

# SAINT COLUMBAN CATHOLIC Church

Christi simus, non nostri  
*We belong to Christ, not ourselves.*

## ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

506 First St. S. Yelm, WA 98597

360-458-3031

### Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 9:00AM –2:00PM

[parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org](mailto:parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org)

Website: [www.saintcolumbanyelm.org](http://www.saintcolumbanyelm.org)

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### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM

Sunday: 10:30AM

Daily Mass: Tues—Fri 9AM \*except 1st Fridays

*Rosary is said 30min prior to each Mass*

### Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick: Following First

Friday Devotions or by Appointment

Confession: Saturdays 3:30—4:30PM

First Friday Devotions: 6:30PM

*The church may be opened upon request during office hours for private prayer.*

See Calendar on Page 3 for current schedule and updates

### St. Vincent De Paul

*Providing emergency assistance for those in need.*

Help Line: 360-458-1904

## ST. PETER MISSION

149 Keithahn St. S, Tenino, WA 98589

360-264-2124

### Office Hours

Mondays & Fridays 10:30AM – 2PM

[gaby@saintcolumbanyelm.org](mailto:gaby@saintcolumbanyelm.org)

### Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 AM

*Rosary is said 30min prior to Mass*

### Sacraments

Confession: Sundays 7:30 -7:45AM

First Friday Devotions: 9:00AM

Anointing of the Sick: Following First Friday Devotions or by appointment

*We are a Catholic faith community that seeks to place God first, to know Him, and to grow in holiness together. We strive to live the Gospel through the Eucharist, in our teaching and way of life.*



*A tranquil heart gives life to the flesh, but envy makes the bones rot.*  
Proverbs 14:30

## August 15, 2021

### Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Today's Readings

**Entrance Antiphon:** *Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honor of the Virgin Mary, at whose Assumption the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.*

**1st Reading:** 1 Chronicles 15: 3-4, 15-16, 16: 1-2

**Responsorial Psalm:** *The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.*

**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15: 54b-57

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Blessed are they who hear the word of God and observe it.*

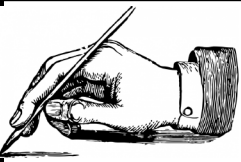
**Gospel:** Luke 11: 27-28

**Communion Antiphon:** *Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary, which bore the Son of the eternal Father, alleluia.*

### **MASS ATTENDANCE**

In obedience to the most recent guidelines from the Archdiocese, public Mass at our parish is held with the following safety measures in place.

- ◆ Hand Sanitizer is provided
- ◆ Seating is on a first come first served basis, if you wish to remain distanced from others you may do so at your own discretion.



Fr. Thompson's  
Reflections

**The Seven Deadly Sins: *Envy***

The penultimate deadly sin is Envy. Envy compares ourselves to others, blinding us to the blessings we have received from God and the goodness other people have shown to us. Envy is the impulse to see that someone has more or different blessings than us and considering that an injustice per se (or the fruit of past injustice), even if we ourselves do have enough (and even if we don't). Envy is also the impulse to think that we deserve good things from God, the world, or others; it is a failure of its contrary virtue, which is gratitude.

This deadly sin runs rampant in our world, and is perhaps one of the deepest flaws of some of the most unhelpful, and even evil, ideologies that are doing so much damage as they proclaim that they are establishing justice and peace. One can use noble-sounding words like "justice" and "equity" until one is blue in the face, but if what one means is Envy, one is not pursuing anything remotely good (and indeed, one would sow only evil, as we can see in our culture right now).

To give a big-picture example, I remember back in the late 2000s and early 2010s the Occupy Wall Street protests. Political and social commenters had any number of ideological reasons for or against those "movements," but in my estimation the inanity and evil of that and other movements (especially those involving Marxism, which is pure evil in every syllable of every word) before or since wasn't fundamentally a political or social problem, but a moral one: it ran on pure Envy. Even if they may have had some valid complaints about some concrete problems in our world, the Envy at the heart of that movement guaranteed that they could sow no solutions, only further sin and chaos. As John the Baptist said, a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. So many political and ideological movements across the spectrum, but especially those that have seduced my generation and younger, have this exact same problem: whatever good impulse they may have, Envy (and other deadly sins, but Envy in particular) corrupted them utterly.

Like the division and anger in our world that led me to begin this series on deadly sins, the Catholic response to these sorts of false promises and false solutions to the problems of our world is not to rush toward a polar opposite political or ideological extreme in response: Decrying Envy is not to embrace Greed, opposing Wrath is not to tolerate injustice; one can never do evil to accomplish a perceived good, nor should one want to. Instead, we must free ourselves from simplistic worldly ideological categories and begin confronting the problems in the world by first attending to our own hearts and temptations. With Envy in particular, we need to let go entirely from the diabolical lie that inequality is inherently inequitable, beginning in our own lives and experiences; we have no right to another person's blessings (although, *they do have a duty to generosity*), *nor—in general—is their fortune or blessing depriving us of what we have or deserve. Instead, in gratitude, we should literally count our blessings and rejoice in what we do have (and take responsibility for the blessings we have in some way refused). That done, we might at that point be able to soberly identify and deal with the real injustices in our lives and the world around us.*

In Christ,

Fr Thompson

**Financial Stewardship**

**Weekly Offering**

	<u>St. Columban</u>	<u>St. Peter</u>
Weekly Goal	\$5,762	\$712
August 1	\$4,722	\$1,006

