

St. Andrew Catholic Church

The background of the entire page is a classical painting depicting the Assumption of the Virgin Mary. Mary is shown in the center, wearing a blue mantle over a red gown, being carried upwards by a group of angels. She is surrounded by other figures, including saints and the Virgin Mary herself, in various poses of devotion and awe. The scene is set in a dramatic, dimly lit interior with architectural details like columns and arches. The overall tone is reverent and majestic.

Blessed

ARE YOU
AMONG
WOMEN, AND
BLESSED IS
THE FRUIT OF
YOUR WOMB

LUKE 1:42

Happy Feast
The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation

August 15th, 2021

2100 S.E. Cove Rd Stuart, FL 34997

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**Saint Andrew
Catholic Church**

2100 SE Cove Road
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Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30am
Monday-Friday 7:30am
Holy Days: Vigil 4:00pm
7:30am & 6:00pm

Confession:

Saturday: 2:30pm
Those wishing to receive the
sacrament
should be here at 2:30

First Friday

7:30am Mass followed
by individual confessions

First Saturday

7:30 Mass followed by individual
confessions

Pastor

Reverend John Barrow

Retired Assisting Clergy

Monsignor Blase Gintoli
Monsignor James Moore

Deacons

Deacon Louis Romero
Deacon Matthew Bartlett
Deacon Andre Boucher

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday
9am-12Noon
Saturday 2-4pm
Sunday
9am-12Noon

Youth Activities

DRE: Mrs. Donna Hernandez



MASS Intentions

Aug. 14	Sat.	4:00pm	Cassie Bridges (Liv)
Aug. 15	Sun.	7:30am	Concetta Martino+
Aug. 15	Sun.	9:00am	Aurora Caruso+
Aug. 15	Sun.	10:30am	Michael Magi+
Aug. 16	Mon.	7:30am	Fr. Maximo Sanchez (Liv)
Aug. 17	Tues.	7:30am	Gintoli Family+
Aug. 18	Weds.	7:30am	Gloria Weis+
Aug. 19	Thurs.	7:30am	Dennis Gallagher(Liv)
Aug. 20	Fri.	7:30am	Maurice Reidy+
Aug. 21	Sat.	4:00pm	Robert M. Weber+
Aug. 22	Sun.	7:30am	Robin Srebot Ziesmer+
Aug. 22	Sun.	9:00am	Mimi Porro+
Aug. 22	Sun.	10:30am	Robert Nacamuli+
Aug. 23	Mon.	7:30am	Christine Laffey+
Aug. 24	Tues.	7:30am	Andrew Cefalo (Liv)
Aug. 25	Weds.	7:30am	Iva Tucker+
Aug. 26	Thurs.	7:30am	Michael Magi+
Aug. 27	Fri.	7:30am	John Thomas Berry+
Aug. 28	Sat.	4:00pm	Patti Stuart+
Aug. 29	Sun.	7:30am	Adam Joseph Thielen+
Aug. 29	Sun.	9:00am	Erin Gallagher (Liv)
Aug. 29	Sun.	10:30am	Francis Murray+
Aug. 30	Mon.	7:30am	Kathleen Sulliivan & Laurece Healy (Liv)
Aug. 31	Tues.	7:30am	Edith Lagoeki+
Sept. 1	Weds.	7:30am	Gintoli Family+
Sept. 2	Thurs.	7:30am	Richard Towers+
Sept. 3	Fri.	7:30am	Bette Jo Parrini+
Sept. 4	Sat.	7:30am	Inez Gennari+
Sept. 4	Sat.	4:00pm	Nancy & John Sbordone(Liv)
Sept. 5	Sun.	7:30am	Laurie Nowell+
Sept. 5	Sun.	9:00am	Louis Puskas Jr. +
Sept. 5	Sun.	10:30am	Michael Magi+

Chaplet of Divine Mercy



**Adult Education (RCIA)
& Lectors**

Christine Michaelian
Thursday 6:30pm-8:00pm

Adoration

M-F 8:00am -12m in Church
Mo Wallace
TWINONEMO@AOL.COM
772-285-2688

**Servants of the Eucharist &
Care of the Sick**

Kathleen Sullivan

Annulments

John Ginnetti

Men of Saint Andrew

Dave Olio
Monday evening 6:30-8pm
davidolio333@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Norma Olio
1st Wednesday of each month
10:30 am

