

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*"My soul proclaims
the greatness of
the Lord; my
spirit rejoices in
God my savior."*

Luke 1:46-47



The Assumption
of the Virgin by
Giovanni Battista Salvi
da Sassoferrato
17th Century

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CELEBRATION OF MASS:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 P.M.

Sunday: 10:00 A.M.

Weekdays: 5:00 P.M. Tuesday

8:30 A.M. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00 to 4:00 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the last Sunday of the month at the 10:00 A.M. Mass. Parents must be registered, participating members in the Parish for at least six months and have attended an instructional class held on the first Sunday of the month at 1:00 P.M. To pre-register for this class, please call the Parish Office at 883-2883.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Diocesan Guidelines require initial interview with the Priest to be held at least six months prior to the wedding. One must be a registered, participating member of the Parish at least one year prior to the wedding or registered with your family of origin.



St. Mary & St. Therese Church, Orange OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

We invite to our OCIA program those who:

- Are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and have been thinking about becoming a Catholic
- Are married to a Catholic and want to learn more about their spouse's faith
- Were baptized Catholic but received no further instruction or Sacraments (Holy Communion and Confirmation)

Want to learn more about the teachings of the Catholic Church

The OCIA process occurs all year long, though there are a series of classes intended to introduce the basic concepts of the faith in a logical progression in a group setting so that inquirers may journey together in fellowship with others. These routine meetings will occur weekly on **Wednesdays from 6:30 – 7:30 pm**. If you or someone you know would like more information on the OCIA program, please contact the Parish office at **St. Mary (409) 883-2883 & St. Therese (409) 883-3783** or email at: **pastor@stmaryorange.org**. You may also directly contact either one of our deacons or the OCIA Director: Tiffany Sterling at **tiffanynsmith@gmail.com**.

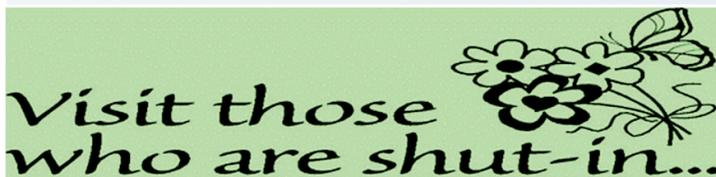
OCIA classes will begin on Wednesday, September 3, 2025

GOOD NEWS

When the British colonized India, they brought with them the game of golf. A worse hazard than sand traps turned out to be monkeys. Wherever the ball landed, a monkey would run onto the fairway, pick it up, and drop it somewhere else—from the fairway into the rough, out of a sand trap onto the green, from the green back onto the fairway. The Brits tried everything to keep the monkeys off the course—fences, sirens, booming noises. Nothing worked. In the end, they ended up changing the rule book: play the ball where the monkey drops it.

The scriptures today tell of people who lived with an openness to wherever it was that God would take them. They played the ball wherever the monkey dropped it. It is the story of the Hebrews enslaved in Egypt when they were about to be led out into a God-knew-where desert. It is the story of aged Abraham and Sarah, called to travel to an alien land and then into parenthood in their old age. Faith is not trusting that God will always take us to where we want to be; it is trusting that wherever it is that God takes us will ultimately bring us into fuller life. So, watch and be ready to recognize the coming of God. It may be in times of darkness for you (as when the master comes late at night, says Luke's Gospel) or when you find yourself in an "alien land," a place in life you've never been before.

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS



DEAR PADRE

Where did the Virgin Mary spend her last days on earth? Ephesus or Jerusalem?

Shortly before Jesus died on the cross, he entrusted his widowed mother to the protective care of John the Evangelist. (See John 19:26–27.) Accordingly, when John lived his final years in Ephesus, it is believed that Mary also spent her last days nearby in a modest stone dwelling, before being assumed body and soul into heaven "to be preserved from the corruption of the tomb" (Pope Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus*, 1950). Moreover, it is likely in Ephesus (present-day Turkey) where the tradition of Mary's Assumption started.

Pope Benedict XIV (1740–1758) declared Ephesus was "where the Blessed Mother...proceeded from this life into heaven." More recent popes, such as Paul VI in 1967 and John Paul II in 1979, prayed in this venerable home, known as Mother Mary's House.

However, close to Gethsemane in Jerusalem is the Basilica of the Tomb of Mary from the fifth century. It is built around an ancient crypt where Mary's body was believed to have been laid before it was assumed into heaven.