*Thank You for Your Generous Support!*

**CALLED TO  
SERVE *as* CHRIST**

*As of: July 12, 2021*

3 Year Goal for St. Columban: \$307,368  
Total Pledged: \$115, 409 37% of Goal

3 Year Goal for St. Peter: \$54,327  
Total Pledged: \$26,897 50% of Goal



**Goal for St. Columban: \$25,692**

Total Pledged as of July 12, 2021  
\$32,117 125% of Goal

**Goal for St. Peter: \$ 3,984**

Total Pledged as of July 12, 2021  
\$7,588 189% of Goal

*Thank you to all who have returned your pledges!*

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## Faith Formation



RCIA begin in September for all inquirers. For registration or more information, please contact Katie Hennigan in the Faith Formation office.  
[katie@saintcolumbanyelm.org](mailto:katie@saintcolumbanyelm.org)



### Faith Formation: Grades K-12

Faith Formation classes resume Sunday, September 12. Please contact Katie in the Faith Formation office for enrollment or more information.  
 360-458-3031x3 [katie@saintcolumbanyelm.org](mailto:katie@saintcolumbanyelm.org)



### Saint of the Week St. Stephen of Hungary

Before the saint's birth in 975, his mother, the duchess Sarolt, is said to have received a vision in which the original St. Stephen – the Church's first martyr – appeared telling her she would bear a son who would evangelize their land. Greatly devoted to the Virgin Mary, Stephen had several churches built in her honor both in Hungary and outside the kingdom. Her intercession is credited with preventing a war between Hungary and the Holy Roman Empire under Conrad II, and stopping an assassination plot against Stephen himself. His feast day August 16th



### Altar Server Training Wednesday August 25th 6:30PM

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Email: [acoaltservers@aol.com](mailto:acoaltservers@aol.com)  
Or call 253-442-5012

### In Our Prayers

*Loving God, we join with others of your people here asking you to hold in Your hands all of our homebound brothers and sister and those who have asked for our prayers:*

- Joseph Waters
- Jess & Jessica Nash
- Maria Luisa Fregoso
- Paul Hennigan
- Pam Henslee
- Don Troyer
- Sarah Seigemund

- + All those in harm's way.
- + For all those affected by the Coronavirus and for all first responders and caregivers.

#### Rest In Peace:

Adeline Uselman, Kirk Taylor, Janice Suver

All the souls in purgatory, especially those who have no one to pray for them.

To add a name please contact the parish office.

All submissions must have permission from the named individual or an authorized family member for privacy purposes.

### Parish Ministries

*Please contact the parish office for more information*



**Daughters of Mary**  
St. Columban Catholic Church Yelm, WA

**August 22**      **Coffee Hour**  
11:45AM      Parish Hall

**September 14**      **Monthly Meeting**  
10:00AM      Parish Hall

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 17152**

**August 18**      **Council Meeting**  
6:00PM      Parish Hall

**August 21**      **Coats for Kids Car Show**  
9AM—1PM      Parking Lot/Parish Hall

**August 29**      **KOC Breakfast**  
11:45AM      Parish Hall



**St. Vincent de Paul**

**August 19**      **Monthly Meeting**  
7:00PM      Parish Hall



**ALTAR SOCIETY**

**Cleaning the Church**  
Every Thursday after Daily Mass



*Please contact the parish office for more information, the latest updates, and schedule changes.*

**August 16**      **Rosary Prayer Group**  
7:00PM      *Kimball's Ranch*

**August 17**      **Daily Mass**  
9:00AM      St. Columban  
*Intentions of: The Valencia Family*

6:00PM      Spanish Prayer Group  
*Parish Hall*

**August 18**      **Daily Mass**  
9:00AM      St. Columban  
*In Memory of: Joseph Vajda RIP*

**August 19**      **Daily Mass**  
9:00AM      St. Columban  
*In Memory of: Grandbaby Seigemund RIP*

**Bible Study**  
10:00AM      St. Peter (Tenino)  
6:30PM      St. Columban  
*RE Bldg Rm. 105*

**August 20**      **Daily Mass**  
9:00AM      St. Columban  
*In Memory of: Baby Seigemund RIP*

**August 21**      **KOC Car Show**  
9AM—1PM      St. Columban Parking Lot

**NO CONFESSION**

**Vigil Mass**  
5:00PM      St. Columban

**August 22**      **Sunday Mass**  
8:00AM      St. Peter  
10:30AM      St. Columban

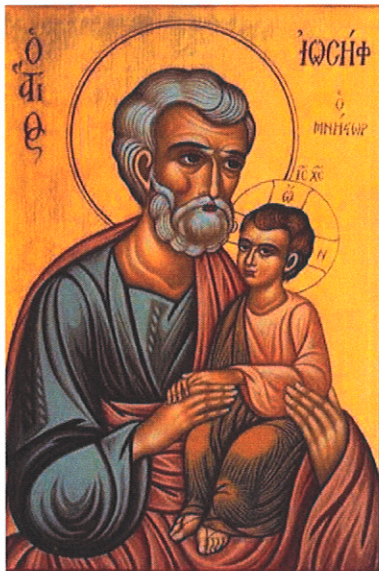
*A big thank you goes out to all who volunteered and donated to the Parish Picnic last Sunday!*

### Job Opening

St. Columban Catholic Church in Yelm is seeking a part-time (12–15 hours per week) bookkeeper. Responsibilities include but not limited to overseeing weekly donation counting, entering data on proprietary system, posting to appropriate accounts, reconciling checking accounts, reporting to appropriate personnel. Work experience of 2-4 years as bookkeeper required. Final candidate will be required to pass a background check and take Safe Environment training. Interested applicants may submit a resume and application to [frthompson@saintcolumbanyelm.org](mailto:frthompson@saintcolumbanyelm.org) by August 31, 2021.

