

Our Lady of Victories Church

(serving Harrington Park, River Vale and the Pascack/Northern Valley)

150 Harriot Avenue, Harrington Park, New Jersey

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WELCOME

Sunday, May 15, 2022 A.D.

To the Parish Family of
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES

(The Little Church with the **BIG** Heart)

Parish Office 201-768-1706

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SPECIAL MASSES OR DEVOTIONS:

First Friday: 7:00pm, Mass of Sacred Heart & Devotions

First Saturday: 8:00am, Mass of Immaculate Heart of Mary

First Saturday: 12:00pm, Mass for Souls in Purgatory

Novenas prayed after 8:00 a.m. Mass:

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal: Monday

St. Anthony: Tuesday

St. Joseph: Wednesday

St. Jude: Thursday

Infant of Prague: 25th of the month

St. Peregrine: First Friday of the Month

Rosary: Recited M - Sat after 8:00am & after 12:00 Noon Mass

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:

Mon.-Sat.: 7:30-7:50am. Saturday: 11:00-11:50am; 3:00-3:45pm

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

To register for Baptismal preparation and Baptism, call the rectory.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Call the Religious Ed Office for requirements/class schedule.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Please call the rectory for an appointment.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK/LAST RITES:

Sick calls at any time in emergency.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS AND VOCATIONS:

Anyone contemplating a vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life should contact the Vocations Office at 973.497.4365.

Every Wednesday in May after the 8AM and 12 Noon Masses, we will make a special tribute to Our Lady before her image **outside reciting the Holy Rosary. Let us witness to all passers-by that it is HER month and that we are HER's.**



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Fr. Wojciech's Corner

Congratulations to our **35 First Holy Communicants**, who received for the first time the Sacrament of Eucharistic Lord in their lives. May it be the first of many frequent communions with our Lord.

28 young candidates will receive the Holy Spirit in the **Sacrament of Confirmation** this coming Thursday. His Excellency, our regional bishop Michael A. Saporito will confer this Sacrament on 28 of our young parishioners. We pray for them that the 7 gifts they receive may bring abundant fruits in their lives and the lives of their families.

Today is the **final CCD Mass of this year**. Yes, the year has gone so fast. I thank Mrs. Evanella and Mrs. Coulter for great work during this past year and to all the teachers and their assistants who volunteered to form our students in the Catholic faith.

Please remember to continue to attend Sunday Mass here or wherever you are. You can visit Masstimes.org. We never take vacations from the Lord, as He never takes vacations from us. He always waits for us.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The Archdiocese of Newark has moved permanently the Solemnity of Ascension to Sunday. We will be celebrating it on May 29 this year. That includes the Latin Mass.

**Walk with your feet on earth,
But in your heart be in heaven.**

-St. John Bosco

"Love one another as I have loved you"

Agape in Greek is the highest form of love to the point of giving one's life
John 13:34 Today's Gospel

EASTER DUTY

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty), that is the obligation of receiving the Eucharist for Easter extends to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 12. No one conscious of committing a serious or mortal sin should receive Holy Communion until they have first gone to the Sacrament of Reconciliation a.k.a. Confession.

2022 Annual Appeal

Please prayerfully consider donating to the 2022 Annual Appeal. To date, OLV pledges total \$50,275 toward our \$58,174 goal. (*Stretch goal is \$65,143 - if we make stretch goal OLV receives rebate*). Visit olvhp.org and click on 2022 Annual Appeal for info.

**God Bless
Our 2022
Confirmation
Class.**

What is peace? What is this peace that Christ gives and that we pray upon one another? The peace that He gives, which is not like that which the world gives? There is a story told about peace that may help answer that question.

"It seems that one day an artist was commissioned by a wealthy man to paint something that would depict peace. After a great deal of thought, the artist painted a beautiful country scene. There were green fields with cows standing in them, birds were flying in the blue sky and a lovely little village lay in a distant valley. The artist gave the picture to the man, but there was a look of disappointment on the patron's face. The man said to the artist, "This isn't a picture of true peace. It isn't right. Go back and try again."