Pro-Life Ministry

Michele Williams

Bible Study

Tuesday 10:00am
Tuesday 6:30pm

**Ignatian Spirituality
Prayer Group**

Weds. 8:30am-10:00am
(Lenten Retreat Thurs. 8:30am)

Disciples of Prayer

Camille Lascari &
Bob Greeson

Parish Website

saintandrewcatholic.org
Webmaster;
Michael Brennan

Community Outreach

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Please call for an
appointment
772-291-0002

Rosary Maker's Ministry

Kathleen Sullivan
Wednesday 10:00am

Ushers

Jane Engelbrecht
ejanybrainy@yahoo.com

Legion of Mary Friday 8:15am



Please join us in praying the Chaplet on Mondays after the daily 7:30am Mass in room C and the rest of the week in silence during Adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament. We pray for our Country, our Priests and for the Sanctity of Life.

Prayers Before Mass

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

All of the information needed for today's liturgy is found in this bulletin, including Readings, and Responses.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM STORMS

God, our Father, Creator of the Universe and Lord over all creation, we humbly stand before you as your children in thanksgiving for your loving care and protection. We ask that you keep us safe from all hurricanes. Protect us from all fear and anxiety of storms and give us an ardent trust and hope in Your love and mercy. You alone have the power to command the sea, the wind and the rain. You alone bring peace, calm, and safety. Father, we thank you in advance, for you are our only Refuge. We ask this through Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Mary, Queen of the Apostles, and Patroness of Our Diocese, pray for us.

Penitential Act: A

The Confiteor

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.



Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and the snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.



O Jesus, through the immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day for all the intentions

of your Sacred Heart, In union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, for the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins, the reunion of all Christians, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father this month. Amen

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks, for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father, Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, **All bow at the words that follow, up to and including** and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church, I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Immaculate Mary
LOURDES HYMN

Gathering Hymn

1. Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing.
You reign now in heaven with Jesus our King.

Refrain

Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!

2. In heaven the blessed your glory proclaim;
On earth we your children invoke your fair
name.

3. We pray for our Mother, the Church upon
earth,
And bless, Holy Mary, the land of our birth.

Text: 11 11 with refrain; anon. in Parochial Hymn Book, Boston, 1897; rev. of
Hail Virgin of virgins by Jeremiah Cummings, 1814–1866, alt. Music: Trad.
Pyrenean melody, pub. Grenoble, 1882; alt. by Augustus Edmonds Tozer, 1857
–1910.

FIRST READING

A reading from the second Book of Revelation
Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab

God's temple in heaven was opened,
and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple.

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the
sun,
with the moon under her feet,
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.
She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored
to give birth.

Then another sign appeared in the sky;
it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns,
and on its heads were seven diadems.
Its tail swept away a third of the stars in the sky
and hurled them down to the earth.

Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give
birth,

to devour her child when she gave birth.
She gave birth to a son, a male child,
destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod.
Her child was caught up to God and his throne.
The woman herself fled into the desert
where she had a place prepared by God.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:
“Now have salvation and power come,
and the Kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Anointed One.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 45:10,11,12,16

R. (10bc) **The queen stands at your right hand, ar-
rayed in gold.**

The queen takes her place at your right hand in gold of
Ophir.

R. **The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in
gold.**

Hear, O daughter, and see; turn your ear,
forget your people and your father's house.

R. **The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in
gold.**

So shall the king desire your beauty;
for he is your lord.

R. **The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in
gold.**

They are borne in with gladness and joy;
they enter the palace of the king.

R. **The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in
gold.**

SECOND READING

***A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to
the Corinthians*** *Corinthians 15:20-27*

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since death came through man,
the resurrection of the dead came also through man.
For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be
brought to life, but each one in proper order:
Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong
to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the
Kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed
every sovereignty and every authority and power.
For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his
feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death,
for “he subjected everything under his feet.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Mary is taken up to heaven;
a chorus of angels exults.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



Gospel

Luke 1:39-56

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

And Mary said:

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
and has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever."

