saying: "This is the Cup of my blood, the blood of the NEW and EVERLASTING COVENANT..." (Mt. 26:27-28).

Being the Ark of the New Covenant, the Blessed Virgin Mary has some similarities with the Ark of the Old Covenant containing the Law written on Tablets of Stones. When the angel Gabriel was sent by God to the Blessed Virgin Mary, he said, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will 'overshadow' you," that is cover you with its shadow (Luke 1:35). The verb "to cover" or "to overshadow" and the metaphor of a cloud are used in the Bible to represent the presence of glory of God.

Similarly, when the Ark of the Old Covenant was completed, the cloud of the Lord covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle (Ex 40:34-35). Also, when David received the Ark of the Old Covenant, he danced for joy in the presence of the Ark; he said: "How can the Ark of God come to me?" He also left it in the hill country of Judaea for 3 months (1Sam 6:1-2; 2Sam 6:9-14).

Similarly, in the gospel when Elizabeth received Mary (the Ark of the New Covenant), she was filled with the Holy Spirit, and the baby in her womb danced/leapt for joy. She exclaimed: "Blessed are thou among women... Why is it granted to me that the Mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Luke 1:42-43). This is similar to the statement of David as stated above; and Mary stayed with Elizabeth for three months in the hill country of Judea, the same case with the Old Testament Ark as stated above.

In honoring His beloved and precious Ark, after His Ascension into heaven, our Lord Jesus Christ, judged it worthy that His Blessed Mother be assumed (taken up) body and soul into heaven. That is why the book of Psalms makes the allusion "Go up, Lord, to the place of your rest, you and the Ark of your strength..." (Ps. 132:8). She received the crown of "unfading glory" when she assumed into heaven.

Dear brothers and sisters, today's feast is not just for the Blessed Virgin Mary alone. First of all, it glorifies Christ, the author of our salvation, because, in Mary's Assumption the victory over death is revealed, which Jesus has already conquered.

Secondly, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a precious anticipation of our resurrection and is based on the Resurrection of Christ, which will transform our corruptible body, making it similar to Christ's glorious body.

Today's Solemnity fills us with confidence and illumines our hope. Saint Josemaria Escrivá teaches: "We are still pilgrims, but our Mother has preceded us and already, indicating the end of the road: she encourages us that it is possible to get there and that we will get there if we are faithful because the Blessed Virgin is not just our example: she is the Help of Christians."

Let us, therefore, fix our gaze on Mary, already assumed into heaven! She is the certainty and proof that her children will one day have their bodies glorified with the glorious Christ. †

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Talk on Saint Joseph at the Pious Union of St. Joseph in Grass Lake
This Sunday, Aug. 15 at 6pm. Info at
PiousUnionOfStJoseph.org

Birthday Blessings!

AUGUST 17
Jolene Line
Hannah McFarland

Altar Flowers

AUGUST 15, 2021

In memory of
+ Klara, sister & friend

[Inge Roncoli]

Pray Our Lady's Rosary daily!

RSVP by 8/22 for the Appreciation Dinner • Wed., Aug. 25 • 6:00pm at the Parish Center

The "Real Presence" Sessions For Those Who Can't Attend



If you can't attend in-person, all of the videos and handouts will be available with a few clicks of a mouse or taps on your smartphone screen. You can learn at your own pace whenever you choose. The online sessions will be accessible for at least a year.

The Bible and 2000yrs of Catholic tradition claim the Eucharist is REALLY AND SUBSTANTIALLY JESUS. Be eager to learn the whole story — and why it's critically important.

In-person sessions are scheduled on **Mondays after noon Mass (12:45pm)** and **repeated on Thursdays at 6:30pm**. All meetings will be in the church basement (FFH). The first sessions will be **Mon., Sept 13** and **Thurs., Sept 16** (the 6-session series will end Oct 18 and 21). Snacks and drinks will be available. Please contact the parish if you plan to attend in-person -OR- fill out a card in the pews. This will help with planning food.

Catechism Teachers sought

Sarah Cencer, the parish Director of Religious Education, is looking for two volunteers to assist with teaching religious education classes on Mondays from September to May for grades 1-2 and 3-4. Please contact Sarah at stmarymanchester.dre@gmail.com





The SANCTUARY LAMPS are burning this week for the following intentions:
PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK...

