

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Catholic Parish—Spokane

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August 15th, 2021



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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- Lk 1:48b-49, 52

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Sun.: Betty Ross

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 10am

Daily: 8am

Holy Days: 8am and 7pm

Parish Committees & Organizations

Pastoral Council: Frank Taylor

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Thurs. 8:30-4pm

Sacraments:

Anointing of the Sick:

Masses with anointing 2 or 3 times a year

Baptism:

Parental preparation is required

Marriage:

contact the parish at least 6 months in advance

Reconciliation:

Saturdays 3:30-4:30 or by appointment

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A WORD FROM FR MIKE

The Assumption of Mary into heaven is one of the oldest celebrations of Mary. It is easily traced back to at least the 5th century and some historians say it was celebrated as far back as the 3rd century or before. Yet it was not an official feast of the church until 1950 when Pope Pius XII announced it as divinely revealed dogma in the Bull *Munificentissimus Deus*.

Some people have a problem with it because they question whether it is scripturally based. Intuitively, we can think of it as the fulfillment of the Bible's deepest themes of God's promise to bring all to Him. As Paul tells us today each of us will be brought to life in Christ in our proper time.

Mary is our true model of holiness. In obscurity of faith, Mary accepts God's plan (Lk 1:26-38). Mary gives us Jesus (Lk 2:6-7). Mary is filled with Jesus and brings him to others (Lk 1:41). Mary accepts and lives the prophecy of the sword (Lk 11:27-28). Mary listens to God's word and puts it into practice (Lk 1:27-28). Mary lives both the intimacy and the hiddenness of Nazareth (Lk 2:51). At Cana, Mary hastens Christ's manifestation, begins her mediation with Him and shows us the way to salvation: "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5). Mary fulfills in herself the evangelical beatitudes of humility, meekness, mercy, sorrowing and single-heartedness (Mt 5:1-11). Mary participates in the redemptive passion of her Son (Jn 19:25). Mary stands beneath the Cross (Jn 19:25). Mary accepts the motherhood of all humanity (Jn 19:27). In prayer and total availability, Mary is receptive to the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:2). Mary lives in herself the full realization of the plan of salvation, that is, the participation in God's life, in joy and light. Reflecting on Mary and her Assumption gives us great hope that God's promises will be fulfilled for us in their time. Mary was fully human like us, yet because of her grace and holiness she has been able to realize God's promise of the destiny of redeemed humanity immediately. She witnesses to the future that is open to every human to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light (Col 1:12).

Mary is available to us. We can ask her for the grace to help us overcome our temptations. She knows the Father's plans and she can help us in discerning His plans for us. She will assist us on our journey toward heaven. O Immaculate Heart of Mary, true model of every holiness; give us trust to become saints.

Amen.

God bless you all.

Shalom.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 15, 2021

- Sunday:** Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/
1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
- Monday:** Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/
Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday:** Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday:** Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday:** Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14
- Friday:** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/
Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday:** Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/Mt 23:1-12
- Next Sunday:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/
Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 15, 2021

- Sunday:** 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

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.



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— LUKE 1:48B —

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

They are courageous, wise women who ground us, focus us, and inspire us. They are the good mothers who walk with us and light our way. They teach us life lessons and help us heal and navigate through challenges and difficulties. We need people to point the way. Sometimes, these wise ladies are not our biological mothers but women in our lives, who through their strong and faithful presence, anchor us and remind us that we are loved. We need these women. Human beings do their best when they have cheerleaders in their lives. They show us that even when facing despair there is always a brighter tomorrow.

Jesus needed his mother. She had to be that faithful anchor, that guiding presence, in his life. Jesus needed to be affirmed and encouraged just like any other human being and Mary had to be there, right by his side, doing precisely that. Even when her heart was pierced as he was nailed to a tree, she did not give up hope. Most certainly, she



continued to wait, watch, hope, and love until he took his final breath. That's what mothers do. Even when their heart breaks, they persevere.

Today, our Blessed Mother is our cheerleader once again. Taken up to heaven in body and soul, she points to and directs us toward our final destiny. Life eternal waits! Any disappointment, fear, or anxiety can be set aside as she gently reassures us of God's love and

promise. 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. We can persevere and do what we need to do to live life well, with faith, hope, and love as our guiding lights. Knowing who we are and who we will one day become helps us to better chart the course and direction of our earthly lives. Looking to the example of our Blessed Mother, we receive the assurance we need.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

WWMD?

WWJD bracelets were all the rage about 25 years ago in Christian circles. I've always wondered if a WWMD bracelet might not make just as much sense, and maybe more. What Would Mary Do?

I would argue that Mary was the most exemplary steward who ever lived. Her answer was always "Yes." Yes, Lord, I am Your handmaiden. Yes, I will visit Elizabeth, and help her in the last difficult months of pregnancy. Yes, I will bring my son up in the Mosaic law and present him at the Temple of Jerusalem. Yes, I will give him to the crowds and to public ministry. Yes, I will offer him on this Cross, if it is Your will.

Yes, yes, yes.

Well, I can't be like Mary, we think to ourselves. There's an intimidation factor with the Blessed Mother and Catholics sometimes — one that almost exceeds that of Christ.

Perhaps it's because we are in awe of the fact that she was not divine in any way — she was a mere creation, like us — but somehow, she always had the courage to say yes. How could she do it, when we find it so hard?

Well, God certainly lavished on Mary extraordinary graces. Her lack of original sin liberated her to conform her will to God's.

But God is impatient to give us, too, all the graces we need to be a steward in the example of Mary. He's waiting for us simply to ask. Just as in Adam we died, so in Christ — through Mary — we live.

What can we say yes to today, in Mary's example?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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What is your choice of craft: sewing, crochet, card making, knitting, Christmas decor, or general crafts? Will you be able to donate one craft creation for our

Christmas Shop

on December 4?

We would love to display your talents. We also need sponsors for ingredients to make "**gifts in a jar**". We will get together in November to fill the jars.

Let me know your thoughts!

Lorraine Clark 509-217-6828



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FOR
SOMEONE
NEW
EVERY
DAY!**



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Overbey, Kathy White, Ellen Turnbull, Michael Brick, Mike Arcondizy, MaryAnn Forcier, Gary Turnbull, Brian Chandler, Marlene Weller, Joyce Johnson, Helen Arzen, Tom Bienemann, Jan Martin, Manny Baumbauer, Lindsey Fry, Sharon Stillwell, Stan Mundell, Mike Wojohowski, & Fran Hattenburg



Stephen Wilson
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Terence Fabien

Dennis & Dorothy Nelson—50 years!

