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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Now toward the end of the summer season, at a time when fruits are ripe in the gardens and fields, the Church celebrates the most glorious "harvest festival" in the Communion of Saints. Mary, the supremely blessed one among women, Mary, the most precious fruit which has ripened in the fields of God's kingdom, is today taken into the granary of heaven.

— Pius Parsch, The Church's Year of Grace

The Assumption is the oldest feast day of Our Lady, but we don't know how it first came to be celebrated.

Its origin is lost in those days when Jerusalem was restored as a sacred city, at the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine (c. 285-337). By then it had been a pagan city for two centuries, ever since Emperor Hadrian (76-138) had leveled it around the year 135 and rebuilt it as Aelia Capitolina in honor of Jupiter.

For 200 years, every memory of Jesus was obliterated from the city, and the sites made holy by His life, death and Resurrection became pagan temples.

After the building of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 336, the sacred sites began to be restored and memories of the life of Our Lord began to be celebrated by the people of Jerusalem. One of the memories about his mother centered around the "Tomb of Mary," close to Mount Zion, where the early Christian community had lived.

On the hill itself was the "Place of Dormition," the spot of Mary's "falling asleep," where she had died. The "Tomb of Mary" was where she was buried.

At this time, the "Memory of Mary" was being celebrated. Later it was to become our feast of the Assumption.

For a time, the "Memory of Mary" was marked only in Palestine, but then it was extended by the emperor to all the churches of the East. In the seventh century, it began to be celebrated in Rome under the title of the "Falling Asleep" ("Dormitio") of the Mother of God.

Soon the name was changed to the "Assumption of Mary," since there was more to the feast than her dying. It also proclaimed that she had been taken up, body and soul, into heaven.



The Assumption of the Virgin, 1516-18 by Titian

That belief was ancient, dating back to the apostles themselves. What was clear from the beginning was that there were no relics of Mary to be venerated, and that an empty tomb stood on the edge of Jerusalem near the site of her death. That location also soon became a place of pilgrimage. (Today, the Benedictine Abbey of the Dormition of Mary stands on the spot.)

At the Council of Chalcedon in 451, when bishops from throughout the Mediterranean world gathered in Constantinople, Emperor Marcian asked the Patriarch of Jerusalem to bring the relics of Mary to Constantinople to be enshrined in the capitol. The patriarch explained to the emperor that there were no relics of Mary in Jerusalem, that "Mary had died in the presence of the apostles; but her tomb, when opened later . . . was found empty and so the apostles concluded that the body was taken up into heaven."

In the eighth century, St. John Damascene was known for giving sermons at the holy places in Jerusalem. At the Tomb of Mary, he expressed the belief of the Church on the meaning of the feast: "Although the body was duly buried, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay. . . . You were transferred to your heavenly home, O Lady, Queen and Mother of God in truth."

All the feast days of Mary mark the great mysteries of her life and her part in the work of redemption. The central mystery of her life and person is her divine motherhood, celebrated both at Christmas and a week later (Jan. 1) on the feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) marks the preparation for that motherhood, so that she had the fullness of grace from the first moment of her existence, completely untouched by sin. Her whole being throbbbed with divine life from the very beginning, readying her for the exalted role of mother of the Savior.

The Assumption completes God's work in her since it was not fitting that the flesh that had given life to God himself should ever undergo corruption. The Assumption is God's crowning of His work as Mary ends her earthly life and enters eternity. The feast turns our eyes in that direction, where we will follow when our earthly life is over.

The feast days of the Church are not just the commemoration of historical events; they do not look only to the past. They look to the present and to the future and give us an insight into our own relationship with God. The Assumption looks to eternity and gives us hope that we, too, will follow Our Lady when our life is ended.

In 1950, in the Apostolic Constitution Munificentissimus Deus, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Assumption of Mary a dogma of the Catholic Church in these words: "The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven."

With that, an ancient belief became Catholic doctrine and the Assumption was declared a truth revealed by God. Excerpted from Fr. Clifford Stevens in Catholic Heritage

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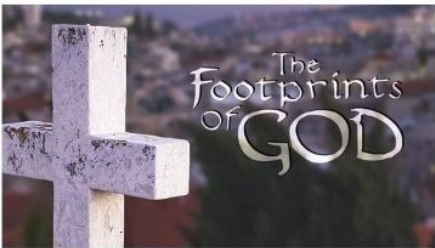
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Mary: The Mother of God

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday, 6:30 p.m.,
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.,
12:30 p.m. (Latin)

Reconciliation:

Wednesday and Saturday, 6:00pm,
Sunday, 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses:

Wed., 6:00 p.m.

(See Weekly Schedule for any changes to times or location!)

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday, 5:00 to 5:45p.m.