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# 22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL MARIAN PILGRIMAGE



## Saint Joseph The Betrothed

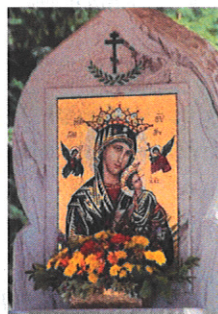
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP  
BYZANTINE CATHOLIC SHRINE  
OLYMPIA, WA AUGUST 20-21, 2021

Come join us in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Catholic Pilgrimage as we honor the both the Virgin Mary at her Shrine, as well as *Saint Joseph in his Holy Year as proclaimed by Pope Francis* through liturgical worship, dynamic talks, music, activities, great fellowship and food!

### 2021 Pilgrimage Speakers



*Father Joseph & Pani Katie Matlak*  
Fr. Joseph is a Ukrainian Byzantine Catholic priest and Catholic High School Chaplain, and his wife, Pani Katie, is a High School Religion Teacher and the Catechist Coordinator for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte, NC.



Register at [olphsolympia.org](http://olphsolympia.org)

Located at St. George the Great Byzantine Catholic Church, 9730 Yelm Highway SE, Olympia, WA



## 2021 Pilgrimage Schedule, August 20-21

### Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

- 5:00pm Registration Opens for Pilgrimage, Confessions (5-6pm in **Office**)
- 6:30pm Opening Prayers and Welcome of OLPH Pilgrims (**Church**)  
*Blessing of New Bishop's Throne and New Icons for Iconostasis, Paraklesis Service: Office of Consolation to the Holy Theotokos, Dormition of the Theotokos Lamentations, Evening Procession with the Epitaphios (Shroud) of the Theotokos to the Shrine, Panachida for the Departed, Blessing of the Oils, Holy Anointing, All-Night Vigil at the Shrine*

### Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

- 8:00am Confessions (8-8:30am in **Church**)
- 8:30am Prayer Rule of the Theotokos – Byzantine Rosary (**Shrine**)
- 8:50am Morning Procession with Epitaphios (Shroud) of the Theotokos to Church
- 9:00am Byzantine Orthros – Matins (**Church**)
- 10:20am Procession to Shrine from the Church
- 10:30am Divine Liturgy (**Shrine**)  
*Lesser Blessing of the Waters, Blessing of the Flowers*
- 11:45am Lunch
- 1:30pm Talks
- *Talk: "Saint Joseph in the Byzantine Tradition," Fr. Joseph Matlak (Shrine)*
- 2:30pm Children's Procession to Shrine and Akathist to the Theotokos
- 3:30pm Talks
- *Men's Talk: "Saint Joseph as a Model of Christian Manhood," Fr. Joseph Matlak (Shrine)*
  - *Women's Talk: "Saint Joseph and the Theotokos – Model of Faithful Christian Marriage," Pani Katie Matlak (Church)*
- 4:15pm Confessions (4:15-5:00pm in **Church**)
- 5:15pm Moleben Service to the Most Holy Theotokos (**Shrine**)  
*Prayer of Entrustment to the Theotokos by Saint John of Damascus, Holy Anointing*
- 6:30pm Barbeque Dinner
- 7:30pm Candlelight Procession, Akathist to Saint Joseph, Final Blessing (**Shrine**)



# Help Needed

**Firewood Delivery:** This volunteer assists with pick up and delivery of firewood for those in need. Truck and a moderately flexible schedule are required.

**Driver for Elderly/Disabled:** A parishioner in our community is looking for a driver with their own car to run errands on Wednesdays. Compensation for your time and fuel is available.

If are available to help or would like more information, please contact our St. Vincent De Paul Ministry at 360-458-1904 or contact the parish office.



We are looking for a

## PART-TIME CHOIR TEACHER

Pope John Paul II High School

*\*Drama Club, as an after-school activity, is an option with additional compensation.*

CALL OR CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE TO LEARN MORE!

[www.popejp2hs.org](http://www.popejp2hs.org)

360-438-7600



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
COUNCIL 17152  
*St. Columban Catholic Church  
506 1st St. S. Yelm, WA 98597*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual**

**Saturday August 21<sup>st</sup> 9:00AM- 1:00PM**

In the church parking lot

*Come and check out all the collectible cars and show your support to our Knights of Columbus!*

*Food and Fun for All Ages!*



*Women's Conference*  
**SEPT. 9-11 @ MQP**

*undone*

**FREEDOM FOR THE FEMININE HEART**  
**Learn more at: [jpiihealingcenter.org/events/undone-womens-conference-sammamish-wa/](http://jpiihealingcenter.org/events/undone-womens-conference-sammamish-wa/)**

**Ladies, do you desire to live in greater freedom? Are you longing for an authentic encounter with your true feminine identity?**

Register for the **Undone Women's Conference** where you will experience a time of truth, beauty, and transformation, as the knots of Eve's disobedience are "undone" through Mary's model of radical receptivity. Bring yourself, your mother, your sister, your adult daughters, and friends. This is a conference you won't want to miss!