The artist went back to his studio, thought for several hours about peace, then went to his canvas and began to paint. When he was finished, there on the canvas was a beautiful picture of a mother, holding a sleeping baby in her arms, smiling lovingly at the child. He thought, surely, this is true peace, and hurried to give the picture to the wealthy man. But again, the wealthy man refused the painting and asked the painter to try again.

The artist returned again to his studio. He was discouraged, he was tired and he was disappointed. Anger swelled inside him; he felt the rejection of this wealthy man. Again, he thought; he even prayed for inspiration to paint a picture of true peace. Then, all of a sudden an idea came, he rushed to the canvas and began to paint as he had never painted before. When he finished, he hurried to the wealthy man.

He gave the painting to the man. He studied it carefully for several minutes. The artist held his breath. Then the wealthy man said, "Now this is a picture of true peace." He accepted the painting, paid the artist and everyone was happy.

And what was this picture of true peace?? The picture showed a stormy sea pounding against a cliff. The artist had captured the fury of the wind as it whipped black rain clouds which were laced with streaks of lightening. The sea was roaring in turmoil, waves churning, the dark sky filled with the power of the furious thunderstorm. And in the middle of the picture, under a cliff, the artist had painted a small bird, safe and dry in her nest snuggled safely in the rocks. The bird was at peace amidst the storm that raged about her."

"If you want to make peace, you don't talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies." - *Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

2022 Catechism Lectures-with Fr. John A. Perricone
May 18, Jun 1, 15 & 29 7PM -9PM

DRAW A REVERENT A WEARNESS

People generally have no real problem wearing proper clothing when entering places that demand such attire. Would you ever consider attending a formal dinner or a wedding dressed in a tee-shirt and shorts, or a tank top and swimming trunks? Why be rebellious in God's house? Yes, it is God's HOUSE, not the shore. Please keep it in mind, especially now in the summer months. Let us be an inspiration for others rather than a distraction. We evangelize also by the way we dress.

"Because our joy in Heaven has God for its Source, it will be everlasting in duration and insatiable in capacity. It will always be fresh because there will always be something new to be joyful about." — **Mother Angelica** from *God, His Home, and His Angels*

Pray for Those in the Military

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Captain Ben Clemente
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Specialist Peter Dipolito
Major Michael Franson
Sergeant First Class Charles Greene
Private First Class Sean Keohane
Captain Shawn Linn
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1st Lieutenant Joseph W. Niece
US Air Force
Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn

US Marine Corps.

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Sergeant Matthew Brady
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo
Private Mark Fredrick
Lance Corporal Thomas lafrate
Captain Stephen Ikalowych
2nd Lieutenant J.P. Maher
Private Cody McGrath
US Navy
Lt. Commander Julia Cheringal
Lieutenant Jonathan Clemente
Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger
Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger
Airman Cody Massa

Prayer for the Safety of Soldiers

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in You will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of Your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of Your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise You for Your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Pray for Our Sick

Please *Pray in the name of JESUS*, the Healer, that the *sick of the Parish* may be restored to health and all those who *assist and care* for the sick will be given the *strength* to continue *God's Will*: baby Cordelia, baby Emmet Fischer, baby James Amicucci, baby Jonathan, baby Joseph, little boy Antonio, Michael Andre, Michael Baruch, Phyllis Bloomer, Richard Bolton, Robert Brawley, Paul Brennan, Dominic Carini, Sal Cenicola, Kevin Columbo, Paul Corbett, Marie D'Ascenzo, Maryann Dean, Lorraine Degerdon, Roseann Dennehy, Vincent DePaola, Marge Devitt, Carl Falasca, Michael Fallon, Dan Filippone, Jeremy Fillis, Christine Flatt, Mary Foley, Ken Grier, Amy Hartwell, Dianne Kaiser, Gerald Kasper, Peter Kellar, Pat Kissane, Joseph Kock, Mary Lowe, Robert Mayer, James McGarry, Michael McMahon, Ann Millar, Gianna Moscatello, Rose Marie Myers, Natalie Niebergall, John Pal, Tom Paskewich, Joan Phalon, Canice Prince, Elaine Punziano, William Ragu, Phyllis Ragusa, Fr. John Renard, Debra Rendon, Bruce Michael Ricciardi, Louise Ricciardi, Vincent Ricciardi, Veronica Romanchuk, Beth Sacco, Samantha Sconzo, Peggy Shedden, Jill Tabor, Charles Touw, Aileen Vassar, Megan Weingarten, Hope White, Maria Williams, Daniel Wu, Mary Young, Brian, Carla, Chris, Christina, Dierdre, Edward, Elba, Jennifer, Joann, Karen, Lauren, Lisa, Lou, Lucas, Lynn, Mary, Margaret, Michelle, Patrick, Paul, Peter, Robert, Samantha, Sean, Sharon, Tina W., Tom, Tara M., Mary D., .