Mary remained with her about three months
and then returned to her home.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Contemplation: Mary contemplated her life through God's lens. She prayed to see what God wanted from her. She knew what her contribution to Salvation History was going to be. That is what you have to do today. Look at your life with God in mind. He brought you here to fulfill a mission, you are here to show the greatness of God. You can only understand what is happening to you and what you have to face, from God's view. Only by meeting Him in prayer, will your life and soul be revealed and relieved. Remember, things always happen for a reason. Learn to look at things from God's point of view and instead of complaining, learn to praise Him for the things that happen to you.

Hail, Holy Queen SALVE REGINA COELITUM

Closing Hymn

1. Hail, holy Queen enthroned above; O Maria!
Hail, mother of mercy and of love. O Maria!

Refrain

Triumph, all ye cherubim;
Sing with us, ye seraphim!
Heav'n and earth resound the hymn:
Salve, salve, salve, Regina!

2. Our life, our sweetness here below, O Maria!
Our hope in sorrow and in woe. O Maria!

3. And when our life-breath leaves us, O Maria!
Show us thy Son, Christ Jesus. O Maria!

Text: 84 84 with refrain; Salve, Regina, mater misericordiae, ca. 1080; tr. anon. in Roman Hymnal, 1884. Music: Melchior Ludwig Herold, 1753–1810; Choralmelodien zum Heiligen Gesänge, 1808.

Pope Benedict on Conscience

"The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us, 'Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing or has already completed. In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right' (n. 1778). From this definition it emerges that the moral conscience, to be able to judge human conduct rightly, above all must be based on the solid foundation of truth, that is, it must be enlightened to know the true value of actions and the solid criteria for evaluation. Therefore, it must be able to distinguish good from evil, even where the social environment, pluralistic culture and superimposed interests do not help it do so" (Address to the Pontifical Academy for Life, February 24, 2007). [Fr. Frank Pavone](#)



Heaven is The Goal: This is what we celebrate. Mary reminds us that we are called to go to heaven, our home. The way there is through contemplation, seeing God's plan and living the simple life. Serve others and serve God. There is more than this life, your ultimate goal is heaven. Do not stop halfway. Do not give up. If today it is harder to see the finish line, look up to heaven and tell yourself "my life does not end here, it ends there".

May God bless you and be with you in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. ...and do not forget: Heaven is Our Goal! [Fr. Luis A. Zazano](#)

Weekly Announcements



The Sanctuary
Candles are for
the intention of
Sydney Carbo



The Candles at the Shrine of Our
Lady of Perpetual Help are for the
intention of
Randal Martucci



The Candles are burning during
Adoration in the Church of the
Two Hearts is for the intention
of
Roger & Carole Sahni

BE ONE WITH JESUS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration
is in the Church M-F 8:00am-12pm

Jesus is the most appreciative Person of all. His Heart was deeply touched by the leper who came back to give thanks. He pointed out to the Pharisees the gratitude shown Him by Mary Magdalene. Dismas "stole" heaven with the kind words he expressed to Christ on the Cross. Psalm 92 is a prayer of gratitude. St. Paul tells us to dedicate ourselves to thanksgiving. Once again, we touch the Heart of Christ deeply when we "give thanks to the Lord." Our gratitude is the "music" that fills the Lord with delight. First we thank Him for the great gift of the Eucharist; the price He paid for this gift was His sufferings on Calvary. We "proclaim" His love by an act of faith in His loving Presence before us.

"Your deeds, O Lord, have made me glad" means that all Jesus did from His birth to His death and resurrection were done out of His personal love for you. "The foolish man cannot know this" because human nature complains about all the unpleasant things of life without "seeking first the kingdom of God and His way of holiness."

May you give thanks to the Lord in the
Blessed Sacrament.

Weekend Marriage Builders



Parents

You know your parents pretty well, but when was the last time they shared their hopes, dreams and memories with you? Here are questions that might spur such a conversation. And your kids will be fascinated by Grandma and Grandpa's stories! Or, if you are Grandma and Grandpa, answer these questions for your children and grandchildren.

