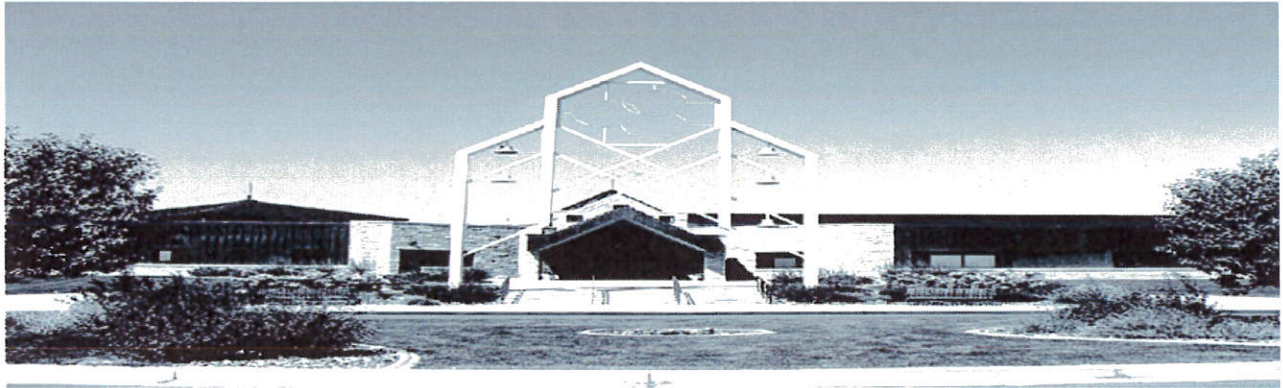


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Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Sunday Masses: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days: Anticipated Mass, 6:00 p.m. | Holy Day Masses, 8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday: 2:00 p.m. — 3:30 p.m. or by appointment

Adoration: To be announced

Office Hours:

M-F, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

St. Ann, Palisade

Sunday Mass: 9:15 a.m.

Holy Days: TBD

10:30 a.m. Mass each Tuesday of each month

Congratulations!

*Fr. Chrysogonus celebrated
his Ordination August 5, 2021
He has been a Priest for 26 years!*

*He is also celebrating
his Birthday today,
August 15!*

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Confessions Saturday
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Office Hours
9:00-5:00 M-F

To register as a parishioner at IHM, please stop by the Parish Office.



Weekend Mass Schedule

We would like to welcome you back to
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish!

4:00 pm on Saturday, 7:30 & 10:00 am and 6:00 pm Sunday

We are continuing to following directives from Mesa County Health Department and the Catholic Diocese of Pueblo regarding COVID-19.

Are you a Registered Parishioner?

If you currently do not receive our yearly Easter & Christmas Letter it is probably because you are not registered with us. Please stop by the office to fill out a registration form or register on our website so that you can be kept informed with our parish.

This allows us to reach out to all of our catholic members.



THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF BLESSED MARY

(Rev: 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; I Cori: 15:20-26. Lk: 1:39-56)

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

Today the Holy Mother Church celebrates the Feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Virgin Mary. Most cultures, even today, are elusive with regard to women. In Greek mythology, woman was 'Penia', or 'Want'. Man was 'Poros', or 'Fulness' and 'Wealth'. Plato and Aristotle never included woman into their scheme of human society. Woman lacked volition and intelligence. They were certainly not capable of achieving any equilibrium and good.

Indian society has had some shining examples of women all through its history right down to our present days. But in daily life and in the average family, women are kept as handmaids of their husbands. The practice of 'Sati', illegal though it is, was based on the idea that a woman formed part of her husband's self. She had no right to exist apart from her husband. Why, the number of female feticides performed even today in India is shocking!

Even Hebrew society, though it had some very astounding women on the national scene, never actually treated women with the respect that is their due. Today's readings speak of great signs and symbols that fill the sky, our horizon. Signs and symbols are truths about an unseen reality. Something is being thrown together before our eyes, but unfortunately, because of our defective vision, we only see it dimly and in part.

There are many things that strike me in these readings.

