# Our Lady of Lourdes

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

# August 16, 2020

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



#### RECONCILIATION

Sat. 3:00-4:00pm Wed. 12:00-12:30pm For details, see inside cover.

For Baptism, Matrimony and Anointing, please call the parish office.

#### Mass Times

**Sat.** 5:00pm

**Sun.** 9:00am, 11:30am, 1:30pm (Español), 5:00pm

Mon. 8:00am

Tues-Fri. 8:30am Jueves. 6:30pm

### Perpetual Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel is open 24/7

"The Dormition of the Blessed Virgin" by Anonymous

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Adoration Chapel oll.weadorehim.com

# **NOTICE**

#### The Adoration Chapel is open 24/7.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at our usual times (see front cover), but will take place in the upstairs parking lot on the benches behind the school library.

Ministry groups of 10 or less may meet on campus. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Sign up to receive email and text alerts from the parish office, Fr. Pat and OLL News: ollraleigh.flocknote.com

#### MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

9am - Herchenroders (50th anniversary); **Beverly Thomson** 

11:30am - † Rosemary Martens;

1:30pm - Pro Populo; 5pm - † Thomas Guyton

MONDAY, AUGUST 17 8:00am - Orlando & Selina Morales

Tuesday, August 18 8:30am - † Maria Hat Truong

8:30am - † Sr. Marie Paschal Penot WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20 8:30am - † Angela Gonzales; 6:30pm - Lillian Hill

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21 8:30am - Dexter Cooley

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 5pm - † Helen Pieczynski

9am - †Bob Orr; SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

11:30am - Frank & Cheryl Janasiewicz; 1:30pm - Pro Populo;

5pm - Patrick House

#### THE MISSION OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

is to invite and lead all people to know and love Jesus Christ, and to live their Catholic faith through word, sacrament, service and evangelization.

# The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



he Assumption is the oldest feast day of Our Lady, but we don't know how it first came to be celebrated. Its origin is lost in those days when Jerusalem was restored as a sacred city, at the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine (c. 285-337). By then it had been a pagan city for two centuries, ever since Emperor Hadrian (76-138) had leveled it around the year 135 and rebuilt it as Aelia Capitolina in honor of Jupiter.

For 200 years, every memory of Jesus was obliterated from the city, and the sites made holy by His life, death and Resurrection became pagan temples. After the building of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 336, the sacred sites began to be restored and memories of the life of Our Lord began to be celebrated by the people of Jerusalem. One of the memories about his mother centered around the "Tomb of Mary," close to Mount Zion, where the early Christian community had lived.

On the hill itself was the "Place of Dormition," the spot of Mary's "falling asleep," where she had died. The "Tomb of Mary" was where she was buried. At this time, the "Memory of Mary" was being celebrated. Later it was to become our feast of the Assumption. For a time, the "Memory of Mary" was marked only in Palestine, but then it was extended by the emperor to all the churches of the East. In the seventh century, it began to be celebrated in Rome under the title of the "Falling Asleep" ("Dormitio") of the Mother of God.

Soon the name was changed to the "Assumption of Mary," since there was more to the feast than her dying. It also proclaimed that she had been taken up, body and soul, into heaven. That belief was ancient, dating back to the apostles themselves. What was clear from the beginning was that there were no relics of Mary to be venerated, and that an empty tomb stood on the edge of Jerusalem near the site of her death. That location also soon became a place of

pilgrimage. (Today, the Benedictine Abbey of the Dormition of Mary stands on the spot.)

At the Council of Chalcedon in 451, when bishops from throughout the Mediterranean world gathered in Constantinople, Emperor Marcian asked the Patriarch of Jerusalem to bring the relics of Mary to Constantinople to be enshrined in the capitol. The patriarch explained to the emperor that there were no relics of Mary in Jerusalem, that "Mary had died in the presence of the apostles; but her tomb, when opened later... was found empty and so the apostles concluded that the body was taken up into heaven."

In the eighth century, St. John Damascene was known for giving sermons at the holy places in Jerusalem. At the Tomb of Mary, he expressed the belief of the Church on the meaning of the feast: "Although the body was duly buried, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay.... You were transferred to your heavenly home, O Lady, Queen and Mother of God in truth."

All the feast days of Mary mark the great mysteries of her life and her part in the work of redemption. The central mystery of her life and person is her divine motherhood, celebrated both at Christmas and a week later (Jan. 1) on the feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) marks the preparation for that motherhood, so that she had the fullness of grace from the first moment of her existence, completely untouched by sin. Her whole being throbbed with divine life from the very beginning, readying her for the exalted role of mother of the Savior. The Assumption completes God's work in her since it was not fitting that the flesh that had given life to God himself should ever undergo corruption. The Assumption is God's crowning of His work as Mary ends her earthly life and enters eternity. The feast turns our eyes in that direction, where we will follow when our earthly life is over.

The feast days of the Church are not just the commemoration of historical events; they do not look only to the past. They look to the present and to the future and give us an insight into our own relationship with God. The Assumption looks to eternity and gives us hope that we, too, will follow Our Lady when our life is ended.