1. What surprises you the most about getting older?
2. Who was your best friend in school?
3. When you were twelve, what did you want to be when you grew up?
4. Where were you the first time you saw TV?
5. What's the scariest thing that ever happened to you?
6. Before air conditioning, how did you keep cool?
7. What was the hardest part of rearing children?
8. What was the first car you ever drove?
9. Did you ever have a hero? Who was it?
10. In your opinion, what has been the biggest change over the past fifty years?

Revive

Saturday: Leviticus 19:1-32
Sunday: Proverbs 17:1-20





The Prayer Shawl Ministry is now also making Lap Robes, red, white and blue for our Veterans.

The Veterans Clinic on Willoughby is giving them to any veteran who would like to receive one. A tag is put on

each item thanking veterans for their service and St. Andrew Catholic Church on the back. We continue to make Prayer Shawls for our parishioners, family and friends. We are also making shawls available for any family who has a funeral at St. Andrew.

This Ministry is available to anyone who would like to join us in this giving ministry. We meet the first Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am in the church Room A. May God bless all who contribute in any way. "One of the secrets of life is that all that is really worth doing is what we do for others". Lewis Carroll

For further information or to receive a shawl contact:
Norma 772-919-5963 or nolio91@gmail.com

**If you can tie a Shoelace
Then
You can make a Rosary!**



**Come visit us to see how we
make rosaries and to consider
joining our rosary ministry
Wednesday August 11 @ 10:00 AM
Class Room C**

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Meditation

Our Lady is in Heaven

They say that when her time came, our Lady was borne up to heaven in the hands of angels, borne through a blue sky that was warm with the noonday heat and yet was pale beside the blueness of her mantle. The legions of saints waited her coming, glorious in garments scarlet and white, with burning haloes; and before them all came Gabriel, his mantle dazzling silver in the sunlight. Bowing low, he gave her a lily for a scepter. She passed the multitude of the angels and saints and came at last to a place of solitude, and here her Son came to her. He was a king in a robe of rose and his wounds were jewels that shone, and he crowned her with a great crown set with seven brilliant stars for her life's seven sorrows...

We do not know where or what or how heaven is, but this we know, and it is very nearly all that we know about heaven: In heaven our Lady is with God. Our Lady's body is there, and the Body of Christ is there, and our Lady's soul and the soul of Christ and his divinity. We can realize this only in so far as we realize it through its effect upon the world. There, before God, is humanity, our humanity-but innocent humanity in all its primal loveliness, humanity with which the Spirit of God is in love.

And she is ours. Through Mary of Nazareth Christ is born again and again in the individual heart. "Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus," the little children say. And they do not understand what they say. But as they grow older, with the angel's prayer in their hearts, they begin to understand that this "fruit" is the Life of Christ born again in the world -always, everywhere.

Our Lady is in heaven. In heaven the music of the Incarnation is uttered eternally in its first simplicity.

Caryll Houselander



We love having you as part of our Flock! Keep in touch with us via email and text!

Text **4ANDREW** to **84576** or connect with us online at
saintandrewcatholic.org/stay-in-touch



Disciples of Prayer

St. Andrew's Church has established a ministry of prayer, "St. Andrew's Disciples of Prayer". If you or a loved one, friend or neighbor, has a need of prayer or, if you have a generous spirit and can spend 5 to 10 minutes a day praying for special intentions,

please contact ;

Camille at qtcaccl@gmail.com

or

Bob at cobra12220@aol.com

to place someone on the prayer list, or if you are called by the Holy Spirit to pray.

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*Religious
Education*



Religious Education Enrollment

**You can still enroll until
the end of August.**

Application Packets may be picked up at the church front reception desk or printed from the saintandrewcatholic.org website.

We need your help. If any of your family information, names addresses, phone numbers, email addresses have changed please contact the parish office.

**We
Need Some
Helping Hands**

Keep our Church Clean

We are in need of volunteers to assist in cleaning the Church every Monday from 8:00am-8:30am. If you are free and would like to volunteer your time please show up on Mondays at 8:00am or call the parish office at 772-781-4415. May you do your part to prepare God's House.



*Last Will
and
Testament*

**Please Remember your Church
St. Andrew
In your Last Will and Testament**

Ushers Needed
Are you willing to serve?

