

# Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 10, 2025**



## *Pastor*

Rev. Joseph Ibiwoye, MSP  
jibiwoye@dobcentral.org

## *Our Mother of Mercy Church*

3390 Sarah St. Beaumont, Texas  
77705-3098

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## *Mission Statement*

*To Live by Truth and Love,  
To Know our Faith  
To Serve the Needs of Others,  
To Teach by Example  
and thereby Strengthen and Inspire  
the Parish Family.*

## *Office Hours*

Monday –Friday  
from 8am-3pm

**Lunch from 12:00-1:00pm**  
Closed Saturday and Sunday

**Secretary:** Kayla Cruse  
kcruse@dobcentral.org

**Parish Maintenance:**  
Lawrence Andrepont.

## *Lay Pastoral Advisory Council*

Ms. Regina Carr

Mr. Charles Woods

Mr. Donald Stagg

Ms. Edith Uzoh

Mr. Clifton Guillory

Mr. Al Vincent Bernard

Ms. Le'Toyia Mays

Sean Stevenson

## *Eucharistic Celebration*

Saturday	4:30pm
Sunday	7:00am 10:00am
Tuesday	5:30pm Benediction
Mass	6:00pm
Wednesday	7:00am
Thursday	7:00am
Friday	7:00am

## *Adoration*

Every first Friday 12Noon  
till Sat. 12 Noon

Every Wednesday  
7:30 AM- 3:30PM

## *Divine Mercy Devotion*

First Sunday of every month 3:00pm

## *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Saturday 3:00-4:15pm  
or by appointment.

Parish Bible Study

Fridays at 4:00pm

## *Pastoral Care:*

### **OF THE SICK AND SHUT-IN**

The Eucharist and Anointing of the Sick and Shut-In are brought to homes, hospitals and nursing homes.

## *Hospitalization:*

If you wish to receive the Sacraments of Anointing of the Sick, Reconciliation (Confession) and Holy Communion while you are in the hospital, please register as a Catholic and notify the Spiritual Care Department.

## *Baptisms*

**Please call/come to the Rectory to schedule.**

Juanita Moorehead  
@409-833-4009

## *Weddings*

There is a 6 month preparation class, which begins with your first appointment with the Priest. Please call the rectory for an appointment.

## *Ministries*

**Altar Servers:** Tommy Briggs  
409-658-6092

**Baptism:** Juanita Moorehead

**Bereavement:** Tommy Briggs

**Eucharistic Ministers/ Sick and Shut-In** Ruthie Evans  
409-338-6931

**Health Ministry:** Nkem Nwaobi  
409-466-1520

**Music Ministry:** Carl Stewart  
409-658-2678

**PCL and Youth Ministry:**  
Shawn Denson 409-291-2443

### **Social Outreach:**

Evelyn Bernard  
409-842-1206 Cell:409-782-6677  
Hours: 9am-12Noon, Monday & Wednesday

**Stewardship:** Greg Pumphrey  
409-201-3860

**Hospitality:** Alice Nettles  
409-466-5509

**Lectors:** Tanya Tanner  
409-363-9149

### **Women Of Grace:**

Shirley Jones  
409-720-9898



### "Do Not Be Afraid"

This Sunday, as we gather once more as a community of faith at Our Mother Marcy Parish, we are met with the comforting and powerful words of Jesus: "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." (Luke 12:32)

What a tender and reassuring promise.

In a world often weighed down by uncertainty, anxiety, and fear: fear of the future, fear of change, fear of loss, Jesus speaks to us directly and gently: "Do not be afraid." These words are not a command to suppress our feelings, but an invitation to trust. Not because we are strong, or because life will always go our way, but because God is always faithful and God is near. The Gospel this Sunday reminds us that we are not abandoned. We are not alone in the chaos or confusion of life. God, our loving Father, is not far off. He sees us. He knows our hearts. And, astonishingly, it is His pleasure, His delight! to give us the KINGDOM.

But Jesus doesn't stop at comfort. He also calls us to readiness. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit," He says. This is not fear-based readiness, but hope-filled vigilance. We are to live as people who expect the Master's return, not with dread, but with joyful anticipation. Each act of faith, each quiet service to others, each moment of trust is a light kept burning. To live without fear is not to live carelessly, but to live faithfully. It is to believe that our daily, even hidden, efforts to love and serve matter to God. That He sees the good we do. That His promise is sure.

