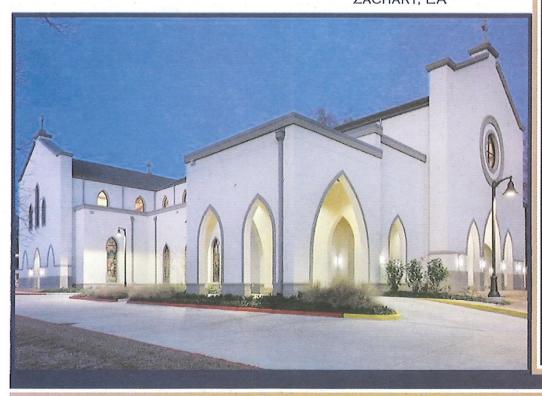


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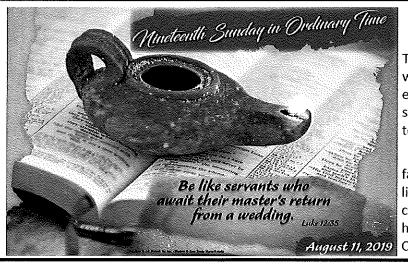
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FAITH AND HOPE

Faith and hope are closely united in today's readings. The Israelites knew when the Passover was coming, and so were not in fear, but had faith and courage, "putting into effect with one accord the divine institution." In this we can see a foretelling of the Eucharist that we celebrate according to Christ's command, "Do this in memory of me."

We see that Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, and Jacob died in faith, although they did not see fulfillment of the promise. We live in hope that our faith will be fulfilled every time we celebrate this sacrament. We too are not to be afraid, but to have hope that our faith will be fulfilled in the coming of Christ.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Monday:

Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12;

Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7,

9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;

Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24;

Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Sunday:

Lk 12:49-53

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal Tuesday: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus

Wednesday: St. Maximilian Kolbe

Thursday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday: St. Stephen of Hungary Saturday: **Blessed Virgin Mary**

SANCTUARY LIGHT: AUGUST 10—AUGUST 16

The Sanctuary Light at St. John will burn in memory of Mark Rioux.

The Adoration Chapel will burn in memory of Rusty Hagan. The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn in

memory of Aubrey Little.

Our Communities of Faith extend our In Sympathy sympathy and prayerful support for the family of Tommy Rabalais, brother of Connie Tillman. May the Lord grant comfort and peace to his family and may he and all who sleep in Christ, find in His presencelight, happiness and peace.

Welcome New to our parish:

Wes and Brandi Malmberg and their children: Canaan, Weston, Annalee & Levi in Zachary; and Ryan & Geneva Rabalais in Slaughter

Are You Talking to Me?

In today's Gospel Jesus talks about being prepared, using the parable of the servants waiting for their master's return from a wedding. Parables usually have a surprise twist and this one is no exception. Jesus pictures the master coming back at a late hour and finding the servants ready for him. The master is so pleased that he begins to wait on the servants—he serves them a meal. (I can almost hear the disciples saying, "No way!")

Peter is a man who is not afraid to speak up or ask a question. That may be one of the reasons Jesus made him the head of the apostles. Perhaps Peter was thinking, "Surely we will be prepared when Jesus comes again. He must be talking about the rest of the people." When he asks Jesus whom the parable is meant for, Jesus ignores him! At least it seems that way at first. Jesus expands on the theme of readiness by describing the servant who took advantage of the master's absence—he will be punished severely. To answer Peter's question, Jesus warns that the servant who knew his duties would be punished more than one who was ignorant of those expectations. Peter and the disciples should have seen themselves as the servants who knew what was expected.

That warning is one for us to hear also. We may look down on non-Christians or wonder if they will get to heaven. But the Lord doesn't expect as much from those who don't know God. Instead of judging them, we would be better off looking at ourselves. Am I serious about my faith, serious enough to show it in my actions? Has my good example ever brought a non-believer to the Church? If I can see Jesus in someone who doesn't know the Lord, the respect I show that person could draw them to believe.

There are examples of this even in your own parish. If you have been in the parish for many years, you could be expected to notice a newcomer more readily. How do you welcome them? Do you get so comfortable with your friends that you don't think about reaching out to a visitor? I think Jesus would expect those of us who feel at home in our church to make an effort to bring new members into our circle. "So how much does Jesus expect of me?" The answer could be in how well you know Jesus.

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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15th Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule



Our Lady

Tuesday, August 13 NO MASS

Wednesday, August 14: 6:30pm Vigil Mass

St. John

Wednesday, August 14: NO MASS

Thursday, August 15: 7:30am Mass

6:30pm Mass

The Story of the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "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 to heavenly glory." The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names—Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption—from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's Assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her Assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory.

Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.