In 1950, in the Apostolic Constitution Munificentissimus Deus, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Assumption of Mary a dogma of the Catholic Church in these words: "The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven."

With that, an ancient belief became Catholic doctrine and the Assumption was declared a truth revealed by God.





# THE VISION OF MAN FULLY ALIVE

FEATURING 9 DYNAMIC PRESENTERS!

#### DISCOVER:

- Eight new speakers, new personalities, and new topics, while still building on the foundation of the three base years of TMIY formation.
- The path to authentic spiritual freedom, the beauty of the Eucharist, and the power of the Holy Spirit in action from a passionate and dynamic Franciscan Friar.
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- Intellectual clarity on the misconception that causes the largest percentage of Catholics and all Christians to abandon their faith.
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- The personal journeys and spiritual implementation from three men who have over 25 years of combined TMIY experience and contemplation.
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#### SPEAKERS:





PARADRUS 20



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#### PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Fallon Center Hall (or virtual via Zoom meetings depending on COVID situation) Our Lady of Lourdes 2718 Overbrook Drive, Raleigh, NC 27608 Friday mornings Beginning September 11, 2020

#### SCHEDULE:

6:00am Light Breakfast (if meeting in person... depends on COVID situation) 6:30am Video Presentation 7:00am Small Group Discussion 7:30am Session Ends

#### **REGISTRATION:**

Email domenic.coletti6@gmail.com or register online - www.tmiy.org

All adult men are welcome! (Including men from outside of Our Lady of Lourdes)

### THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

On the Gospel of this day; St. Matthew, 15:21-28.

HERE IS A LESSON, A VERY NECESSARY ONE, FOR ALL OF US IN THIS EPISODE OF CHRIST'S

PUBLIC LIFE. It is the necessity of perseverance in our prayers of petition. Prayer is an essential part
of our Christian life, and the essential part of prayer is that of adoration and thanksgiving, but prayer
of petition has a big part in our daily prayers. We have so many spiritual and temporal needs, needs which
we cannot provide by ourselves. Christ himself has told us to ask Him for these needs: "ask and you shall
receive."

Do we ask with the fervor and perseverance which prove that we have "great faith"? That faith is the proof which Christ needs before He grants our requests. The Canaanite woman of whom we have just heard is for us an example of that deep-seated faith and trust in Christ's power and Christ's goodness. Even though He ignored her she continued to beseech Him, and when He answered with what seemed a direct refusal, her faith and trust did not waver. She answered His reason for refusal with another statement which showed that the granting of her petition would not in any way interfere with or impede His primary task, His mission to His father's chosen people. This was the proof of great faith which He required. He granted her request.

We must imitate and learn from this pagan mother. Her love for her child made her ready to undergo every hardship or suffering for the restoration to health of her loved one. When we turn to Christ in our needs is our faith in Him as sincere and unwavering as was this woman's? No doubt it often is, and yet we do not get the desired answer. As Christians we know that our particular request may not always be for our good, or for the final good of the person for whom we are praying. In that case, the good God will not grant what would be to our eternal disadvantage. But if our prayer is sincere and persevering, we shall always get an answer, and one which is better than what we asked for.

How often do we wonder at or perhaps doubt God's mercy when we see, for example, the young father of a family being taken from his loved and helpless ones, notwithstanding the prayers and tears of his wife and

children. Where is God's mercy here? Where is His answer to these sincere prayers? But who are we to question God's mercy? The answer is there and often clear enough: that death brings out in his relatives and neighbors virtues which they would otherwise never have had occasion to practice - virtues that will earn for them eternal life.

It is only when we get to heaven - and getting to heaven is our purpose in life - that we shall see how our prayers, sincere and persevering, were answered by God.





# AUGUST 20 St. BERNARD

Pernard, the second founder of the Cistercians, the Mellifluous Doctor, the apostle of the Crusades, the miracle-worker, the reconciler of kings, the leader of peoples, the counselor of popes! His sermons, from which there are many excerpts in the Breviary, are conspicuous for genuine emotion and spiritual unction. The celebrated Memorare is ascribed to him.

Bernard was born in 1090, the third son of an illustrious Burgundian family. At the age of twenty-two he entered the monastery of Citeaux (where the Cistercian Order had its beginning) and persuaded thirty other youths of noble rank to follow his example. Made abbot of Clairvaux (1115), he erected numerous abbeys where his spirit flourished. To his disciple, Bernard of Pisa, who later became Pope Eugene III, he dedicated his

work De Consideratione. Bernard's influence upon the princes, the clergy, and the people of his age was most remarkable. By penitential practices he so exhausted his body that it could hardly sustain his soul, ever eager to praise and honor God.

# AUGUST 21 POPE ST. PIUS X

he future Pope-Saint of the twentieth century was born at Riese in Venetia on June 2, 1835, his name, Joseph Sarto. After ordination at the age of twenty-three (by special dispensation), he labored for 17 years as a parish priest, then as bishop of Mantua, and in 1892 was advanced to the metropolitan see of Venice with the honorary title of patriarch. On August 4, 1903, he was elected Pope, "a man of God who knew the unhappiness of the world and the hardships of life, and in the greatness of his heart wanted to comfort everybody."