Jesus asked one thing from us!!!

On His last night of earth (Holy Thursday) Jesus asked His disciples one thing – to stay awake with Him for one hour. OLV has Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday and Thursday - 8:30 to 11:50AM.

FRIDAYS outside Lent

The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of Penance. Each individual should abstain from meat or may substitute some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

NEW TO THE AREA? If you are, why not join our ever-growing Parish family. You may register via our parish website olvhp.org. PLEASE, if you change your address or phone number, let us know!

relevant radio 1430AM

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Mass Intentions

Monday, May 16–St. John Nepomucene of Bohemia–Priest

8:00 Robert K. Raymond R/b William Raymond
12:00 All Mothers, living and deceased

Tuesday, May 17 - St. Paschal Baylon of Spain - Brother

8:00 Anna Mae Kaelber R/b Tony and Laura Scott
12:00 All Mothers, living and deceased

Wednesday, May 18 - St. John I of Italy – Pope and Martyr

8:00 James Barrett R/b the Barrett Family
12:00 Peter Bentivegna R/b the Bentivegna Family

Thursday, May 19 - St. Yves of France–Priest and Lawyer

8:00 Danny Wakefield R/b the McLarnon Family
12:00 Mary H. McGrath R/b the OLV Rosary Society

Friday, May 20 - St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

8:00 Mary McGrath R/b the Thomas Family
12:00 Martha Spillane Krapels R/b the Zaccaro Family

Saturday, May 21 - St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions

8:00 John Simonelli R/b Dan and Karen Brady
12:00 Intentions of Lindsay and Rick R/b the Thomas Family
4:00 Burke, Walsh and Melbourne Family R/b Bill and Peg Walsh
5:00 Patrick James Dolan R/b Family

Sunday, May 22 – St. Rita of CasciaWidow & Religious Nun

7:00 James Muggeo R/b the Sarrow Family
8:00 Mary McGrath R/b Sonny and Anita Garzino
9:30 Martha Spillane Krapels R/b Joe and Cheryl Carley
10:45 Thanksgiving to St. Rita R/b the Zaccaro Family
10:45 (gym) People of the Parish
12:00 Anna and Joe Bonomolo R/b the Burderi Family
1:00 Vincente Escamilla R/b the Ceccon Family
6:00 Jeffrey Hamilton R/b the Coulter Family

Sanctuary Memorials (this week)

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the repose of the soul of **Richard Ferrara.**

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp will burn for the intentions of **Lorraine Petrone - in honor of her birthday,** r/b Tom and Ann Thomas.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp will burn for the intentions of **Roseann Dennehy.**

My Parish—My Responsibility

Thank you to those who so generously continue to support our parish by mailing in your donations. At the same time, we understand that some have been laid off from their work or are experiencing decreased income and are unable to continue their donations at this time. *Donations/offering envelopes may be mailed to OLV Rectory, 81 Lynn Street, Harrington Park, NJ 07640. Thank you for your generosity.*

Thank you! from Family Promise of Bergen County

Dear Fr. Wojciech,
Thank you for your generous donation—AGAIN—to support Family Promise. OLV has been a strong supporter for so many years - financially and as volunteers. Thank you so much!