While both Ephesus and Jerusalem claim to be the location where the Virgin Mary spent her last years on earth, experts contend the latter is the older tradition and the more credible place. Even if Mary temporarily left Jerusalem, it is probable she returned to the land of her birth and resided there at the end of her earthly life. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 9, 4:30 p.m.
+Yvonne Guidry

Sunday, August 10, 10:00 a.m.
St. Mary Parish Family

Tuesday, August 12, 5:00 p.m.
Devotional to Our Lady of Perpetual help after Service
+Ralph Richardson

Wednesday, August 13, 8:30 a.m.
+Jerry Babovec

Thursday, August 14, 8:30 a.m.
+Walter & Frances Delcombre

Friday, August 15, 8:30 a.m.
(Holy Hour 7:30 —8:30 a.m.)
Anniversary of Angie & Bruce Smith

Friday, August 15, 6:30 p.m.
+Burnell Waguespack

Saturday, August 16, 4:30 p.m.
+Earl Droddy

Sunday, August 17, 10:00 a.m.
St. Mary Parish Family

August 15th is a Holy of Obligation

Intention Mass with Bishop David Toups

Join us for our intention Mass as we prayerfully lift up the spiritual needs of Southeast Texas, with special intentions for the victims of the recent floods. St. Antony Cathedral Basilica, Beaumont on **Thursday August 14, at 6:00 p.m.** Reception to follow in the Cathedral Center. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. RSVP 409-924-4327
steward@dioceseofbmt.org

ST. MARY

August 2—3

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August 9—10
Altar Flowers

Blessed Mother
In Memory of Yvonne Guidry

August 10—16
Church Sanctuary Candle
Nell Slaughter

Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 10, 2025

Sunday **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40

Monday **Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin**
Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15 19-20; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17, Mt 18:15-20

Thursday **Memorial of Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr**
Jos 3: 7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
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, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

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



PRAYING FOR THE SICK.....

It is our responsibility in the Lord to remember the sick who are especially close to the Redeemer in their suffering. In the listing below you will find the names of those who have requested our prayerful intercession.

Beth Ann Clark, Shirley Goss, Lyndia Patronella, Kathy Fuqua, Denese Bass, Robert Marroquin, Michael Anderson, Marie Cormier, David Waller, Joan Gunn, Charissa Broussard, Rita Bourliea, Vivian DeJohn, D. Thomas Abshire, Jr., Steven Campbell, Jennifer Hinson, Joshua Bergeron, Pat Seay, Michael Savigano, Lisa Hamerly, Susan Morris, Jim Jones, Carolyn Smith, Brian McCall, Tammy Norwood, Aimee Tait, Lisa Pitre, Marie Theresa Adames, George Mason, "Tacky" Stringer, Evelyn Giarratano, Joel Rivera, Camilo Molins, Milton Westbrook, Lynne Theriot, Wayne Lofton, Karen Ball, David Lester, Walter & Yvonne Trahan, Debra Harrington, Mandy McDaniel, Brenda Hill, Bonnie Buford, Angela Dean, Janie Bauman, Felix Anderson, Mary Carolyn James, Letitia Calderon, Jeanette Bursleson, Faye Richard, Cheryl Boyd Simar, Doris Toups, DeAnn Lumpkin, Glenn McGuire, Kayden James, Rocky Breaux, Lydia Wolfford, Kim Berlinger, Brenda Lanclose, Troy Dore, Jack Spears, Kathleen Ramirez, Claire Howard, J.C. Russo, Paul Vandermaas, Jr., Joyce Broussard, Patty Stout, Sharon Fontenot, Donna Richard, Lillie Bourge **May they be touched by the healing hand of the Divine Physician, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and restored to the full and active life of our Church community and their families. (If you or someone you know should be included in our prayers, please contact the Parish Office).**



Please Pray for Service Men & Women

Garrett Jackson, Chris Rose, Kaden Baugh, John Lucky LeGault, Sheldon Becker, Bo McDaniel, Samantha McNamara, Taylor Doucet, Michael A. Peveto, Michael & Brooke Chalambaga, Troy Thomasee, John Ardoin III, Charles Moody, William Travis Johnson, Charlee Thousand, Greg Lewis, James Dupre, Richard Powell, Brian Stancoven, Austin Chesson, Colis Dunham, Joseph Brown, & Nicholas Perez, Alec Doolittle, Nathan Hughes, Devin Waller, Colby Hughes

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