The usher is a person chosen to reflect the warmth and welcome of Christ himself. Always conscious of Christ's words: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me". At St. Andrew Catholic Church, Ushers are entrusted with promoting a sense of welcoming presence and belonging to all the faithful assembled for worship. They are the first point of contact for the communal celebration of the Liturgy. Each Minister offers a welcoming atmosphere, takes an active role in enabling each Parishioner and Visitor to a comfortable expression of God in the Liturgy.



Please contact the Church Office
(772)-781-4415 or Jane Englebrecht at 772-288-2265 or ejanybrainy@yahoo.com if you are interested!

Active Parishioner Status

We receive many requests for parishioner to be godparents or sponsors for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation and to rightfully enjoy the number of services offered at St. Andrew. Part of the request is to be able to verify that a person is an **"active member"** of St. Andrew.

An **"active member"** is:

- Properly **registered** in the parish.
- **Faithfully attends** Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
- **Participates** in parish activities / miniseries when possible.
- **Uses** the parish envelope system for donations

These are the main factors that will be considered in making the determination .

Welcome
Come Worship With Us

JPPC

The Assumption of the Mother of God

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15



“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name.” [Luke 1:46–49](#)

Today we celebrate one of seventeen different memorials, feasts and solemnities in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary that are found on the Roman Liturgical Calendar. Today's celebration is one of the four great Solemnities by which our Blessed Mother is honored. Obviously, no other person other than our Lord is honored and celebrated with as much solemnity as the Mother of God.

The Solemnity of the Assumption honors the fact that when the Blessed Virgin Mary completed her life on earth, she never experienced death. Instead, at that glorious moment, she was singly privileged to be taken body and soul into Heaven to be with her resurrected Son so as to adore the Most Holy Trinity forever. It's an amazing fact to consider that she is the only person, other than Jesus, who retains her body and soul, united as one in Heaven, in anticipation of that glorious day when the new Heavens and Earth will be created and when all the faithful will rise so as to live in a new bodily form forever with God.

Though this dogma of our faith had been held and believed by the faithful from the earliest times of our Church, especially since it was witnessed by those closest to our Blessed Mother at the time of her glorious Assumption, it wasn't until November 1, 1950, that Pope Pius XII solemnly proclaimed it to be so, raising this teaching of our faith to the level of a dogma, meaning, it must be held and believed by all. In part, the Holy Father declared, "...we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."

This Dogma of the Assumption reveals to us many things worth prayerfully pondering. First and foremost, Mary's Assumption was a result of her Immaculate Conception and the fact that she remained sinless throughout her life. That Dogma was also believed throughout the centuries and was solemnly defined by Pope Pius IX in 1854. The Assumption follows from the Immaculate Conception because death follows from sin. It was not the original plan of God that we experience the death of our bodies and the separation of our bodies and souls. Again, this is a consequence of sin. But since the Blessed Virgin Mary was preserved from all sin from the moment of her conception by the future grace won by her Son on the Cross, and because she freely remained free from sin throughout her life by her ongoing cooperation with that grace, then she not only did not experience death, she could not. Death had no power over one who was without sin.

The Gospel passage quoted above comes from the beginning of Mary's song of praise, her *Magnificat*, by which she not only gives the greatest glory to God but also reveals who she is. She is the one whom "all generations" will call "blessed." She is the one for whom "the Almighty has done great things." She is the one who will eternally proclaim "the greatness of the Lord" and whose spirit will forever rejoice in God her Savior. And she is that lowliest of servants whom God has raised up to the greatest glory.

Reflect, today, with the whole Church, upon the Most Glorious Ever-Virgin Mary who was conceived without sin, remained sinless throughout her life, never experienced death, and was taken body and soul into Heaven where she now adores the Most Holy Trinity and intercedes for you and for the whole Church. This is a Solemnity of great rejoicing! Share in this joy with the whole Church and with all the saints in Heaven!

Most glorious and Ever-Virgin Mary, I rejoice today with you and with the whole Church for the most glorious things that God has done for you. You are beauty beyond beauty, Immaculate in every way, and worthy of our deepest love. As you now share body and soul in the glories of Heaven, please pray for me and for all your dear children on earth. Cover us with your mantle of love and pour forth the mercy of God upon us always. Mother Mary, assumed into Heaven, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Jesus, I trust in You. <https://mycatholic.life/>