**Undone: Freedom for the Feminine Heart** will be held at Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Sammamish, WA September 9-11, 2021 (2 evenings and all day Saturday). This event is being offered in person OR virtually via livestream!

Register online for either experience at [www.jpiihealingcenter.org](http://www.jpiihealingcenter.org). Scholarships, student and missionary discounts available. Contact [JPIIRetreatSammWA@gmail.com](mailto:JPIIRetreatSammWA@gmail.com) for more information."



# Altar Server Training

**Wednesday August 25, 2021 6:30PM**

Calling all Altar Servers and those who are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please join us for this training which be a great refresher course for all returning Altar Servers and an introduction for new Altar Servers.

What does it take to be an Altar Server?

- Boys 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - Highschool
- Must have received First Communion
- Love and reverence for the Lord
- Willingness to serve

Please contact Bill Gonzales at 253-442-5012 or email [acoaltservers@aol.com](mailto:acoaltservers@aol.com) for more information and to sign up!





## 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.

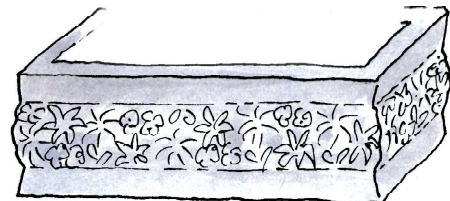


Answer to Queen of Heaven Word-Find  
Queen of my heart

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# The Kids' Bulletin

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
August 15, 2021



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?

## Pope Saint Pius X August 21

JOSEPH SARTO WAS BORN IN 1835 IN ITALY. HIS FATHER WAS A MAIL MAN. WHEN JOSEPH WENT TO SCHOOL TO BECOME A PRIEST HE WAS SO POOR THAT HE WENT BAREFOOT FOR MILES TO SAVE HIS ONLY SHOES.

AS A PRIEST, FATHER SARTO LOVED THE POOR AND GAVE EVERYTHING HE HAD TO HELP THEM.

FATHER SARTO BECAME A BISHOP AND THEN A CARDINAL.

Fr. Sarto is an excellent pastor. He will make a good bishop.

WHEN THE POPE DIED HE WAS CHOSEN TO BE POPE. HE TOOK THE NAME PIUS X.

POPE PIUS X ENCOURAGED PEOPLE TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION OFTEN.

WHEN WORLD WAR I BROKE OUT HE WAS VERY SAD.

Lord, please let this end!

POPE SAINT PIUS X DIED ON AUGUST 20, 1914. RIGHT UP UNTIL THE END OF HIS LIFE HE GAVE EVERYTHING HE HAD TO THE POOR.

Those dishes were a lovely gift. We should give them to the Antoni Family

SAINT PIUS X WANTED EVERYONE TO BE ABLE TO RECEIVE JESUS IN HOLY COMMUNION. HE ALLOWED YOUNGER CHILDREN TO RECEIVE THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, WHEN BEFORE THEY HAD TO BE AT LEAST 12. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION OFTEN AND WITH GREAT LOVE.

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## 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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 QQULEEJAA  
 TUMOTHERD  
 HEAVENSEY  
 REREANUSP  
 ONYPROSFR  
 NMARTYRSO  
 EMYAHHEAP  
 AHRYOURIH  
 TELISTENE  
 BLESSEDTT  
 APOSTLESS



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.