So, my dear parish family, whatever burdens you carry this week, be they personal struggles, family concerns, or the noise of the world, hear Jesus' words echo in your heart: Do not be afraid. You are God's beloved. You are seen. And you are called to live in light, not in fear. Finally, I invite us to pray for one another, that our hearts may remain open, our lamps lit, and our lives a sign of God's hope in the world.



Jesus' instructions on how to be ready for the coming judgment continue in the stories and sayings found in today's Gospel. We are not to be like the greedy rich man in last Sunday's Gospel who planned to store his great harvest in barns rather than share it. We are, rather, to share our wealth with those in need. The antidote for the anxiety brought on by the coming judgment is to relinquish our possessions and provide for the needs of others. Our treasure will be in heaven where it will not wear out or be destroyed. The other major way to be ready for the coming judgment is to be watchful. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about watchfulness to begin making this point. We must be like servants waiting for the master's return from a wedding banquet, which, even now, can last for a few days in the Middle East. We must be watchful so that even if the master comes after midnight, we will be ready for him. This is what the coming of the Son of Man will be like. Peter asks if this parable is meant for the apostles or for the large crowd that has gathered to listen to Jesus. Without answering Peter's question, Jesus responds with another parable about servants awaiting the return of their master. It begins with a question: "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time?" This parable adds to the theme of watchfulness; it explains how to wait and reminds us of the reward for the faithful follower at the heavenly banquet after the judgment. If it is addressed to the apostles, then it could also be addressed to leadership in the early Church. Either way, the parables reminds us that we should be found doing our jobs when the master arrives. If we are doing our jobs, our reward will be great. But if we relax, neglect our duties, and begin to act like the greedy rich man—eating, drinking, and making merry—we will not have a place in the kingdom.

### Readings for the August 10, 2025

**Sunday-** Wisdom 18:6-9, Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-22, Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 (or Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12), Luke 12:32-48 (or Luke 12:35-40)

**Monday-** Deuteronomy 10:12-22, Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20, Matthew 17:22-27

**Tuesday-** Deuteronomy 31:1-8, Deuteronomy 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12, Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

**Wednesday-** Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Psalm 66:1-3, 5, 8, 16-17, Matthew 18:15-20

**Thursday-** Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17, Psalm 114:1-6, Matthew 18:21-19:1

**Friday-** 1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2, Psalm 132, 1 Corinthians 15:54b-57, Luke 11:27-28

**Saturday-** Joshua 24:14-29, Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11, Matthew 19:13-15



### Prayer List

Please pray for all those who are ill at home, in the nursing homes, or in the hospital.

Pauline Davis	Burnitta Eaglin
James Segura	Mary Lewis
Sylvia Shelby	Mary Ann Howard
Silton Frank	Betty Lou Living
Aletra Bowman	Morgan Moorehead Tuck
Tammy Tevis	Herbert Hill
Corliss Walker	Martha Pitre
Theresa Andrepont	Mary Hasley
Mary Ann Thibodeaux	Martin Chavis Sr.
Shelia Thibodeaux Goldman	Beatrice Sells
Sonia Abraham	Joseph Wheeler Jr.
Irby Thibodeaux	Richard Barnes
Shariaka R. Carter	Ella Bailey
Hebert Hill	Beverly Sennet
Carl Stewart	Clinton Hill

To add or remove names on the list

have a family member  
call the parish secretary.  
If you know anyone who is sick and unable to  
attend Mass, please have them or their family  
member call the Rectory so they can be placed on  
the Sick & Shut-in list.



### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday 4:30 pm

Lula Campbell+	Richard & Sonia Abraham
Joseph Boutte+	Margie Darwin
Pauline Bernard Gage+	Evelyn Reado
George Michael Obro+	Daria Bryant

#### Sunday 7:00 am

In Thanksgiving for Yvonne Cormier	Regina Rogers
In Celebration for Bill Sam Jr.	Dad, Bill Sam

#### 10:00am

Levi Adams Jr.+	Langston Adams
Deceased Members of The Maceo & Giglio Families+	Jo Beth Jenkins
In Celebration for Duce & Ketha Jones and for the Parish.	Duce & Kendall

#### Tuesday 6:00 pm

#### Wednesday 7:00 am

#### Thursday 7:00 am

William Sam Jr.	Sam Family
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#### Friday 7:00 am

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

GIVE TIME BACK TO JESUS!  
FIRST FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2025, 12 NOON THRU  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 2ND. UNTIL 12 NOON.  
COME AND SPEND SOME QUIET TIME WITH THE  
LORD. WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU MORE THAN YOU  
CAN STAND... KNEEL!



