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Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: (English) 8:00am

Sunday: (Spanish) 1:00pm

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

First Saturday 9am

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30am

Tuesday 6:00pm (English)

Thursday 6:00pm (Spanish)

ROSARY PRAYED IN COMMON

Tuesday & Thursday: 5:40pm

Wednesday & Friday: 8:10am

Saturday: 5:15pm

Sunday: 7:15am & 12:15pm

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Tuesday, Thursday and

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and by appointment 936-825-3920

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Los Martes, jueves y el

segundo y cuarto sábado a las 5:00-5:45pm

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August 15, 2021 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15, 2021

**Blessed are you among women, and blessed is
the fruit of your womb. Luke 1:42**

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Every 1st weekend of the month (Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses) blessing of all who have a birthday or Wedding Anniversary during the month.

MONTHLY REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASSES

Refreshment will be served after Masses the first Sunday of each month. The refreshments and service will be provided by the following:

Altar Society—January and July
Pastoral Council—February and October
Finance Council—March and September
R.E. Board—April and August
Stewardship—May and November
Choir—June and December

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary — “And Mary said, My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.” Luke 1:46
After Jesus, we look to Mary as our model of stewardship. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s will. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we too are called to reflect Christ to the world. We do this by living grateful and generous lives. We do this by putting other’s needs before our wants.

Boletín de Mayordomía—Reflexiones

La Asunción de la Bendecida Virgen María — “Y María dijo, Mi alma proclama la grandeza del Señor; mi espíritu se regocija en Dios mi salvador.” Lucas 1:46
Después, miramos a María como nuestro modelo de corresponsabilidad. Su vida entera la vivió en obediencia de la voluntad de Dios. Así como la luna refleja la luz del sol, María refleja la luz de Cristo. Como María, nosotros también somos llamados a reflejar a Cristo al mundo. Lo hacemos viviendo una vida generosa y agradecida. Lo hacemos poniendo las necesidades de los demás antes que nuestros deseos.

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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

August 15, 2021 - That just like Mary, we too reflect the light Christ to the world!

Words Worth Noting

You can’t wait for inspiration. You have to go after it with a club.
-Jack London

DAR DE VUELTA - La Virgen recibió la salvación para poder darla de vuelta a los siglos.
— Pedro Crisólogo

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**Pray for
Vocations**



PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

to the Priesthood and Religious Life especially in our

Archdiocese.

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MEMORIALIZING THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

If you are interested in memorializing the Sanctuary candle, in memory of, in personal reverence and petition or Special Intention for the week, stop by the parish office for more information.

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Christ Our Light now accepts online giving. **Parish Soft** is our parish’s online giving program. Enroll at the link the below. It is secure and easy to use. You will be able to use **Parish Soft** for normal tithing and special collections throughout the year. Apps are available, so your cell phones/tablets can be used for online giving.

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/dl?uid=chri510191>

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September 11, 2021—A Concert in Honor of the Fallen, 6:00 PM, Friedens Church
October 17, 2021—Hearts & Songs, A Concert of Sisters, 2:00 PM, St. Stanislaus Parish Hall.
All Concerts are free of charge.
For more information, Contact Susan Russell @
russellharp@outlook.com

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2021

DSF Goal \$25,000.00
Gifts Received \$12,682.00
48 Donors

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IGNITE

Ignite Parish Goal \$208,632.00
Gifts Amount Received \$68,103.00
38 Donors

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TAKE A QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH SALVATION HISTORY

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible an 8 part Bible Study featuring Jeff Cavins
Beginning Monday, September 20th — November 29, 2021
St. Patrick Hall, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Contact Parishioner Helen Kimball for information and registration
Helen.kimball@outlook.com. 832-771-3001

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Online Registration for the 2021-2022 CCE Classes

Is now available on the church's website and will remain open to August 31st. Please register your children as soon as possible. Students must be registered before the first day of class on September 12th. If you have any questions please contact Carolyn Katkoski at the RE Office.

English — <https://forms.ministryforms.net/embed.aspx?formId=9cb90ca0-1f33-4b99-b9e7-6cd62044074f>

Spanish — <https://forms.ministryforms.net/embed.aspx?formId=e17e6f70-8550-4003-bf9f-d5d38efa56df>

SIGN UP TODAY!

If you would like to volunteer to help teach CCE or be a teacher's assistant, Please email Carolyn Katkoski @ reboard@christourlight.org or contact her at 936 825-1869. We are looking for more volunteers to assist with this important ministry to our children.

Classes for RCIA and Adult Confirmation will begin in September. To register contact Carolyn at the RE Office 936-825-1869 or [email reboard@christourlight.org](mailto:reboard@christourlight.org)

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That Man is You! (TMIY) is an interactive men's program that combines the latest findings of modern science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop authentic male leaders capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society.

Join us for food, fellowship and faith Fridays at 5:30am starting September 17 at St. Patrick Hall, 510 Manley in Navasota. All men are welcome. Learn more at tmiy.org or call/text Mike Kimball at 281-923-8314.