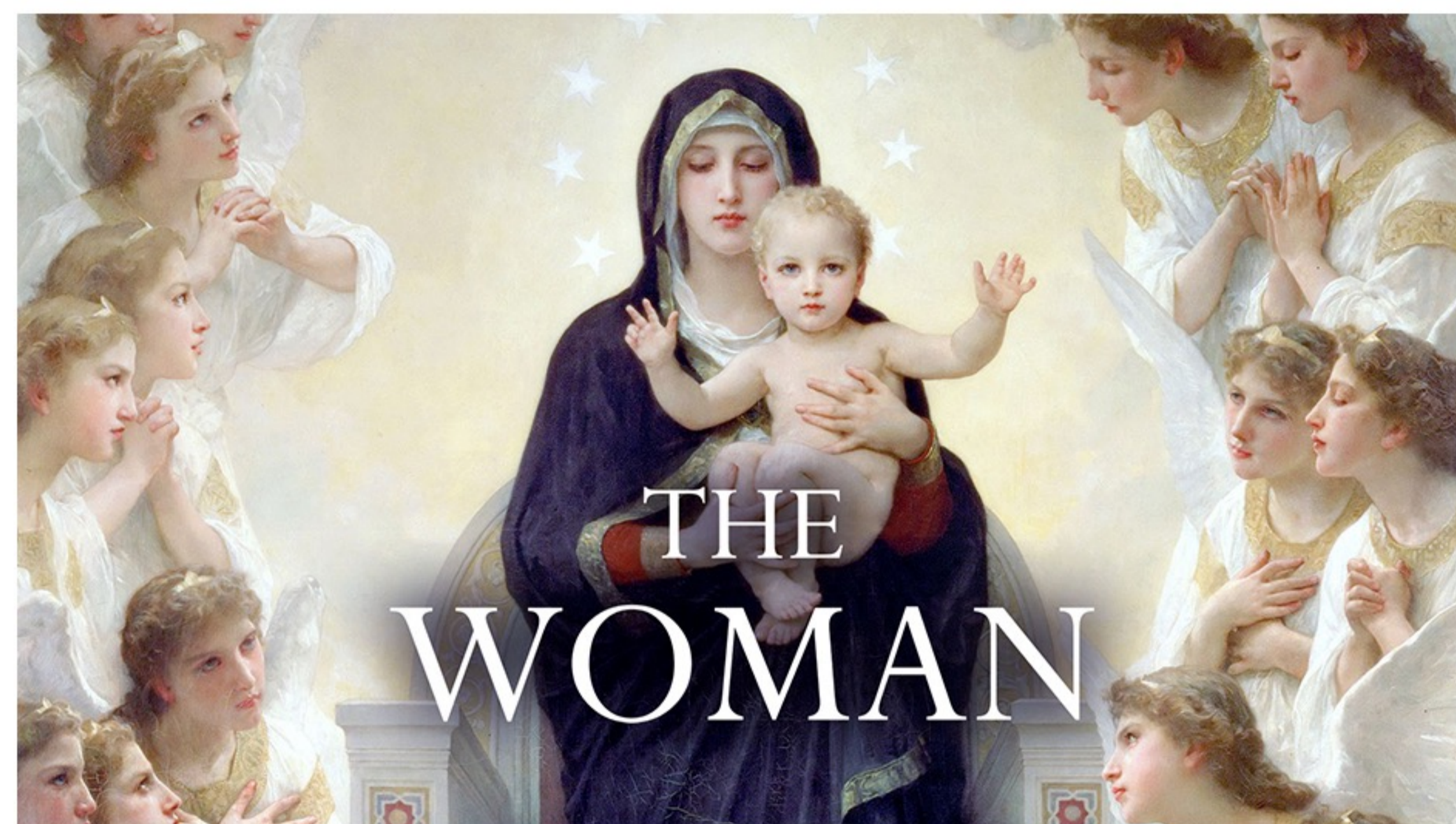
But Our BLESSED MOTHER does not forget us. She is full of LOVE and CARES for us, and will always LISTEN when we PRAY to her. She is OUR greatest HELP and prays to God for us.