Parish Office Hours: (By Appointment)

Sunday, 10:30 - 12:30
Monday, 9 - 4
Tuesday, 9 - 4
Wednesday, 12 - 5
Thursday, 9 - 1
Friday, 9 - 1

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Latin Mass Livestream Options

Livestream Video Schedule For The Priory of the Canons Regular of the New Jerusalem on their YouTube channel and Facebook page. You do not have a Facebook account to view the Mass.

Sunday

Low Mass: 8:30 am

Weekdays & Saturday

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am,
Saturday: 9:30 a.m.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Our Neighbor Collections

August

- St. Pat's—Hair Care

Items can be placed in the red box on the back porch of St. Patrick Church parish office.

Park& Pray

Reminder: the Blessed Sacrament is present at the side door of the Parish Office every day for private prayer until around 6:00 p.m. Come out and spend some time in the presence of Our Lord!

2020-2021 RCIA

We are working out how RCIA will work for the upcoming year. If you know someone who wants to become Catholic or just inquire and learn about our faith, please contact the parish office at 304-269-3048 or by email at secretary@spchurchweston.net. You may also email the RCIA coordinator, Jesse Cunningham at caufdrop45@gmail.com.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 15, 2020, VIGIL for THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:00 p.m. Confessions

6:30 p.m. Mass for †Elizabeth Hoerske by Shirley Hubbs

Sunday, August 16, 2020, THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10:00 a.m. Confessions

10:30 a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish

12:00 p.m. Confessions

12:30 p.m. (Latin Mass) THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mass for †Nathan Cunningham by Steven and Megan White

Wednesday, August 19, 2020, Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

5:00 p.m. No Mass

6:00 p.m. No Mass

Saturday, August 22, 2020, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:00 p.m. Confessions

6:30 p.m. Mass for †Emma Pascasio by Rudy and Karen Pascasio

Sunday, August 23, 2020, TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00 a.m. Confessions

10:30 a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish

12:00 p.m. Confessions

12:30 p.m. (Latin Mass) Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Mass for †Margaret by Barbara Daugherty

Bishop Brennan has suspended the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation until further notice. Those who elect not to attend Mass on those days, at this time, do not incur sin."

Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- **Those who are sick:** Nick Bakas, Jean Scott Chase, John Collins, Brad Curtis, Nick Cutlip, Rose Determan, Larry Dodson, Carl Ford, Marsha Garton, Jack Gum (brother of Susie Determan), Robert Hamilton, Fr. John Hollowell, Mary Jo Hull, Barb King, Pam Mahdavi, Julia Marsh, Philomena Martin, Ed and Mary Ann Murray, Susan Murray, Rose Neal, Delores Paugh, Raylee Rahming, Mike Riley, Keith Rose, Shane Rowan, Tom Ruppert, Sheila Sayre, Jim Shaver, Diane Snyder, Cindy Sumpter, Mary Taylor, Grace Turner, Fr. Pat Wash
- **Those who have died:** May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- **All Military Personnel:** Alan Hamilton, Aaron Hamilton, Stephen Lindsey, R. Brody Springer, Justin Stark
- **Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**
- **Former priests and religious of our churches**
- **Those who are homebound, in assisted living or nursing homes.**
- **All diagnosed with Covid 19**
- **All health care workers, first responders, mail carriers and essential employees**

Attendance & Collections

Saturday 30
Sunday (10:30) 56
Sunday (Latin) 61

General \$2087

Loan Balance: \$80,100.99

Second and Special Collections

August 29 & 30: Pontifical Good Friday for the Holy Land Collection

Due to Covid 19, The USCCB has asked dioceses to reschedule some of the 2020 collections. Bishop Brennan has rescheduled the Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land for the weekend of August 29 and 30. The collection for the Diocesan Priests Retirement fund has been rescheduled for October 3 and 4.

We realize that some individuals (especially those who utilize envelopes) may have already given to one or both of these collections and we are appreciative of their generosity.

Liturgical Calendar & Scripture Readings

- Sunday, August 16, TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
- Monday, August 17, Monday of the 19th Week in Ordinary Time, Ez 24:15-24/Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday, August 18, Tuesday of the 19th Week in Ordinary Time, Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday, August 19, Saint John Eudes, Priest, Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday, August 20, Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor, Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14
- Friday, August 21, Saint Pius X, Pope, Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday, August 22, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12
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Liturgical Calendar for Traditional Latin Mass

- Sunday, August 16, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
- Monday, August 17, St. Hyacinth, Confessor
- Tuesday, August 18, Ss Tiburtius & Susanna, Virgin, Martyrs
- Wednesday, August 19, St. John Eudes, Confessor
- Thursday, August 20, St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Abbot & Doctor
- Friday, August 21, St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Widow
- Saturday, August 22, The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

We will not have Adoration, Confessions or Mass on Wednesday, August 19.