### Divine Mercy Devotion

Every 1st Sunday of the month,  
September 7, 2025 at 3pm. Come and  
join us in prayer.



### Stewardship of Treasure July 27, 2025

4:30pm Mass Attendance	86	\$2,324.00	Stipend	\$175.00
7:00am Mass Attendance	72	\$3,556.00	Social Outreach	\$180.00
10:00am Mass Attendance	152	\$3,561.00	Votive Stand	\$98.00
Mail in		\$4,938.00	Religious Articles	\$
Second Collection		\$		
Total	130	\$14,832.00	July Online Contribution	\$3,117.69

Thank you for your generosity

# Pray Daily for Vocations

You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come. Luke 12:40



*The call to serve can come unexpectedly. Be open to the ways God may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life.*

Talk to a priest or contact Fr. Rodel Faller at the Vocations Office by calling 409-924-4361 or by emailing: vocations@dioceseofbmt.org.

## For VOCATIONS to the PRIESTHOOD

God our Father, from eternity You appointed Your only begotten Son to be the High Priest of the human race. Pour forth, we beseech You, Your Holy Spirit upon our families, that vocations to the priesthood may be multiplied.

Lord Jesus, give us holy priest  
 To offer up the sacrifice of the Mass  
 To lead the little ones to you  
 To strengthen the faith of believers  
 To preach the Gospel to all people,  
 To bring forgiveness to sinners;  
 To feed souls the Bread of Life;  
 To spread Your Kingdom in our midst Mary, Mother of our High Priest, pray for us and obtain for us a increase of holy priests.

*Amen*

Your gift supports more than 19 programs & ministries in the Diocese of Beaumont

- Campus Ministry
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- Worship Ministry

**APPEAL for CATHOLIC MINISTRIES**  
 Building the Kingdom Together

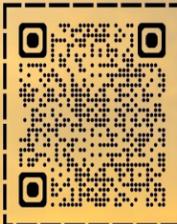
"I plead with you never ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid."  
 St. John Paul II  
**2025**

*Ways to Give:*

Online: [www.dobgifts.org](http://www.dobgifts.org)

Mail: Diocese of Beaumont  
 PO Box 3948  
 Beaumont TX 77704

Scan:



## BLESSED SACRAMENT MASS CLASS REUNION

ATTENTION BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL GRADUATES AND THOSE WHO ATTENDED. THERE WILL BE SCHOOL MASS REUNION SEPTEMBER 19TH THROUGH 21ST IN BEAUMONT, TEXAS. FOR REGISTRATION, HOTEL, AND ACTIVITIES, AND INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL JAMES CARTER AT 409-548-9557, OR MAKE CONTACT BY E-MAIL AT WILLIE24JOHN@YAHOO.COM. REGULAR REUNION REGISTRATION ENDS ON 09/01/2025. LATE REGISTRATION ENDS ON 09/10/2025 WITH A SLIGHTLY HIGHER FEE. REGISTRATION FEES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE ON SITE AT ANY OF THE FUNCTIONS. COME JOIN US FOR A MEMORABLE OCCASION. NEXT MEETING WILL BE JULY 27TH @1PM

Join our team

# WE'RE HIRING

**Attention Pear Orchard Federal Credit Union Members Are you interested in joining our Management Team? We are currently seeking a Credit Union Manager. Our Credit Union has been here for 60 years, servicing our Church members. If you are interested, please contact Miranda Thomas or David James @ 409-842-4343, Monday-Friday between the hours of 1-5p.m. for more details. Applicants will be subject to a criminal background check.**