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

August 15, 2021

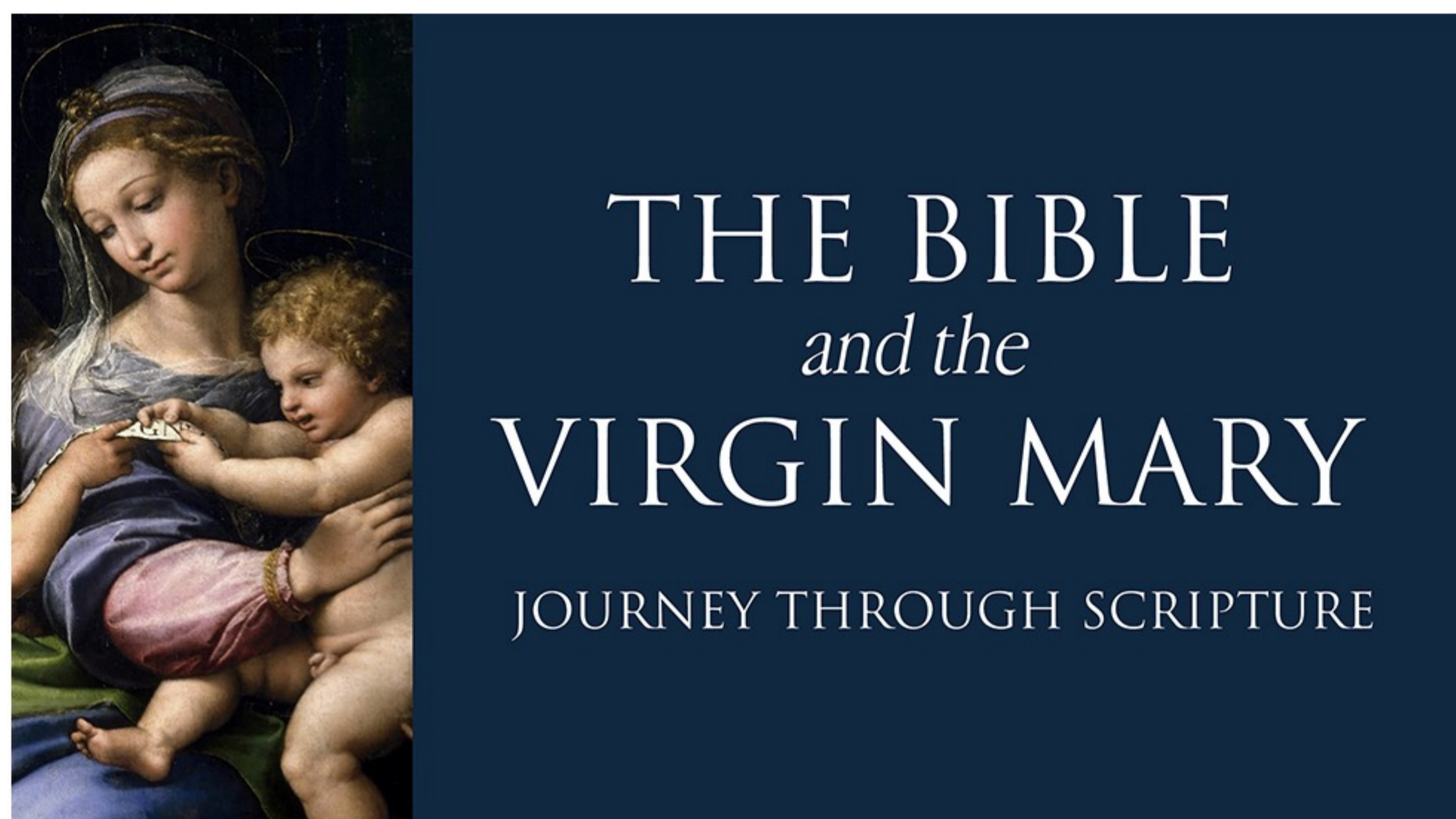
### WATCH THE WOMAN

In the Gospels we hear Jesus refer to his mother Mary as “Woman.” This reference should draw our attention to both Genesis and Revelation. But who is this “Woman,” and why is she so central to salvation history? This powerful film presents the Catholic teaching about Mary and her important role in the life of the Church today. On this Solemnity of the Assumption, let us ponder Mary’s role in our own lives!



### LEARN

#### THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY: EPISODE 11: THE ASSUMPTION

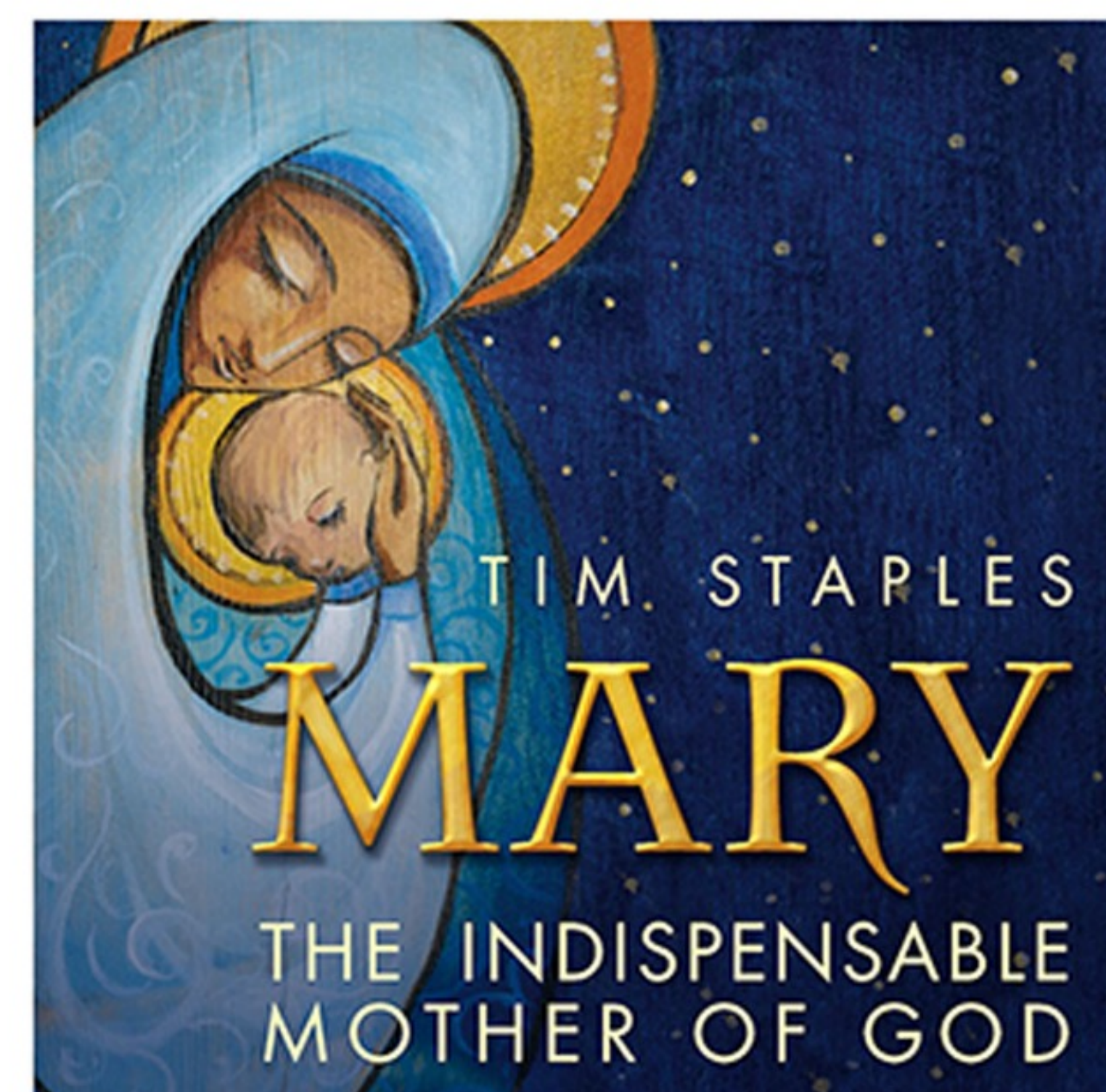


In this session of “The Bible and the Virgin,” we explore both the teaching of Mary’s Assumption and the identity of the mysterious woman in the book of Revelation. This episode also reveals how John’s apocalyptic visions are the dramatic fulfillment of the promise God made back in the Garden of Eden!