- First and foremost is the fact that God works through woman for the good of human kind and His universe. In God's eyes, woman is no less a partner of His than man. Does this not really puncture our male ego of its sense of greatness and importance?
- A second fact is that woman is equally important to man in the fulfillment of Creation, Redemption and Sanctification. All the readings are about women and God's creative, redemptive and salvific action through them.
- A third fact is that woman is pregnant and laboring. She is crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Even today, the vast majority of them are pregnant and laboring, crying aloud in the pangs and hope of human dignity.
- A fourth fact is that although she is considered lowly in our society, God exalts her. God does great and wondrous things through woman.
- A fifth fact is that in God's eyes, man and woman are not competitors. In God's eyes, both Man and Woman are His partners. Consequently, man and woman are also partners of each other.

The gospel is all about Christ and what he did and taught? The gospel is about Christ in the same way that the story of the Fall is about Adam. **"For as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ"** (1 Corinthians 15:22). That is why we call Christ the new Adam. Jesus is the new Adam, who then is the new Eve? Mary is the new Eve. Just as the full story of our Fall cannot be told without Eve, so also the full story of our Redemption cannot be told without Mary. There are many revealing parallels between the old Adam and Eve on the one hand and the new Adam and Eve, Jesus and Mary, on the other. Here are some of them.

- In the old order, the woman (Eve) came from the body of the man (Adam), but in the new order the man (Jesus) comes from the body of the woman (Mary).
- In the old order, the woman (Eve) first disobeyed God and led the man (Adam) to do the same, in the new order the woman (Mary) first said "Yes" to God (Luke 1:38) and raised her son Jesus to do likewise.
- Adam and Eve had a good time together disobeying God, Jesus and Mary suffered together doing God's will. The sword of sorrow pierced their hearts equally (John 19:34; Luke 2:35b).
- In the old order Adam and Eve shared immediately in the resulting consequences and punishments of the Fall. In the new order, similarly, both Jesus and Mary share immediately in the resulting consequences and blessings of the Redemption, the fullness of life with God; Jesus through the Ascension and Mary through the Assumption.

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Homily continued from page 2

The doctrine of the Assumption teaches that at the end of her earthly existence, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken up (assumed), body and soul, into heaven. That means then there are two human bodies we know to be in heaven with God at this time: the human body of Jesus and that of Mary.

The Assumption is the ultimate proof of the equality of man and woman before God. This is the full story, the full gospel that we are all equally children of God, man and woman, young and old, rich and poor, Black and White, Jew and Gentile, etc.

Marian doctrine and devotion, properly understood and practiced, does not lead believers away from, but rather more deeply into, the mystery of Christ. The woman in prayer who thinks that Jesus should keep still because she is talking with his mother has lost sight of the perfect harmony of wills and hearts between Mary and Jesus which we see most clearly in the Wedding Feast at Cana where Mary commands us:

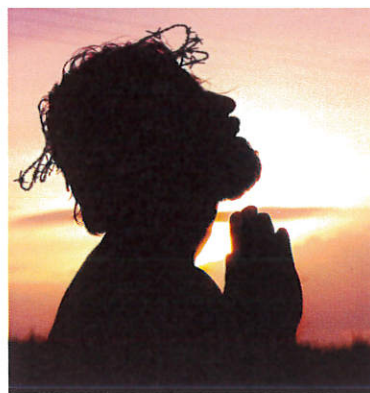
"Do whatever he (Jesus) tells you" (John 2:5).

The greatest challenge of the Feast of the Assumption is this: woman has her task and fruit to bear forth in human society. She has her future that is as heavenly as that of every man. We the Christians, at least, realize and foster the dignity of woman as God is showing us through these great signs and symbols.



**GOD BLESS YOU ALL and MAY
MARY OUR MOTHER PRAY FOR
US. Amen.**

Yours in Christ, Fr. Selva



Please Pray For:

*Chris Love, Steve Pomeroy, Bob Ferencsik, Tim Allons,
Taylor Donaldson, Mayela Vallejo, Marty Olesky,
Tom Graves, Ashley Johnson, Dan Carlson, Sue Burns,
Margarita Rodriguez, Sue Miller, Joyce Peugh, Bob Ferguson,
Marty Olesky, Charles Chisholm & Jan Sewell & Ann Melvin
& for all those written in the Red Book of Prayer*

Tour Guide of the Mass

**Your Guide for Remembering What in the World
Happens During Mass After Being Unable to Attend
Because of a Global Pandemic!**