Best regards,
Paul Shackford
President of Board

**“Whoever finds Mary shall find Jesus Christ,
the Way, the Truth, and the Life.”**

Fr. Peter John Cameron, OP

Duty of a Catholic Parent by Fr. Gabriel Lickteig

As a priest, I can say that one of the great events of the year is administering Holy Communion to children for the first time. I would like to take a few moments for deeper reflection on what the Lord asks us to do for these children that God entrusts to our care. These children, who bring joy to our families and to the Church, are the Lord's sheep. He cares about them deeply; He shed His Blood for them.

As a matter of fact, there is a deep tie between the Lord's sheep and the Eucharist. When Our Lord multiplied the loaves of bread for the 5,000 in John's Gospel, there was a "great deal of grass" in the place the people reclined before he fed them. **No detail in Scripture is recorded by sheer coincidence.** St. John was likely alluding to Psalm 23, the great and famous Psalm about the Good Shepherd, where it states "he maketh me to lie down in green pastures." When a child receives the Lord's Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Eucharist for the first time, this is ordered primarily to keep them alive spiritually, so that they might forever enjoy the company of the Good Shepherd. I make this heartfelt appeal to you as guardians of the Lord's sheep – to buck certain trends that are repeated year after year in the Church. I fervently pray that your child's first Holy Communion is not their last. I fervently pray that when they receive the Bread of Life, we do everything in our power as guardians and protectors to keep them alive – not just physically, but spiritually. In order to do this, it is necessary to restate the Church's position on one of the bare minimums Our Lord asks of us: **attend Mass every Sunday.**

The Catechism more precisely specifies this precept of the Church: "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass. The precept of participating in the Mass is satisfied by assistance at a Mass which is celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite, either on the holy day or on the evening of the preceding day. "The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are **obliged to participate** in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. **"Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin."** *Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2180-2181* **Dear parents, please note the Church considers this "the foundation...of all Christian practice."** Without a strong foundation, surviving with our faith and souls intact will be hard. Secondly, (and I cannot stress this enough), **the parents' example** is the greatest impetus for children in keeping the faith. Parents are the giants and heroes whom the Lord provides in leading them to Him. Our examples can lead children to Jesus or away from Him. **I must stress, however, that even though attending Sunday Mass is the bare minimum, deliberately neglecting this is both a grave sin and a scandal:** "Scandal is an attitude or behavior which leads another to do evil. The person who gives scandal becomes his neighbor's tempter. He damages virtue and integrity; he may even draw his brother into spiritual death. Scandal is a grave offense if by deed or omission another is deliberately led into a grave offense." **CCC 2284 As for Our Lord's attitude towards little ones and scandal, He could not be clearer:**

"But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea." (Matt. 18:6) Our Lord uses strong words because He loves us. He loves these children and He wants us to live. I humbly ask that you take these words to heart and avoid endangering the spiritual lives of the Lord's most precious possession, His sheep. *Churchpop.com*

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. Confirmation. 2. Chrism Oil. 3. The Bishop. 4. It increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit In us. 5. The forehead.

Saint Pascal Baylon was born May 24, 1540, on the Feast of Pentecost at Torre-Hermosa in northeastern Spain. He was the son of virtuous peasant farmers. In early childhood, Pascal began to display signs of exceptional devotion to the Holy Eucharist. While tending sheep as a youth, Pascal spent countless hours in meditation on the Blessed Sacrament.



When he was twenty-four, he applied for admission as a lay brother to the Franciscan community of Loreto in eastern Spain. He was accepted into the community and was given humble jobs including cook, gardener and porter. He carried these out faithfully, but what truly impressed his community was his dedication to the mystery of the Holy Eucharist. His joy in life was to pray before the tabernacle, often spending the night in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Pascal revealed the love of God through his many acts of kindness. To the poor and sick that came to the monastery, he showed himself to be patient, gentle and very generous in distributing supplies that were put at his disposal.

While journeying through France, Pascal triumphantly defended the dogma of the Real Presence against heretics, and as a consequence, narrowly escaped death at the hands of a Huguenot mob.