### LISTEN

#### MARY: THE INDISPENSABLE MOTHER OF GOD BY TIM STAPLES

In this Lighthouse Talk, Tim Staples explains the incredible impact that the Church’s understanding of Mary has on our spiritual lives, and the profound way that Marian doctrines elevate the faith. With his memorable insights and humor, Tim shows how correct knowledge of our humble Mother reveals our own identity in Christ and empowers us to say “Yes” to God!



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# At Home with Faith

**Mary's assumption provides a sign of hope.** It is a sign of the home God plans for us in heaven through the redemption of the Son.



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## Read

Take time to read and reflect on the Scriptures for this day.

**Don't have access to a Bible?**

Visit [www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings) or download an app such as *Laudate* or *iBreviary* to access the Mass readings.

On the Solemnity of the Assumption in 2018, Pope Francis prayed, "To Mary, consoler of the afflicted, who we contemplate today in the glory of heaven, I want to entrust the anguish and torment of those who, in many parts of the world, suffer in body and spirit. . . . Let us pray that Mary, with her maternal intercession, will help us live our daily journey in the sure hope of joining her one day with all the saints and our loved ones in heaven."

Let us find strength and hope in the knowledge that we are connected to each other through faith. May that faith inspire us to glorify God with our whole lives, just as our Mary did with hers.

**1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2**

David leads the Israelites in making offerings to God.

**Psalms 132**

Let us enter his dwelling, let us worship at his footstool.

**1 Corinthians 15:54b-57**

Death is swallowed up in victory.

**Luke 11:27-28**

Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.

# At Home with Faith

## Talk

Here are some reflection questions to help you have **Great Conversations** with the whole family.

Help our children find a sign of hope when they are sad or anxious:

- **Ask your children about things that make them sad or scared.** Really give your children time to speak about their thoughts and emotions, no matter how they choose to do so. Remember that this is not a time to fix or explain, but rather to simply listen.
- **Acknowledge what they are saying, and let them know that it is okay to feel sad or scared sometimes.** It might be helpful to say, “That sounds like it made you really sad” or “That sounds scary, for sure.” Children often feel more deeply about things than adults realize. Acknowledging and validating their emotions teaches them that they are accepted and safe even when they feel strong emotions. In turn, this enables them to experience and process their feelings in a healthy way.
- **Let your children know that everyone feels sad and scared sometimes — even Mary and Jesus!** Share your own experiences with sadness and fear, and talk about how you overcame them. Let them know that Mary and Jesus also felt fear and sadness. Assure them that feeling scared or sad does not make them less strong or brave.
- **Encourage your children to lift up their hearts in prayer.** Let them know that Mary is in heaven, praying for us. Give them time to imagine having a conversation with Mary. Ask them how it makes them feel to know that they have a friend in heaven who is praying for them.



By cultivating love within our homes, we are creating a sacred space where our families can encounter God — not in some distant future, **but in each moment of our lives.**

**"A positive experience of family communion is a true path to daily sanctification and mystical growth, a means for deeper union with God. The fraternal and communal demands of family life are an incentive to growth in openness of heart and thus an ever fuller encounter with the Lord."**

### Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) # 316

The Assumption of Mary reminds us to look forward to the promise of heaven. But as Pope Francis writes in *Amoris Laetitia*, family life offers us a way to grow closer to God, even now. Couples can grow in holiness through the daily challenges that come with marriage and parenthood. Children can learn to become saints as they practice loving their siblings and friends. Those who are advanced in years can further deepen their bonds of devotion by caring for their spouses through the hardships of illness or old age.

Let us seize these opportunities to find the joy of God's love in our families. By cultivating love within our homes, we are creating a sacred space where our families can encounter God — not in some distant future, but in each moment of our lives.

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# The Solemnity Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

AUGUST 15, 2021

## What is the Assumption?

The first name of this solemnity was the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Later, its name in the East carried over, the Dormition (or Falling Asleep) of Mary. In the West, it became known as the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This solemnity celebrates the fact that Mary's Assumption is "a pledge of the future participation of the members of the mystical Body of Christ in the paschal glory of the Risen Christ." It shows that the Lord "reserves a munificent reward for his humble Servant because of her faithful cooperation with the divine plan, which is a destiny of fullness, happiness, glorification of her immaculate soul, her virginal body, perfect configuration to her Risen Son" (Directory, no. 180). The Mass has a proper vigil, and the solemnity replaces the Mass of the day when it occurs on a Sunday in Ordinary Time.

## What does this all mean?

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which the Church celebrates every year on August 15. Simply put, the dogma of the Assumption states that at the end of her life, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken, body and soul, into Heaven.

While this event isn't reflected in Sacred Scripture, it is clearly part of the Church's earliest observance. In the sixth century, St. John Damascene wrote in one of his sermons, "Your sacred and happy soul, as nature will have it, was separated in death from your most blessed and immaculate body, and although the body was duly interred, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay; your most pure and sinless body was not left on earth, but you were transferred to your heavenly throne."





## THE SOLEMNITY ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Theologically speaking, death is often understood to be a consequence of original sin. Since Mary was conceived without Original Sin, some theologians have wondered if Mary died or if perhaps she was taken into Heaven without experiencing death. The Catechism of the Catholic Church doesn't answer this question but simply states, "The most blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven" (no. 974)

The Solemnity of the Assumption reminds us of the unique role that Mary served in the process of our salvation. Although she was without sin, we have the possibility of receiving God's forgiveness for our sins through Christ. Her entry into Heaven prefigures our own hope of experiencing the same eternal life.