Perfect, we have completed the crash course on the overall elements of the Eucharist Prayer. Now, keep those eight things in mind as we run through the rest of Mass. After the command from Fr. Priest to "lift up our hearts" and give thanksgiving, he continues with the Preface. I said a few bus rides ago that the Preface is where we really express our thanksgiving. Today, we get to find out why and how. Read on, fellow travelers! The Preface is another interesting piece of Mass, because it is ever-changing yet ever-the-same in its purpose. (Say what?). During this prayer, Fr. Priest speaks on behalf of all of us (living, dead, all holy people, etc.) to glorify God the Father. Specifically giving thanks for that whole salvation thing. (that's the ever-the-same purpose part). When it comes to the ever-changing part, the specifics can change depending on the season (church season, not weather). There are a ton of different Prefaces that our ever-present guide book (Roman Missal) includes. It's not quite a new one every week, but we have: eight different Ordinary Time versions, two Advent, three Christmas, four Lent, five Easter...and many more written for various occasions such as: Ascension, Funerals, Mary, the Saints, the dead and Holy Week. And no, that was not and comprehensive list! Pay attention in Mass, listen to the preface this week (and next week, and the week after, and the week after, and...) because it is constantly shifting, and you don't want to miss something important. And remember...everything is important in the Mass! SM



Lector or Eucharist Ministries

If you are considering becoming part of our Lector Ministry please contact: Daniel Seatvet at 303-524-2114 or Jamee Simons at 970-261-7429 for more information. To become a Eucharistic Minister please call Amy Deschamp at 720-273-6081 for additional information. If you would like to volunteer for our Homebound Ministry contact Chris Ensworth at 801-560-9523

Minister Schedule for Aug. 21/22 2021

Due to COVID-19 we are not asking anyone to volunteer that is not comfortable coming in to Mass. All who are on this schedule have chosen to be serving.

8:00 am Aug. 21 (†) Joe StAmour by Vogel Family

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

4:00 pm Aug. 21 (†) Miriam Chenoweth by the Family of Peter Chenoweth

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Servers:

Lectors: K. Church

Eucharistic: J. Triest & L. Triest

Hospitality: R. Bertrand, A. Davis, S. Mills

7:30am, Aug. 22 (†) Earl & Bobbie Fuoco By Fuoco, Baer, Mears & Families

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Servers:

Lectors: J. Shettler

Eucharistic:

Hospitality: L. Duncan

9:15 am Aug. 22, St. Ann's Palisade

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

10:00am, Aug. 22 (†) Charlotte Wienczkowski by Family

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Servers:

Lectors: W. Brandstoettner & T. Cooper

Eucharistic: B. Schaneman

Hospitality: C. Dotta

6:00pm, Aug. 22 (†) Bob Shales by Joann Weber

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

Servers: K. McMillan

Lector: K. Coomer

Eucharistic:

Hospitality:

Readings for the Week of Aug. 15, 2021

Sunday: RV 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab 1COR 15:20-27 LK 1:39-56

Monday: JGS 2:11-19 MT 19:16-22

Tuesday: JGS 6:11-24a MT 19:23-30

Wednesday: JGS 9:6-15 MT 20:1-16

Thursday: JGS 11:29-39a MT 22:1-14

Friday: RU 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 MT 22:34-40

Saturday: RU 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 MT 23:1-12

Calendar of Events Week of August 15, 2021

Sunday, Aug 15	7:30 am Mass Knights Breakfast 9:15 am St. Ann's 10:00 am Mass 6:00 pm Mass
Monday, Aug 16	8:00 am Mass
Tuesday, Aug. 17	8:00 am Mass 7:00 pm Centering Prayer
Wednesday, Aug. 18	8:00 am Mass
Thursday, Aug. 19	8:00 am Morning Mass 1-2:30 pm Centering Prayer 7:00 pm Lector Training
Friday, Aug. 20	8:00 am Morning Mass
Saturday, Aug. 21	8:00 am 9:00 am Carmelites 2:00-3:30 Confession 4:00 pm Mass

Mass IntentionsSunday Aug. 15, 2021

7:30 am - (†) **James Shults** by Deb Shults

10:00 am - (†) **Edward Parzalli** by Reimer & Chipperly Family

6:00 pm - (†) **Nancy Anderies** by the Huber Family

Monday Aug. 16, 2021

8:00 am - (I) **Rita Han & Family** by Family

Tuesday Aug. 17, 2021

8:00 am - (†) **Joseph Tilger** by Justine Tilger

Wednesday Aug. 18, 2021

8:00 am - (†) **Shirley McCabe** by Fred & Jean Mackaness

Thursday Aug. 19, 2021

8:00 am - (†) **Warren Bystedt** by Nancy Johnson

Friday Aug. 20, 2021

8:00 am (†) **Doris Stewart** by Kathleen Hollingsworth

Saturday Aug. 21, 2021

8:00 am - (†) **Joe StAmour** by Vogel Family

4:00 pm - (†) **Miriam Chenoweth** by Family of Peter

Chenoweth

Prayer Opportunities:

Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 7:30am in the Sanctuary

Morning Mass: Monday-Saturday 8:00am in the Sanctuary

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**We're
HIRING**

Since things are opening up, we are looking forward to the time we no longer will have to worry about limitations on attending mass or gatherings in our Parish. We now want to reactivate ministries that were lost over the past year.

Therefore, we are posting job opportunities for a

Youth Minister & Faith Formation Director.

If you or anyone you know is interested please come to the office to fill out a job application. Please bear in mind the result of these positions will be Missionary Discipleship.

Thank you, Father Chrysogonus.

The Diocese is looking for men interested in becoming Deacons. An Aspirancy class will be started in September. This class will be a chance to explore what a Deacon does and if you might be called to become a Deacon. If you have questions contact Deacon Leo or Deacon Luke.

In the interest of getting more candidates, we are trying something new this year. There are cards in the pews for you to nominate people with or nominate yourself. We will talk with the nominee to see if they might be interested. Deacon Dan Leetch says this has worked well in the past. Think about it and fill one of the forms out and put it in the collection basket. We appreciate your help.



If you have about 3 hours of time to spare per week we could use your Help! We are looking for someone to assist our Parish Secretary with answering the phones, mass intentions, & possibly assisting other staff members with odd jobs. We are asking this be an ongoing volunteer position. If interested please call Judy in the office at 242-6121 or email jhirschfeld@ihmgjt.org



Updated Information of Coronavirus at IHM

IHM will be following the latest COVID-19 directives from Mesa County Health Department and the Catholic Diocese of Pueblo. We have the "Free to Choose" policy if you want to wear a face mask or not. We do ask that you please practice personal hygiene and be respectful of your fellow parishioners, as some are still a higher risk. Thank You, IHM Staff.

IHM Charitable Giving

Catholic Outreach Donations

May:	\$1,027
June:	\$1,567
July:	\$1,368

Emergency Aid - Assistance to the Poor Donations

May:	\$1,250
June:	\$300
July:	\$300

Holy Family School Subsidy

May:	\$5,585
June:	\$7085
July:	\$4,750

Thank you for all your support!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Money counters for Thursday mornings. If interested call Lorena in the office 242-6121

Faith Formation- Catechism- CCD- Religious Education
or Youth Group !!



Whatever you know it by.

We are now taking registrations for the 2021-2022 Pre-K to High School religious education classes, Sacramental Preparation Classes & Confirmation. Classes will begin September 12, 2021

Registration forms are now available in the Narthex, the Parish office or on-line.

For more information contact Melynda Brown at 242-6121 or mbrown@ihmgjt.org



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Kids Corner

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

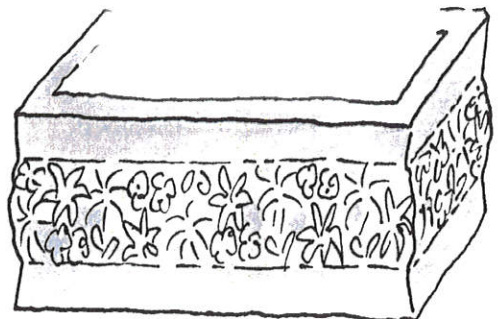
*The Assumption
of Our Lady*

Today we are celebrating the feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. When her life on earth was over, Our Lady was assumed- taken body and soul- into Heaven to be with God.

When we die, our bodies will be buried and break down. This happens because of original sin. When Adam and Eve committed the first sin, people could no longer live forever on earth. But Our Blessed Mother was kept free from original sin so that she could be the perfect mother for Jesus. Our Lady suffered from some of the effects of original sin, but God would not permit her body to decompose in the tomb.

At the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel brought Mary the message that God wanted her to be His mother, she gave herself totally to God. All through her life, even when He died on the cross, she did everything for Jesus. So God decided that instead of being buried like everyone else, His holy mother should come, body and soul, into Heaven.

Our Lady is now in Heaven with Jesus, waiting in happiness for us to come and join her in loving and praising God forever.

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

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