## 2025 COMOM CCD & YOUTH ACTIVITIES UPCOMING EVENTS

\* Indicates Youth Sunday

**JULY** 12- Youth Lock-In (6th Grade - 12th Grade)  
Starts @ 4:00 Mass - Midnight  
\*20- Youth Sunday

**AUGUST** \*17 - Sundaes on Sunday (Ice Cream Event)  
CCD Registration Event

**SEPTEMBER** \*21- CCD Welcome Back Block Party  
First Day of CCD

**OCTOBER** 5 - CCD Class  
\*19 - CCD Class  
25 - Treat Street (Halloween Event)

**NOVEMBER** 2 - CCD Class  
\*16 - Youth Appreciation Mass &  
Reception (NO CCD Class)  
20-22 - National Catholic Youth Convention

**DECEMBER** 7 - CCD Class  
\*21 - Youth Christmas Pageant  
(NO CCD Class)



## What is Your Treasure?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus talks about being ready for when He comes again. He reminds us that having nice things here on earth does not help us get into Heaven.

Jesus said "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also."

He means that the things that are important to you show what it is that you love. If money or food or nice clothes are the most important things in your life then it shows that you love them more than you should. But if being kind and helpful to others and loving God are more important to you than having nice things, then you have a good treasure stored up for Heaven.



When we die everything we have will be gone. All that we will have to show to Jesus are the things that are in our hearts. If you only loved having nice stuff then the treasure box of your heart will



be empty. If you loved God and others and were faithful to God then your treasure will still be full. So fill your heart with treasure that will last forever!

Answers to Assumption Cross-Word: Across: 4 be 5 He  
6. Mary 7. sing 9. Assumption 13. out 15. raise 17. love  
19. womb 20. total 21. go Down: 1. Jesus 2. sin 3. saint 4. by  
8. Son 10. soul 11. pure 12. initiate 14. tomb 16. evil  
18. now 20. to

## PROMISE TO PROTECT



## PLEDGE TO HEAL

BELIEVE IN THE POSSIBILITY OF HELP AND HEALING. THERE IS HOPE.

Your local Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help you or anyone who has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church. We will listen to your needs and support you. We will help you make a formal complaint and arrange a personal meeting with the bishop, or his delegate, if desired. We encourage you to come forward and speak out.

The Victim Assistance Coordinator in your (arch)diocese/eparchy is:

Lori J. Chassee  
Ph. 409-719-3318  
victimsassistant@dioceseofbmt.org



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10	11	12	13 Choir Metting 7-9PM	14	15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	16
17 KPC Jr. Knights Metting Sundaes on Sunday	18	19	20 Hospitality Ministry Monthly Meeting 6- 7PM	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Carolyn Guidry Zydeco	30 Altar Servers Practice 11AM- 1PM
31	<b>Social Outreach 4,6,11,13,18,20,25,27 Choir Practice 6,13,27</b> <b>Youth Choir Practice 6,13,20,27 Bible Study 4pm 1,8,15,22,29</b>					




  
**Intentions Mass**  
*with Bishop David L. Toups*

Join us for our Intentions Mass as we prayerfully lift up the spiritual needs of Southeast Texas, with special intention for the victims of the recent floods

**St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica, Beaumont**  
**Thursday August 14, 2025 6:00 p.m.**

Reception to follow in the Cathedral Center  
 heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served  
 RSVP 409-924-4327 or [stewardship@dioceseofbmt.org](mailto:stewardship@dioceseofbmt.org)




  
**8TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S Conference**

**+JMJ+ LEAD THE WAY**


**Bishop David L. Toups**


**Fr. Donald Calloway**


**Bishop Joseph Coffey**


**Keith Nester**



**AUGUST 23, 2025**  
**7AM - 5PM**  
**DOGGETT ARENA**  
**BEAUMONT, TEXAS**

TICKETS: [CHRISTYOU-CMC.COM](http://CHRISTYOU-CMC.COM)

HOTELS AND LOCAL INFORMATION  
[www.beaumontcvb.com](http://www.beaumontcvb.com)  
[www.visitportarthurtx.com](http://www.visitportarthurtx.com)



**RUSTY METOYER & THE ZYDECO CRUSH**



**OUR MOTHER OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**3390 SARAH ST.**  
**BEAUMONT, TEXAS, 77705**  
**CHURCH HALL**