Ordinarily, the celebration of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation for Catholics, but when it falls on a Saturday or a Monday, that obligation to attend Mass is lifted.



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021**

## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



“From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.”

- Lk 1:48b-49, 52

# 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

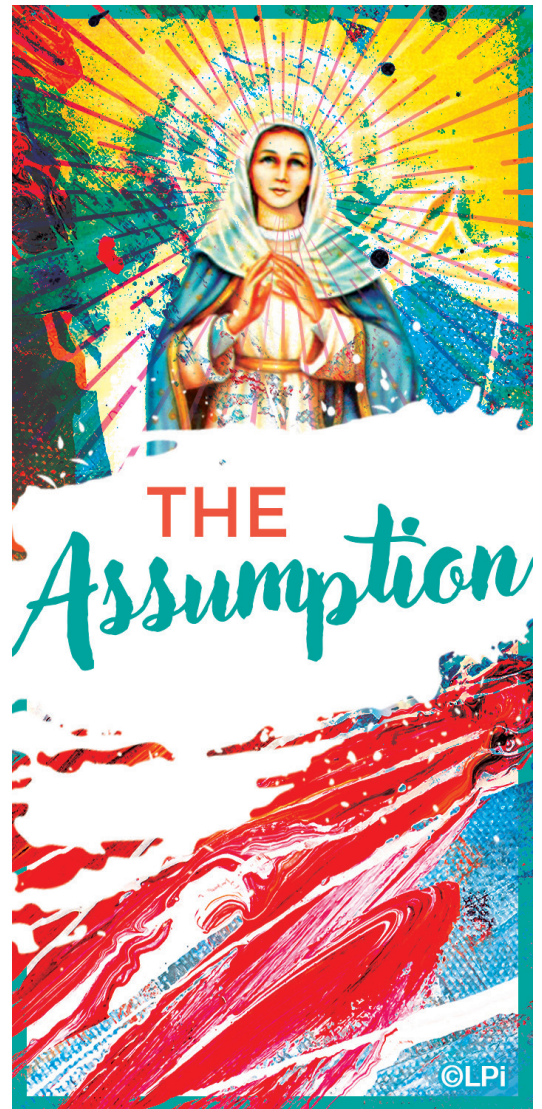
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 15, 2021

- 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.



All  
generations  
will call me  
blessed.

— LUKE 1:48B —



# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

(Rev 12:1)



## PSALM

The queen takes her place at your right hand, arrayed in gold. (Ps 45)



## SECOND READING

Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

(1 Cor 15:20)



## GOSPEL

"From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name." (Lk 1:48-49)

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## 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.

# LITURGICAL LIFE

## RESPONDING *to the Call*

### 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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### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

#### Question:

What are we celebrating on the feast of the Assumption of Mary?

#### Answer:

The Assumption, along with the Immaculate Conception, are two Marian dogmas that have been infallibly defined by the church. The Assumption proclaims the reality that Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven. This was God's special gift to her in response to her total giving of self to God's plan and will.

The church believes that Mary was immaculately conceived, that is, conceived without original sin. This led the church to believe that she did not suffer one of the key consequences of original sin, death and corruption. The Orthodox Church celebrates the Dormition of Mary, the belief that Mary did not die but rather fell asleep and was thus assumed into heaven.

What significance does this feast have for our lives as Christians today? This feast is above all an assurance and hope of our continued life with God. Modeling ourselves on Jesus and living the Christian life molded by Jesus' values is certainly the sure path to God. As a result, God will not leave us orphaned or alone to suffer the emptiness of death. Rather, we believe that death is merely a transformation of our present state into an even more glorious and eternal relationship with God.

This is the hope and assurance that Mary's assumption celebrates. It is a celebration of our assumption as well. She is one of us, providing a model of what God has in store for all who love and give of themselves to God.

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**“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.”**

**– Lk 1:46-48**

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## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture**

### First Reading

We hear in Proverbs how we are called to participate in divine wisdom. Who do you see as a wisdom figure in your life?

### Second Reading

Paul sees one pathway to wisdom is to avoid evil, ignorance, and drunkenness, and be filled rather with gratitude. For what in your life should you be grateful?

### Gospel Reading

How do you understand Jesus' assertion: “Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.”

**FOR NOTHING  
WILL BE  
IMPOSSIBLE  
FOR GOD.**

**LUKE 1:37**



## ASSUMPTION





*The queen*  
TAKES HER PLACE  
AT YOUR  
RIGHT HAND.

PSALM 45

*“From this day all  
generations will  
call me blessed:  
the Almighty has  
done great things  
for me  
and holy is his  
Name.*

*He has cast down  
the mighty from  
their thrones,  
and has lifted up  
the lowly.”*

*- Lk 1:48b-49, 52*

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# KIDS CORNER

## READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:

soul  
spirit  
Savior

humble  
servant  
blessed

Mighty  
great  
holy

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### SHARING THE GOSPEL

Mary understood God's power. She loved and respected God. Everything Mary had belonged to God. He was happy to share good things with her. God deserves your respect and your love, too. When you are humble like Mary, God will do amazing things through you.

### PRAYER

God, help me to be humble like Mary.

### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Mary was a humble girl, and God chose her to be Jesus' mother. David was a humble shepherd, and God chose him to be a great king. Name one other humble person in the Bible that God lifted up and used powerfully.





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