August 15, 2021

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab | 1 Cor 15:20-27 | Lk 1:39-56

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

There are very few things in this world that are perfectly united, though many attempts have been made, think peanut butter and chocolate, Batman and Robin. But there is one example, and that is the Blessed Virgin Mary is perfectly united with Jesus' life and redemptive work. Though fully human, she is completely without sin – she is, as we pray in echoing God's angel, "full of grace." Thus she shares, as we do, in Christ's heavenly destiny but with an immediacy that we do not have. Upon her death she was instantly assumed into heavenly glory, body and soul, as the first of all the faithful who will eventually join with Christ in eternity upon death and purification. In celebrating this great Solemnity, the Church celebrates what lies ahead for those of us who imitate Mary's total trust in God. She had complete faith in God and his promises, and is a living example of the power and generosity of our God. We can follow her lead, engaging in a life of witness (proclaiming God's greatness) and gratitude (have a rejoicing spirit) for the sake of the world.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Sometimes, when hearing or talking about Mary's *fiat*, I first see it as a "yes" in modern, human terms. "Yes, I'll serve on that committee." "Yes, I'll organize that party." "Yes, I'll stay late to finish that project." It doesn't take long for our little "yesses" to turn into an adamant "Noooooooooooo," also known as burnout. Thankfully, Mary's yes was far more than just an acquiescence to a small request – it was the commitment of her entire self to the choice God had placed before her. And she was rewarded with a special seat in heaven near her Son. In today's Gospel, Elizabeth immediately recognizes the true meaning of Mary's *fiat*: "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." What can we learn from Mary's example? We can learn trust. We don't need to sign up for every volunteer opportunity (though volunteering is a great and worthwhile thing to do), but we can say "yes" to what God is asking of us according to the gifts and graces he has given us. Through daily prayer and seeking the intercession of Mary and Jesus, we can grow closer to the Lord and prepare ourselves for the day we meet Jesus and Mary face to face.

PRAY A lot of misunderstanding surrounds Catholic devotion to Mary. We do not worship Mary – that is reserved for God alone. Yet we do revere her and honor her unique and important role in God's saving plan. Pray the Magnificat or the Rosary, paying close attention to their scriptural foundation and what was happening in the "stories" within those Scriptures.





The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, August 15, 2021

Today's feast celebrates Mary's Assumption into heaven. It is one of three feasts of Mary that are Holy Days of Obligation for Catholics in the United States. January 1 is the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, and December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven has long been held as an important Catholic belief. The belief was not defined as dogma, however, until 1950 by Pope Pius XII. The dogma teaches that Mary, who was without sin, was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven.

The Gospel for this holy day recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the Angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. Mary responds to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel. Mary's Magnificat, in particular, echoes the song of praise offered by Hannah, the mother of Samuel.

The Gospel for this day reminds us that Mary's Assumption into heaven is best understood with regard for the full spectrum of Catholic beliefs about the person of Christ and the person of Mary. Only Mary, who was born without stain of original sin—the Immaculate Conception—could give birth to Christ, who is fully God and fully human. This is called the Immaculate Conception. Because of Mary's role in God's plan of salvation, she does not suffer from the effects of sin, which are death and decay. Mary is the first to receive the fullness of the redemption that her son has won for all of humanity. The Church, therefore, recognizes Mary as the sign of the salvation promised to all.

Today's Gospel highlights Mary's faith. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation.

Jan Frans Bessieux, *Assumption of the Virgin*, 1750-1767, oil on copper, Hermitage Museum.

La Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María

Domingo, 15 de agosto de 2021

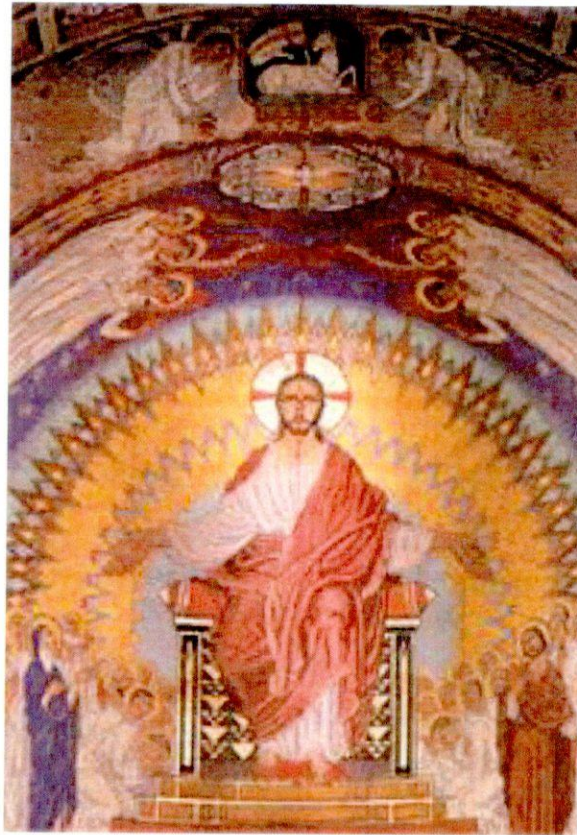
La fiesta de hoy celebra la Asunción de María al cielo. Es una de las tres fiestas de María que son Días Santos de Obligación para los católicos en los Estados Unidos. El 1 de enero es la fiesta de María, la Madre de Dios, y el 8 de diciembre es la fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción de María. La asunción de la Santísima Virgen María al cielo se ha mantenido durante mucho tiempo como una creencia católica importante. Sin embargo, la creencia no fue definida como dogma hasta 1950 por el Papa Pío XII. El dogma enseña que María, que no tenía pecado, fue llevada, en cuerpo y alma, a la gloria del cielo.