The primary aim of his pontificate Pius X announced in his first encyclical letter, viz., "to renew all things in Christ." Here we need but allude to his decree on early and frequent reception of holy Communion; his Motu Proprio on church music; his encouragement of daily Bible reading and the establishment of various Biblical institutes; his reorganization of the Roman ecclesiastical offices; his work on the codification of Canon Law; his incisive stand against Modernism, that "synthesis of all heresies." All these were means toward the realization of his main objective of renewing all things in Christ.



The outbreak of the first World War, practically on the date of the eleventh anniversary of his election to the See of Peter, was the blow that occasioned his death. Bronchitis developed within a few days, and on August 20, 1914, Pius X succumbed to "the last affliction that the Lord will visit on me." He had said in his will, "I was born poor, I have lived poor, I wish to die poor" — and no one questioned the truth of his words. His sanctity and his power to work miracles had already been recognized. Pius X was the first Pope canonized since St. Pius V in 1672.

"He was one of those chosen few men whose personality is irresistible. Everyone was moved by his simplicity and his angelic kindness. Yet it was something more that carried him into all hearts: and that 'something' is best defined by saying that all who were ever admitted to his presence had a deep conviction of being face to face with a saint" (Baron von Pastor).

# Parish and Diocesan News

# Feed-A-Family Food Drive Comes to OLOL

Did you know that Catholic Parish Outreach food pantry gave a week's worth of groceries to an average of 8,200 people / month in 2019? \$40 can feed a family of 4 for a week.

Please help CPO serve the less fortunate in our community by taking a bag and returning it Aug 15th and 16th. Social distancing will be in place, so please just drop your bags AT THE TRUCK, do not bring them into the church.

If you have any questions or would like to help with this project, please call Mary Gorczynski at 919-676-7627.

### To seekers and inquirers, non-baptized adults who desire to be fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church, and baptized adult Christians who desire full communion in the Roman Catholic Church; welcome, child

Are you searching for something greater? Are you ready to take the next step forward on your faith journey? If this describes you or somebody you care about, the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is that next step.

of God!

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Byron at 919-861-4614 or bchampagne@ourladyoflourdescc.org.

We will be starting the journey in the fall; dates to be determined. You are invited to join us when the time comes.

# DIVINE MERCY 540AM



Divine Mercy Radio is seeking a **Development Associate** to assist with Fundraising and Marketing.

Please see Catholic540.org for complete job description and requirements.



It's not too late to register your child for preschool! Call for a tour of Saint Raphael Preschool today. We offer faith-based, hands-on learning with an emphasis in science and math, for ages 2-PreK. We received the first Golden Apple Award from the Diocese of Raleigh, for our "dedication to providing a philosophy and mission of educating students and also demonstrating living it each day in the spirit of Jesus."

To learn more about our program offerings, call 919-865-5725 or email kmistele@saintraphael.org.



## Parish and Diocesan News

#### SANCTUARY CANDLES

A 14-day
CHURCH SANCTUARY
CANDLE
will burn
in memory of Breda
Wiggs, from the
Wiggs family

A 14-day
CHAPEL SANCTUARY
CANDLE
will burn for
the intentions of
Dennis & Linda
Redoblado

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Thomas Guyton from Louise; also in loving memory of Angeles Gonzoles on her birthday from her grandson Alain

Please consider a flower memorial for a beloved family member, friend or for a special family occasion.

The OLoL Altar Guild depends on memorials to help us provide flowers to enhance our altar, especially now, since COVID 19 cancelled our pre-Easter bake sale fund raiser. There are a few August dates open and ALL September dates are open.

You may sign up in the "Flower Memorial" book located in the church gathering space or call our flower chairperson, Theresa white at 919-605-9228.

The Altar Guild ladies thank you for your continued support.

#### **OFFERTORY**

OFFERTORY August 2 2020	Needed	Actual	Difference
YTD Offertory (7/1/20-8/02/20)	\$131,442	\$125,265	-\$6,177

	As of 1/1/20	As of 8/16/20
Parish Debt	\$2,311,679	\$1,930,562

THANK YOU TO OUR PARISHIONERS!
The following has been donated to the 2020
National Collections:

Church in Latin America - \$1,410.89 Church in Central & Eastern Europe - \$978.00 Operation Rice Bowl - \$505.90 Black & Indian Missions - \$1,512.00 Catholic Relief Services - \$902.00 Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land - \$886.00 Catholic Home Missions - \$683.00 Catholic Communications Campaign - \$601.00 Peter's Pence - \$1,584.12

Thank you to all who are being so generous to these special needs!

#### **Pro-Life Corner**

#### LAST CALL FOR RUNNERS!!

The 26th Annual "Virtual" Run For Life will take place between August 22 - 30! We're looking for runners for the 5K Run and 1Mile Fun Run.

Visit www.raleighrunforlife.org or www.runnc.com for more info.

If you have any questions, please contact Eileen Mayhew 919-762-7500 or Kathy Klein 919-815-1369.

All proceeds benefit Birthchoice.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & SUFFERING

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