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2025**

**DOORS OPEN AT 8PM**

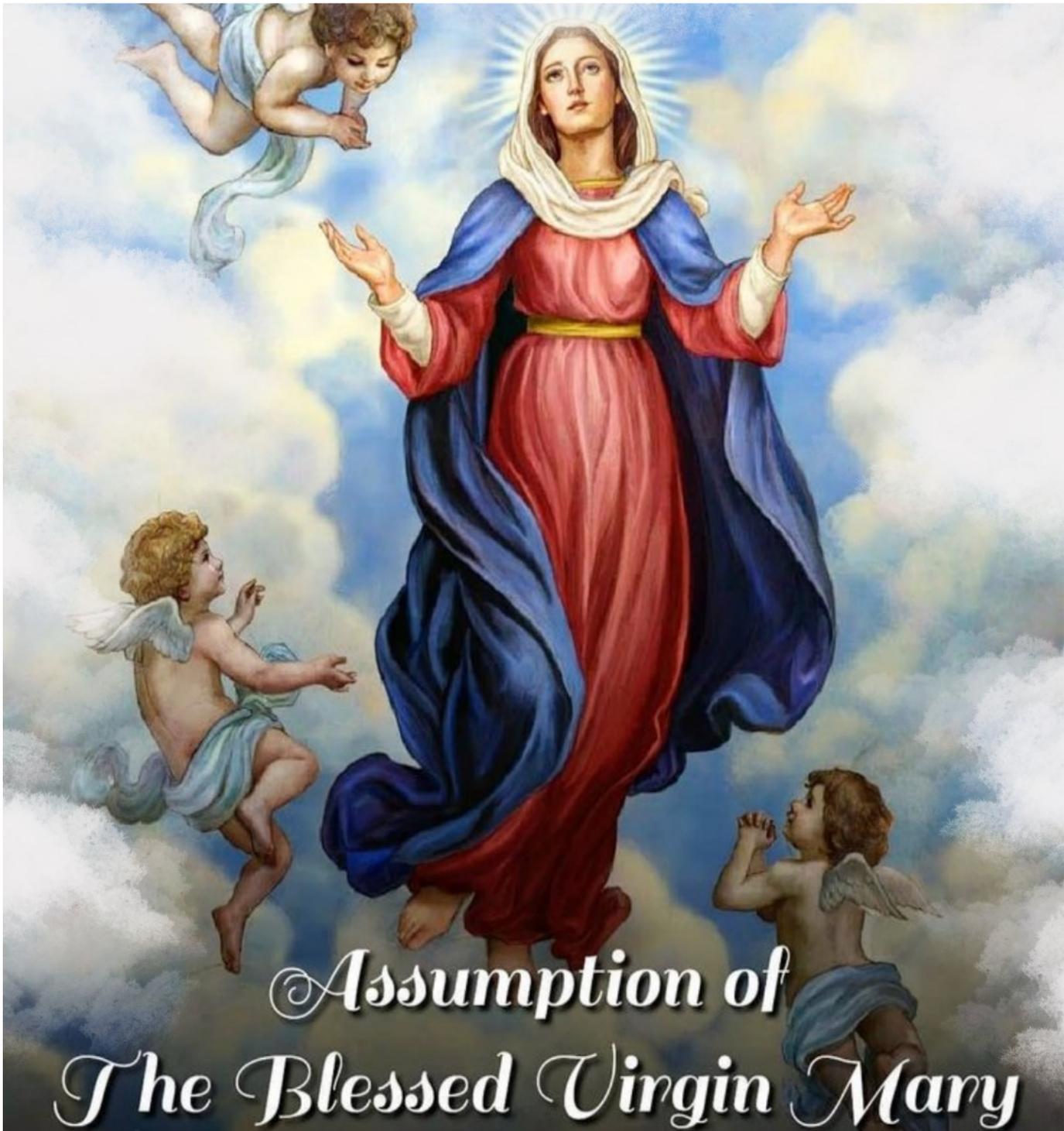
**CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**409-782-7986, 409-835-9876, 409-842-1577**

**NO COOLERS!**

**TICKETS \$30**  
**AT THE DOOR \$35**

**SECURITY**  
**ENFORCED**



*Friday, August 15, 2025, is The Feast of the Assumption of The Blessed Mary. This Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 7 AM Friday morning and Friday evening at 6 PM. The Rosary will be prayed before each Mass.*