El Evangelio para este día santo recuerda las acciones de María después del anuncio del nacimiento de Jesús por parte del ángel Gabriel. María va a visitar a su prima Isabel, que también está embarazada. Isabel saluda a María con pleno reconocimiento del papel que ellos y sus hijos por nacer desempeñarán en el plan de Dios para la salvación. María responde al saludo de Isabel con su canto de alabanza, el Magnificat. Ambas mujeres recuerdan y se hacen eco de la historia de Dios de mostrar favor al pueblo de Israel. El Magnificat de María, en particular, se hace eco del canto de alabanza ofrecido por Ana, la madre de Samuel.

El Evangelio de este día nos recuerda que la Asunción de María al cielo se comprende mejor teniendo en cuenta el espectro completo de creencias católicas sobre la persona de Cristo y la persona de María. Sólo María, que nació sin la mancha del pecado original, la Inmaculada Concepción, pudo dar a luz a Cristo, que es plenamente Dios y plenamente humano. A esto se le llama la Inmaculada Concepción. Debido al papel de María en el plan de salvación de Dios, ella no sufre los efectos del pecado, que son la muerte y la decadencia. María es la primera en recibir la plenitud de la redención que su hijo ha ganado para toda la humanidad. La Iglesia, por tanto, reconoce a María como signo de la salvación prometida a todos.

El evangelio de hoy destaca la fe de María. La fe de María le permitió reconocer la obra de Dios en la historia de su pueblo y en su propia vida. Su apertura a Dios permitió que Dios obrara a través de ella para que la salvación llegara a todos. María es modelo y símbolo de la Iglesia. Que seamos como María, abiertos y cooperadores en el plan de salvación de Dios.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



We Catholics make our faith journey through life believing all human persons are the handiwork of the Triune God Who loves all infinitely — the creating love of the Father, the redeeming love of the Son, and the sanctifying love of the Spirit. We see this Trinitarian love mirrored in every act of human caring, compassion, and forgiveness.

Our faith centers on Jesus Christ Who is the Founder and Head of the Church. We believe Jesus is the promised Savior spoken of so often in the Old Testament. As followers and friends of Jesus, we share in the inheritance of that small community of believers whom Jesus gathered as His companions on the shores of the Sea of Galilee some 2000 years ago. Like them, we respond to Christ's Great Commission:

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. (Matthew 28:19–20)

All of Jesus' commands are summed up in the one He gave at the Last Supper, **"LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I LOVE YOU."** (John 15:12) This is the core of Jesus' message and the meaning of His Life, Death, and Resurrection. Jesus established His Church to make this message and the love of God a reality in our world.

An Invitation: *We Catholics recognize there are many good people who do not share our Faith; however, we firmly believe that in our Catholic Faith we have been gifted with the fullness of the Truth Jesus brought from the Father. If you believe yourself called to share in this Gift, or if you just want to find out more about the Catholic Faith, enroll now in our parish's RCIA Process. If you know of anyone you believe might be called, please invite him/her to enroll. **RCIA Sessions will begin in September. If you are interested, or know someone who is, contact, or have the interested person contact, Samuel Pry, RCIA Coordinator, at 936-825-3597 or spry@embarqmail.com.***

A Stewardship Minute

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving
An introduction of **Stewardship** to the congregation

August 2021

When Jesus saw someone who needed help, he did something about the situation. Jesus saw and healed lepers and blind people, a man who was mentally ill, a mute man, and he ministered to one person after another. But we aren't Jesus. What can ordinary Christians do to offer help to someone or something in need? None of us can do everything, but we can almost always do something:

- If we can't drop everything to meet a need we see, we can contact someone who can.
- If we can't tithe money for the church or a mission project, we can pray for its success and tithe our time to help the matter succeed.
- If we can't directly help the homeless, the unemployed, the hungry or the sick, we can offer prayer, comfort, encouragement, and helpful advice.

The point is that Jesus never failed to help in a needy situation and we should try our best to do likewise. That would be worthy stewardship.

Recently, a newspaper in Phoenix told the story of a woman jogger running by a canal early one morning. Suddenly she saw a car in the water. As she looked carefully she saw an older woman trapped in the driver's seat. She ran to a nearby highway. She flagged down a car. She told the young man driving about the problem. The fellow parked, ran to the site, jumped into the water, and helped the 77-year-old lady escape her entrapment. So be it!

Prayer: Lord, please help us to have the courage and the strength to serve you through total stewardship. As did our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

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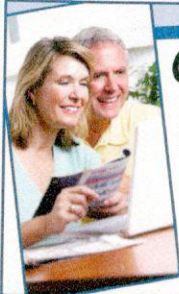
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