Pascal died on the same feast on which he was born - the Feast of Pentecost - in 1592. An unusual number of miracles took place at his tomb. As a result of these miracles and because of his exceptional dedication to the Holy Eucharist, Pascal was canonized in 1690. In 1897, Pope Leo XIII declared St. Pascal the patron and protector of all Eucharistic Congresses and Associations. His feast is observed on May 17.

A Little Humor ...

In his beautiful book, "I Shall Not Want," Robert Ketchum tells of a Sunday School teacher who asked her group of children if anyone could quote the entire 23rd Psalm. A golden-haired, four-and-a-half-year-old girl was among those who raised their hands. A bit skeptical, the teacher asked if she could really quote the entire psalm. The little girl came to the front of the room, faced the class, made a perky little bow, and said, "The Lord is my shepherd, that's all I want." She bowed again and went and sat down. That may well be the greatest interpretation of the 23rd Psalm ever heard.

The family of an elderly gentleman told him that his hearing problem seemed to be getting worse and encouraged him to see the doctor. The specialist performed a procedure on him and promised that he would soon be able to hear 100%. The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor who said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again." The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"

"strange" way?

The Polish saint, Maximilian Maria Kolbe martyred in the concentration camp at Auschwitz during World War II, had decided to build the convent in Nagasaki in a location that many thought was poorly chosen because it was not near the center of the city. Despite this criticism, Maximilian insisted on a plot of land located behind a mountain. It was that mountain, in fact, that protected the convent when the atomic bomb destroyed the city, killing nearly 70,000 people. **-Aleteia**

Are you an **ADULT** without **Confirmation, Communion or Baptism?**

If you want to become a Roman Catholic or complete your Initiation into the Church, the RCIA is for you! For information, phone the rectory. *Adult Catholics* who have not yet celebrated *Confirmation* or Holy Communion should contact the rectory for preparation class/information.

WEDDING always in the Church first "wedding" at the venue (without dispensation) is not a valid Sacrament

Start your married life with God and receive grace for your married life through Sacramental Marriage in Church. In this Sacrament, God's own divine life can be experienced and lived. **Were you married only civilly** by a mayor or justice of the peace and would now like to be married in the Catholic Church? Contact Fr. Wojciech for details.

Respect Life

Any woman who is **pregnant and in need of**

assistance? should **never** feel that abortion is her only option. Personal and confidential assistance is available at the following: Several Sources 800-662-2678 (24/7) -Heartbeat Int'l: 800-712-4357 (24/7) -Birthright: 800-550-4900 / Archdiocese Respect Life Office: 973-497-4350

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Dates

Healing the pain of abortion - one weekend at a time

May 20 - 22 (English), Sep. 9-11 (English), Oct. 21 - 23 (Spanish)

Contact Respect Life Office for details 973-497-4350 (Spanish option 2)

Cherly.riley@rcan.org (English); elvinedoderquelin@rcan.org (Span.)

REQUIREMENTS for GODPARENTS

Godparents play a very important role in your child's spiritual life as role models of the faith. They should support not only the child, but the parents as well. Additionally, in their role as godparent, they represent the larger Church community and this is a tremendous responsibility. The Church has provided guidelines to help parents choose the best possible godparents for their children. In recognizing the importance of the godparent and their duties:

Godparent/Sponsor must be at least 16 years old.

Godparent/Sponsor must be in good standing with the Catholic Church. Must be a practicing Catholic (*attend Sunday Mass weekly*). Must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. If married, must be married in the Catholic Church. If single, not living with significant other, nor married civilly only.

Godparent/Sponsor cannot be the candidate's parent. Each child only requires one Godparent. If you wish to have 2 Godparents there must be one female and one male. (Canon Law 872-874)

Clothing Bins: Please donate clothes, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, knickknacks, toys, and children's books. Please place your donations **INSIDE** the bins (sometimes you have to push it in). **Do not leave items outside.**

Bergen Catholic HS (Oradell) Open House Tuesday, May 17, at 6:30PM. Register on Bergen Catholic website. **BC Lead On Program:** 3-week summer enrichment program for students entering 7th and 8th grades Program Descriptions and Registration can be found on the BC website.

