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AUGUST 15, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



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9:00am

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“From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.”
Luke 1:48b-49, 52

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CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

We have some immediate needs for Chairpeople and Committee Members.

Complete list is on Page 4 of this bulletin.



Message from Fr. Greg



What is the “Assumption of Mary”?

When we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary every year on the 15th of August, we *assume* that we are doing something important, but this occasion really has nothing to do with our usual understanding of the word “assumption.” As Catholics, we believe that Mary was taken up—assumed—into heaven at the end of her earthly life. It is this event that we celebrate when we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Here is an interesting side note: no one knows if Mary ever died. There is no scriptural evidence of her death and there is nothing in the historical record about it. The tradition of the Eastern Orthodox churches is that Mary died like all human beings; her death is called the “dormition” or “falling asleep” of the Virgin Mary. As Catholics, all we can say for sure is that Mary is now in heaven, where she is our “holy Queen enthroned above.”

Ordinarily, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation. This year, the Assumption is celebrated on a Sunday—a day on which an obligation to attend mass is already attached. However, because of the pandemic, Catholics in the Diocese of San Jose are currently dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. This dispensation should not prevent anyone of us from honoring our Blessed Mother on this day and giving thanks to God for her glorious assumption.

Fr. Greg



TODAY'S READINGS

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
 Psalm 45
 1 Corinthians 15:20-27
 Luke 1:39-56

Today we celebrate the Assumption of Mary — the moment she was taken up, body and soul, into heaven. This day reveals much about our Holy Mother. Next to her Divine Son, Mary truly is the model steward for us as we journey through this life.

Our Gospel recounts the story of Mary visiting her cousin Elizabeth who was soon to deliver John the Baptist. Mary truly is a dwelling place for Christ. Even baby John the Baptist noticed as he leaped in his mother’s womb upon Mary’s greeting! We too are called to be a dwelling place for the Lord. Yet for Christ to dwell in us, we must prepare our hearts for Him.

Mary was prepared for Christ to reside in her, and her Magnificat expresses how we can imitate her and prepare a place for Christ in ourselves: “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord...”

How can we proclaim the ‘greatness of the Lord?’ It is simply by how we choose to live our lives. Each day is an opportunity to grow as a disciple of Christ. We can choose to rise each day in prayer, respond to those around us in kindness, serve in our vocations and occupations from a place of love and selflessness, and use our gifts and talents for the glory of God.

As we reflect on the life of Mary today, let us strive to imitate her in proclaiming the greatness of God by how we live our lives. Let us celebrate her as our Mother, our Queen, and a Model Steward. She is not distant or out of reach, rather, she is as close to us as a mother to her baby — constantly watching, interceding, and guiding us to be with her Divine Son in eternal life.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

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REMINDER: ABOUT MASKS

Because of the recent change in county guidance, the Diocese of San Jose once again requires face masks for all participating in indoor worship, regardless of vaccination status. The only exception is that liturgical ministers—priests, lectors, musicians—may remove their face masks when they are performing their liturgical duties and are sufficiently distanced from the worshipping community. Please make sure that your face mask covers both your nose and your mouth.

I also remind you of the continuing need to sanitize your hands when entering the church and just before receiving holy communion. I recommend that each person bring his/her own hand sanitizer. It is easy to purchase small containers that fit into a pocket or purse.

If you are feeling ill or if you have any medical condition that may make you particularly vulnerable, please worship at home. If for any reason you are unable to comply with the diocesan requirements, please worship at home. The dispensation from attending Sunday mass is still in effect.

As Bishop Cantu said at the beginning of the pandemic, it is not only an act of Christian charity, it is a **moral imperative** that we do all that we can to protect others and stop the spread of disease.

May God bless with good health and safety our St. Mary parish family! *Fr. Greg*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	8/15	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Mon	8/16	Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tue	8/17	Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wed	8/18	Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thu	8/19	Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14
Fri	8/20	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
Sat	8/21	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12
Sun	8/22	Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	8/16	9:30 am	Bart Ottoboni +
Tue	8/17	9:30 am	Rose Pearne + John Pearn, Jr. +
Wed	8/18	9:30 am	St. Mary Parishioners
Thu	8/19	9:30 am	Olivia Gray +
Fri	8/20	9:30 am	Dan Connelly +
Sat	8/21	9:30 am	Andrew Moore +
		5:00 pm	Viola Dynski +
Sun	8/22	7:30 am	Josephine Gallo +
		9:00 am	Christine Palazzolo
		5:00 pm	Anna Hendig +

HOLY FATHER'S UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST: THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 15

Sunday:	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday:	St. Stephen of Hungary
Thursday:	St. John Eudes, Priest
Friday:	St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Saturday:	St. Pius X, Pope
Next Sunday:	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe you are really here in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you more than anything in the world, and I hunger to receive you. But since I cannot receive Communion at this time, Feed my soul spiritually. I unite myself to you now, as I do when I actually receive You in Holy Communion. Amen.