Reflection

In the light of the Assumption of Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat (Luke 1:46–55) with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her savior. God has done marvels to her and she leads others to recognize God's holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply reverenced her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness.

https://www.franciscanmedia.org/solemnity-of-the-assumption-of-mary



Register now for the 2019-2020 school year. You can register online at www.sjb-ola.org or in the Religious Ed Office: Mon-Wed (8am-4pm).

> Opening Mass at SJB is Sunday, September 8th at 11:00am

Opening Mass and first class at OLA is Sunday, September 15th.

Preaux Life Presentation

The Pro Life Presentation has been rescheduled to Saturday, August 24th.

We will have an informative and encouraging presentation called Pro-Life Basics on August 24th at 9:30am in the parish hall. Clelie and Charles Carpenter, veterans of pro-life efforts in our area, will provide facts about abortion and the abortion industry, how to respond to pro-choice arguments, and how to become more involved in supporting the pro-life cause.

Lite refreshments will be provided.

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R.C.I.A. at St. John the Baptist begins on Thursday, August 29th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall

Thinking of joining the Roman Catholic Church? The Catholic RCIA stages are a good model of basic faith development Many adults entering the Catholic Church, or those just thinking about it, follow a process known as the RCIA – the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

The RCIA process has several distinct stages. These Catholic RCIA stages are a good model of faith development.

- Inquiry: the initial period before you decide to enter the Catholic Church. You're asking questions and checking it out, but aren't yet ready to commit.
- Catechumenate: those who decide to enter the Church and are being trained for a life in Christ are called *catechumens*, an ancient name from the early Church. In this stage, you're developing your faith and are being "catechized" learning catechism, or the basic points about Catholic faith and life.
- **Purification and preparation**: The Church will help you focus and intensify your faith as you prepare to commit your life to Christ and be received into the Church at Easter. If you're following the RCIA process, you'll go through a beautiful series of Gospel-based meditations during Lent, which is the time frame of this period.
- Initiation itself, the culmination of the whole process! You're received into the Church during the Easter Vigil Mass, where you'll receive the sacraments of initiation: baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist. (If you've already been baptized, you won't be baptized again.)

Anyone interested in joining the faith or any Catholics wanting to renew their faith are invited to join R.C.I.A.

Meetings are on most Thursdays at 7:00pm in the parish hall from August 29, 2019—February 20, 2020, then on Sundays during 11:00am Mass from March 8, 2020—April 5, 2020.

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 11

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-9:00 am: Mass

-10:00 am: FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Tuesday, August 13

-NO Mass**

Wednesday, August 14

-5:30 pm: "The Wild Goose" Faith Formation -6:00 pm: Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion

-6:15 pm: Reconciliation

-6:30 pm: Mass for the Solemnity of Mary's Assumption

Sunday, August 18

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-9:00 am: Mass

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 11

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

-6:30 am: Knights of Columbus Rosary -7:00 am: Mass / Qtr Breakfast by K of C

-11:00 am: Mass Monday, August 12

-10:00 am: Bible Study -6:00 pm: Prayer Group

-6:30 pm: Scouts **Tuesday, August 13** -9:00 am: Dusters

-4:00 pm: Homeless Shelter-5:00 pm: Adult Choir-7:30 pm: A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, August 14 -NO Mass **

-6:30 pm: Men's Club Thursday, August 15

Solemnity of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Office Closed) -7:30 am: Mass -6:30 pm: Mass Friday, August 16

OUR LADY

-7:30 pm: Mass / Divine Mercy / Coffee & Biscuits

-7:30 pm: N.A. Meeting Saturday, August 17
-3:30 pm: Reconciliation

-4:30 pm: Mass Sunday, August 18

Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

-7:00 am: Mass / Coffee

-11:00 am: Mass

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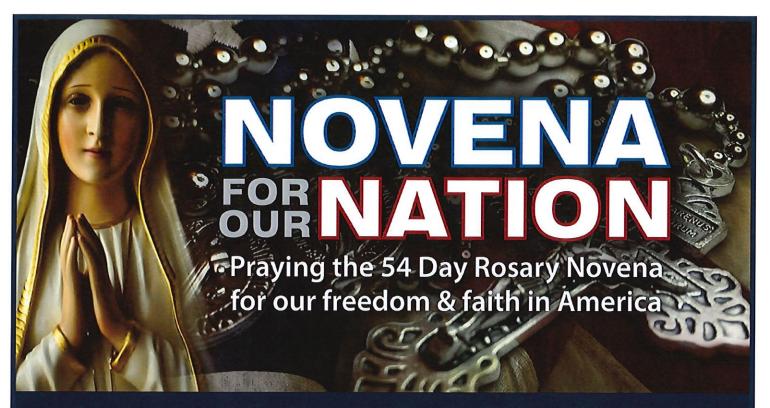
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Jeremiah 18:8

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Sept. 17th - 18th: 2:00pm-9:00pm

Oct. 1st - 4th: 2:00pm-9:00pm

Oct. 5th: 10:00am - 5:00pm

DATES at Our Lady

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