KIDZ KORNER

1. By what Sacrament do Catholics receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit?
2. What is the oil used during the sacrament of Confirmation?
3. Who blesses the oil used during the sacrament of Confirmation?
4. What is the effect of Confirmation?
5. Where is a person anointed during Confirmation?

Answers on page 4

Seven Mary quotes from Pope Benedict XVI –

1. "Looking at Mary, how can we, her children, fail to let the aspiration to beauty, goodness and purity of heart be aroused in us? Her heavenly candor draws us to God, helping us to overcome the temptation to live a mediocre life composed of compromises with evil, and directs us decisively towards the authentic good that is the source of joy."

– Angelus, December 8, 2005

2. "Dear friends, what an immense joy to have Mary Immaculate as our Mother! Every time we experience our frailty and the promptings of evil, we may turn to her and our hearts receive light and comfort. Even in the trials of life, in the storms that cause faith and hope to vacillate, let us recall that we are her children and that our existence is deeply rooted in the infinite grace of God. Although the Church is exposed to the negative influences of the world, she always finds in Mary the star to guide her so that she may follow the route pointed out to her by Christ."

– Angelus, December 8, 2009

3. "Mindful of the inseparable bond between the word of God and Mary of Nazareth, along with the Synod Fathers I urge that Marian prayer be encouraged among the faithful, above all in life of families, since it is an aid to meditating on the holy mysteries found in the Scriptures. A most helpful aid, for example, is the individual or communal recitation of the Holy Rosary, which ponders the mysteries of Christ's life in union with Mary, and which Pope John Paul II wished to enrich with the mysteries of light." – *Verbum Domini* #88

4. "Who more than Mary could be a star of hope for us? With her "yes" she opened the door of our world to God himself; she became the living Ark of the Covenant, in whom God took flesh, became one of us, and pitched his tent among us (cf. Jn 1:14)." – *Spe Salvi* #49

5. "Consequently, every time we approach the Body and Blood of Christ in the eucharistic liturgy, we also turn to her who, by her complete fidelity, received Christ's sacrifice for the whole Church. The Synod Fathers rightly declared that "Mary inaugurates the Church's participation in the sacrifice of the Redeemer." She is the Immaculata, who receives God's gift unconditionally and is thus associated with his work of salvation. Mary of Nazareth, icon of the nascent Church, is the model for each of us, called to receive the gift that Jesus makes of himself in the Eucharist."

– *Sacramentum Caritatis* #33

6. But now let us ask ourselves: how does the Assumption of Mary help our journey? The first answer is: in the Assumption we see that in God there is room for man, God himself is the house with many rooms of which Jesus speaks (cf. Jn 14:2); God is man's home, in God there is God's space. And Mary, by uniting herself, united to God, does not distance herself from us. She does not go to an unknown galaxy, but whoever approaches God comes closer, for God is close to us all; and Mary, united to God, shares in the presence of God, is so close to us, to each one of us. – Homily, August 15, 2012

7. By faith, Mary accepted the Angel's word and believed the message that she was to become the Mother of God in the obedience of her devotion (cf. Lk 1:38). Visiting Elizabeth, she raised her hymn of praise to the Most High for the marvels he worked in those who trust him (cf. Lk 1:46-55). With joy and trepidation she gave birth to her only son, keeping her virginity intact (cf. Lk 2:6-7). Trusting in Joseph, her husband, she took Jesus to Egypt to save him from Herod's persecution (cf. Mt 2:13-15). With the same faith, she followed the Lord in his preaching and remained with him all the way to Golgotha (cf. Jn 19:25-27). By faith, Mary tasted the fruits of Jesus' resurrection, and treasuring every memory in her heart (cf. Lk 2:19, 51), she passed them on to the Twelve assembled with her in the Upper Room to receive the Holy Spirit (cf. Acts 1:14; 2:1-4). – "Moto Proprio Data" – *Porta Fidei* (For the Induction of the Year of Faith) #13

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