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Good mothers have a way of bringing their children hope. When we fall and hurt ourselves, our mothers can help us walk the path of healing. There is hope that we will get better and the trust that we have in mom's comforting assurance allows us to move forward. Mothers know instinctively what we need and what we are capable of doing. They can be one of our biggest cheerleaders in life, and even when facing despair, can point the way to a brighter tomorrow. Our Blessed Mother does precisely that for us today. As one closest to our Lord, she cheers us on with the hope of what life will be for all of us. Although given the unique distinction of being raised in both body and soul, she nonetheless points to our true eternal destiny. Achieving this inheritance overrides any disappointment and her intercession and example inspires us to pick ourselves up when we fall. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given as we persevere even in the midst of life's challenges and failures.

We're busy in the background getting everything and everyone in place; however, we have some **immediate needs** for Chairpeople and committee members, so here's your opportunity! Take a look below, we need your time and talent right away!

Unless noted, we need a Chairperson and a few Committee members for each of the following:

- ◆ **Fair Program** - Photoshop knowledge a bonus as you create the Fair program - we have the 2019 file, so you'll make edits, updates, adding new sponsors, etc.
- ◆ **Burger & Fries Booth** - Always a popular booth, serving the best in town!
- ◆ **Special Event Permits** - We've secured Permits this year - you'll shadow the Permit Chair so you're set to take over next year
- ◆ **Beer Garden** - Another popular stop on a hot Country Fair weekend
- ◆ **Yard and Security** - we'll need boots on the ground for set-up, and roving adults during the Fair weekend to make sure all is well.
- ◆ **Graphic Design/Social Media** - Help out pre-Fair with promotion and social media postings, and assist the Program Chairperson as needed to help create a fantastic Fair Program.
- ◆ **Mimosa Bar** - Word is it's Mimosas on Saturday morning, and Bloody Marys on Sunday morning. Be in charge, and you decide!
- ◆ **Information Booth** - A little bit of everything happens at the Information Booth - Ticket Sales, Lost & Found, hand out Fair Programs, and more. Be that smiling face ready to help!

*Contact **Katrina Azucena** at fair_chairs@stmaryslg.org, and she will be able to tell you more about the available positions.*

Our Volunteer Chairman extraordinaire Tom Beck, will soon have available a sign up link for shifts of all kinds over the Fair weekend.

Visit <http://stmarysfair.squarespace.com/>



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SCHOOL OFFICE - SUMMER HOURS

Though our days are definitely longer, we can guarantee there will be someone in the school office at the desk to answer phones, open the Uniform Closet, collect any documents you're dropping off, etc.

Monday through Friday, 10am - 2pm. Feel free to leave a message if you call outside of office hours, and we will be sure to return your call.

FAITH IN ACTION



For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers:
Jackie Kendall, Apeles Pineda, Andy Byrne, Paul McGuire

For those who have recently died:
Edward Street, Clare Dinno, Rita Fisher, Laura Lozoya, Bill McPeak

Members of our parish family who are in the military, hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins and all who have no one to pray for them.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

In today's Gospel we hear Mary's cousin, Elizabeth, bestow the gift of two blessings on Mary when she greets her. Elizabeth blesses Mary not only because she believes that Mary is the mother of the Lord, but also because she recognizes that Mary has complete faith in God's promise. When Elizabeth prophetically pronounces Mary "blessed ... among women" and proclaims that the fruit of Mary's womb is blessed, she uses the same term that Jesus uses to bless people in the Beatitudes. Good stewards recognize the Spirit-driven love and courage that inspired Elizabeth's hospitality toward a young, unmarried, pregnant woman and the honor Elizabeth bestowed upon Mary who would ordinarily be shamed for bearing this child. *In what ways can we extend the blessings we receive in the Eucharistic celebration to others in order to honor them and offer them God's hospitality?*

2ND COLLECTION - AUG 29

ST. MARY PARTNERS IN MISSION IN ECUADOR

This year, our St. Mary's community celebrates its 14th year in partnership with the Working Boys' Center (WBC) and Damien House in Ecuador. The Working Boys' Center has been serving poor families in Quito for over 55 years. Its mission is to help families work their way out of poverty through access to health care, education, and basic services. Every year, the WBC provides hundreds of families with daily meals, medical and dental care, education and vocational training, and more. Damien House is a residential hospital located in Guayaquil. They exist to provide care to those affected by Hansen's Disease (Leprosy). They provide round the clock care for over 30+ in-house residents and free medical care for over 700 outpatients.

