

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

August 15th, 2021

Rev. Nicholas Glisson, Pastor
The Most Rev. Michael C. Barber, SJ, Bishop of Oakland

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Notes from Fr. Nick



Assumption of Mary



Titian, Basilica di Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari, Venice.

This year the Solemnity of the Assumption falls on Sunday, and so it takes the place of the normal readings we would have for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Years ago, Fr. Tom Parenti and I visited the shrine near Ephesus in Turkey where tradition has it that Mary lived out her days, cared for by St. John. Mary accompanied John when he left Palestine for the port of Ephesus, and she chose to live on the top of a mountain near that city.

Today, the site of Mary's home is covered in olive trees; a truly serene and beautiful spot. The only ancient remains at the site is an excavation of a large baptismal pool. Perhaps the most impressive thing about the shrine is the number of visitors from all over the world and from many different faiths. We tend to forget that many Moslems venerate Mary.

In 1949, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the doctrine of Mary's Assumption in the document *Munificentissimus Deus*, which codified traditional Catholic teaching (common to Orthodox and Anglicans) that Mary was assumed body and soul into Heaven. This completes the logic of her Immaculate Conception. If Mary never had the stain of Original Sin at birth, then her death would not be like others'. Therefore, she rose to Heaven as her Son did.

Because, unlike Mary, we experience sin, our spirit and body are separated at death. The Church teaches that at the end of time our bodies will be reunited with our souls in the full inauguration of the Kingdom. If you're trying to resolve the rational issues of this teaching, remember that this is one of the Mysteries of our relationship with God. This side of death, we'll never fully understand it. It is rather, something to be pondered.

Solemn Vespers on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This evening (August 15th) we will observe the tradition of Solemn Vespers, or Evening Prayer. Our Cantor and liturgical consultant, Paul Sporer, has prepared a beautiful liturgy: we will chant *Psalms 122 & 127*, the *Canticle* of St. Paul's *Letter to Ephesians*, and the *Magnificat*, ending with the *Salve Regina*. Fr. Nick will preach the homily. **Please join us in the Church at 7:30 pm tonight.**

*"Together we share our
Faith in Jesus Christ.*

*We live the Gospel,
and we care for others."*

MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:30 pm— Vigil (Livestreamed)
Sunday 8:00 am— Church
Sunday 9:30 am— Dominican Garden
Sunday 11:30 am— Church

OFFICE HOURS

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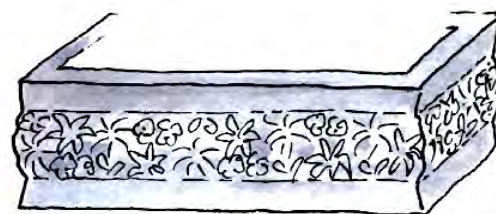
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The Kids' Bulletin

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
August 15, 2021

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Today we celebrate Our Lady's Assumption into Heaven.
When Mary's life was over and the disciples came to bury
her body they found that it was gone and
her tomb was full of flowers.
Can you draw enough flowers to fill Mary's tomb?

Queen of Heaven Word-Find

Find the words in
CAPITALS and use the
letters left over to fill in the
blanks at the end.

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When Our Lady's life was over, JESUS took her,
body and soul, into HEAVEN. There He honours her
as the Queen of Heaven and EARTH. She is the most
PERFECT of all the SAINTS. MARY is the QUEEN
of the APOSTLES, MARTYRS and PROPHETS. She
rules beside her Son Jesus on His THRONE in Heaven.

But Our BLESSED MOTHER does not forget us.
She is full of LOVE and CARES for us, and will
always LISTEN when we PRAY to her. She is OUR
greatest HELP and prays to God for us.

Here is a name that you can give Our LADY to
remember how much she loves you:

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

Collection for the Week Ending August 8 th , 2021			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
8/8/2021	\$9,481.20	\$8,471.00	\$1,010.20
Year-to-Date	\$257,088.18	\$281,601.00	-\$24,512.02
Your contributions help our ministry to thrive.			

Program in *Faith & Racial Equity*
To be Offered this Fall

Starting the week of September 13th, this **JustFaith** program will be offered to all parishioners (and interested friends). Meetings take place either in-person or on Zoom, **weekly for eight weeks**. Last Fall and Winter over 50 parishioners participated in this and *Faith & Racial Healing*; they will be offered the 3rd module, ***Faith & Racial Justice***. *Intrigued?* Email Claire Broome at cvbroome@gmail.com.

Scripture Readings for the Week

15th SOLEMNITY: ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Revelations 11:19; 12:1-10 / 1 Corinthians
15:20-27 / Luke 1:39-56

16th Weekday [St. Stephen of Hungary]
Judges 2:11-19 / Matthew 19:16-22

17th Weekday
Judges 6:11-24a / Matthew 19:23-30

18th Weekday
Judges 9:6-15 / Matthew 20:1-16

19th Weekday [St. John Eudes, Priest]
Judges 11:29-39 / Matthew 22:1-14

20th Memorial: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor
Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22 / Matthew 22:34-40

21st Memorial: *St. Pius X, Pope*
Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 / Matthew 23:1-12

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Intentions of Mary Doyle
Sunday	8:00	Intentions of Dorothy Portner
	9:30	Claire Waterman RIP
	11:30	For the People of the Parish
Monday	8:30	Don Brady RIP
	5:30	Dale Hoy RIP
Tuesday	8:30	Intentions of Robert Stewart
	5:30	Frank Stoffle RIP
Wednesday	8:30	Eunice Jackson RIP
	5:30	Dale Hoy RIP
Thursday	8:30	Intentions of Steffen & Kay Richards
	5:30	Czeslaw ("Chet") Grycz RIP
Friday	8:30	Intentions of Roberto Ubillus
	5:30	Dale Hoy RIP
Saturday	8:30	Coach Willie White RIP

In case you missed it last month...

Folk Poems & Fairy Tales



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Providing for the future of your parish – through your **will, retirement plan, trust,** or other format – is a generous way for you to express your gratitude for all the many blessings that you and your family have received from our parish.

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