- 1) In memory of +Tom Burch (Shirley Krzyzaniak & Family)
- 2) +Leon Ball (Shirley Krzyzaniak)



Please Pray for...

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Gibbons • Luise Kienzle • Adamo Venditti • Paul Marion • Mikaylah Duffield • Dallas Bradbury • Susie (from the Flower Garden) • Larry Lehmann • Pam Wils • Colleen Whitten • Kristy Raab • Bill Schaffer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kay Lantis • Christy Woody and family • Barbara (Kemner) Haas • Jerry Kripas • Delores Oakley • Joe Kirk • Bruce Sommers • Joyce Stein • Loretta Widmayer • Connie Stancato • Duane Beuerle • Annie (sister of Lynn Waldecker)
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...and for the repose of the soul of
†Leonard Van Bogelen
and for his grieving loved ones.

Please contact the Parish Office (734-428-8811) to request prayers or to remove a name from the prayer list.



St. Mary Roman Catholic Church Stewardship

WEEKLY COLLECTION
Sunday, August 1, 2021

Sunday Env (56)	\$ 5,506.02
Welcome & Loose	230.60
E-Giving (7)	554.83
Assumption of BVM (1)	10.00
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Budget goal:	5,300.00
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<i>OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:</i>	
Bldg. & Maint (12)	\$ 565.00
Poor Box	29.00
Votive candles	111.00

An Invitation from the Diocese:
Realign Resources for Mission Regional Meetings
Sunday, August 29, 2021 • 6:30pm to 8:30pm

The Realign Resources for Mission committee invites the lay faithful of the diocese to join them on the evening of **Sunday, August 29, 2021** when they will present the proposed drafts of parish groupings across the Diocese of Lansing.

There will be a virtual Zoom option available to watch all the main presentations [more details to come], but only those who attend in person will be able to participate in the live Q&A. All participants, in-person and online, will have a survey available to give feedback.

Locations: Father Gabriel Richard High School, Ann Arbor; Powers Catholic High School, Flint; Lumen Christi High School, Jackson; and Lansing Catholic High School, Lansing. All are very welcome.

And our own Bill Kwolek, who has been working on the RRM planning process for our parish, provides this further detail:

The Diocese of Lansing RRM (Realign Resources for Mission) Committee has tentatively proposed parish groupings that will be further refined before being announced to us (the laity) at the **Sun., Aug. 29** in-person regional meetings [described above]. St. Mary's parishioners will have the opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

Our parish is tentatively planned to be grouped with 2 or 3 other parishes. As it stands now, the RRM Committee identified St. Andrew in Saline as a strong possibility for grouping with us. This is not set in stone, but our parish is NOT likely to be grouped with St. Mary in Chelsea.

A group of parishes is technically designated "In Solidum" (in solidarity, with each other). This is NOT the same as a merger of two or more parishes. According to Canon Law, parishes that are not merged remain financially distinct. In other words, our offertory collections and savings will continue to belong to us. We won't be bailing out another parish in financial difficulty.

Grouped parishes will retain their own Finance Councils, but will share priests, staff, and ministries in ways yet to be determined. **St. Mary Manchester will not be closed or merged.**

Anyone interested in the latest details about the Realignment can link to the Diocesan website: dioceseoflansing.org/RRM. Anyone interested in the "Changes That WILL Happen" [RRM Committee's words] to our parish is encouraged to visit the Diocesan link.

NEED HELP? ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTION:
Call (800) 57WOMAN (800-579-6626) – OR – Text for Help: "HELPLINE" to 313131

Need Help? PROJECT RACHEL (post-abortion reconciliation and healing) Call the confidential phone line: 517-993-0291, or email nlc@resurrectionlansing.org

NEED HELP? "COURAGE" is a Catholic spiritual support group for those struggling with same sex attraction. "ENCOURAGE" is a separate support group for families & friends. For info in the Diocese of Lansing, call 517-342-2596 or email caverart@comcast.net

NEED HELP? An "AA" group meets Fridays at 7:00pm at Emanuel Church, 324 W Main St. (next door to St Mary's)



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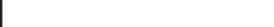
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