August 28th and 29th, during the Second Collections, we invite you to generously support the life-changing work of these high-impact missions in Ecuador. All monies donated will be used to further the mission of the WBC and Damien House. Checks should be made out to St. Mary Church or donate online at Stmaryslg.org, go to DONATE NOW and there will be a drop down menu where you can choose Ecuador -WBC. Thank you for your ongoing generous support of this love-filled ministry!

To learn more about this ministry, please visit:
<http://stmaryslg.org/ecuador-partners-in-mission>.

Due to COVID Restrictions there will be no Soup Supper this November.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE!

Our Goal for August is \$77,163.00

Your continued ONLINE support of St. Mary is much appreciated. THANK YOU to those who have already signed up for online donations.

TO MAKE AN ONLINE GIFT:

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Have you considered serving on the

Finance Council

The Catholic Code of Canon Law (*Canon#537*) mandates a parish finance council in each parish. The role of the parish finance council is to advise and assist the pastor of the parish in all matters pertaining to parish finances and parish staff in planning the budget and in overseeing and controlling the financial affairs of the parish. If you have knowledge of accounting, finance, budgeting, and/or development, we would like to invite you to consider joining St. Mary Finance Council. The Finance Council meets *quarterly* on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00pm.

For more information, please contact **Ron Pelzel, Finance Council chair** at parish.office@stmaryslg.org

Buildings & Grounds Committee

If you have one or more of the following "handyman" skills:
Mechanical skills ~ Electrical skills ~ Painting skills ~ Plumbing skills ~ Carpentry skills ~ General handyman skills or any experience in mechanical, carpentry, masonry, handyman tasks, construction, etc. or would like to help in planning and/or executing general repairs on parish facilities and grounds we would like to hear from you.

This ministry monitors the condition of the physical environment and advises the Finance and Pastoral Councils of current facility and grounds status. It functions as a resource for general repairs and saves the parish money by performing repairs and projects instead of hiring others to do them whenever possible. It helps the Finance Council to coordinate and plan capital expenditures.

For more information, please contact **Rick Mardesich**, at parish.office@stmaryslg.org



FAITH FORMATION

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

"God will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them." - Hebrews 6:10

St. Mary Parish is looking for volunteers as catechists for Faith Formation, Baptisms, First Communion, Confirmation, Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) and Christian Initiation for Children (CIC).



Registration for Faith Formation (K-8th), First Communion (2nd grade), Confirmation (High School), Rite of Christian Initiation and Christian Initiation for Children will open on August 1st. Classes will begin at the end of September.

For more information, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Michael Lomas, mlomas@stmaryslg.org or (408) 354-3726 x123

AROUND THE DIOCESE

CONSECRATED LIFE JUBILEE CELEBRANTS: Please pray and honor more than 40 men and women religious celebrating jubilees. Bishop Cantú sends his thanks and best wishes for their religious dedication and reading their names in this video - www.dsj.org/about-us/consecrated-life-men-and-women/

JULY 11 - AUGUST 25: JOSEPH-HOW TO LIVE EXTRAORDINARY IN THE ORDINARY. Perfect for the year of St. Joseph This eight week series from Real Life Catholic features speakers such as Chris Stefanick, Dr. Scott Hanh, Chris Evert and more! Register first at <https://coaching.reallifecatholic.com/reallifejoseph>. Starting July 11 until August 25, log in at <https://coaching.reallifecatholic.com/reallifejoseph> on either Sunday evenings at 7pm or Wednesday mornings at 11am to pray, reflect and discuss.

AUGUST 18: GRIEF BOOT CAMP LIVE - A MEANINGFUL PATH FORWARD: August 18 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. This workshop is a welcoming space to explore your grief and gain a better understanding of the emotions you are going through and how you might grow with a foundation of knowledge and prayer. This event is offered in-person or via Zoom. RSVP required 650-255-1506 or ccoutreach@dsj.org

AUGUST 20: GUADALUPE HOPE SOCIETY (GHS) ROSARY & FAITH TALK with Rev. Lawrence Goode: Aug. 20, 2021 11:30am - 1pm. GHS invites you to join us in praying the rosary for the unborn. Then Fr. Goode will share on the lives of St. Francis & St. Clare of Assisi. This event will be virtual via Zoom. Register at <https://bit.ly/2UaE63k>

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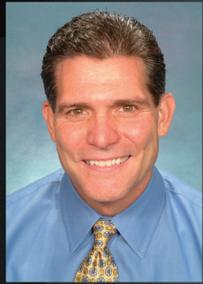
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