

Our Lady of the Valley Church

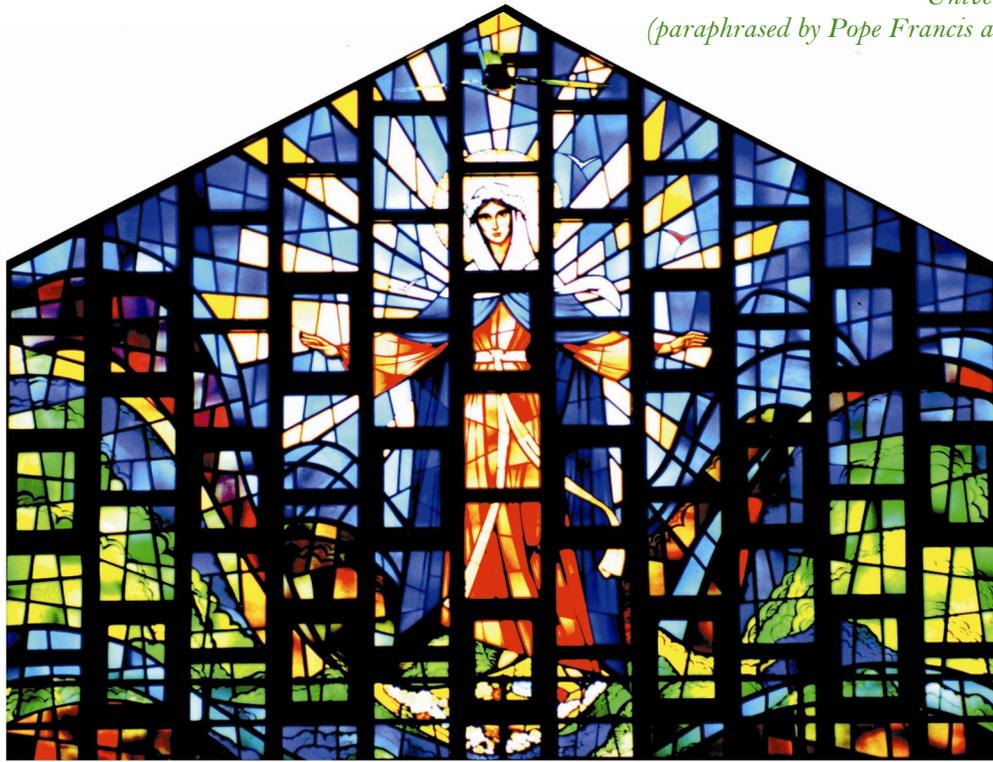
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**“The Church is Holy, not just because all are welcome.
The Church is Holy, because all belong.”**

*Timothy M. Matovina
University of Notre Dame*

(paraphrased by Pope Francis at General Audience)



Summer Schedule of Masses

Weekdays

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m.

Weekends

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

Summer Parish Office Hours

Monday through Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1:00 pm. - 5:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday - 12:00 p.m. in Church

or by appointment

Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage & Personal Appointments

Please call the Parish Office

Remember Our Lady of the Valley Church in Your Will

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PRESIDER SCHEDULE

Weekend of August 15 - 16:

Our Lady of the Valley

5:00pm Father Duberney
8:00am Father Wells
12:00 Noon Father Wells

Holy Cross

10:00am Father Duberney

ACT OF STEWARDSHIP

Attendance August 2/3: 158

Stewardship totals are not available. We prayerfully request considering WeShare during this time or mailing envelopes into the office.

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. m(1 Peter 4:8-10)



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 10	9:00am	Donato Casapulla Mae Cocilovo Roger Pino Maria Angela Vales
Tuesday, August 11	9:00am	Joseph Cesa Kirk Chagnon (Special Intention) Mark Forsatz
Wednesday, August 12	9:00am	For the People
Thursday, August 13	9:00am	Judith Gaita Angelo Maratta
Friday, August 14	9:00am	Elvia Gerardino James Murray
Saturday, August 15	5:00pm	Josephine Maratta Geraldine Nicolette Jared Petruska Kay Steiner
Sunday, August 16	8:00am	Rick Malanga Sadie Scavone Katherine Steiner
	12:00pm	Albert Cattafi Paul Liskay Antonio Manente

Find us on



PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS FOR PROTECTION AND HELP

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,
keeping your faith firm.
You know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide so that,
as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy
and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection.
Amen.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 9, 2020

PARISH SACRAMENTAL & PRAYER LIFE

*After his resurrection he told his disciples:
"Go out and teach all nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."
(Rite of Baptism, Blessing of Water)*

**We congratulate and welcome those who
were baptized last weekend:**

Antoni Bodyziak

Giavana Cristina Gabriele

Penelope Giglio

*"Is anyone among you suffering? They should pray...Is anyone among you sick?
They should summon the presbyters of the church,
and they should pray over them and anoint them with oil
in the name of the Lord."
(James 5:13,14)*

Pray for the Sick:

Gregory Bertoline

Kathy Corrao

Barry Koerber

Marie Moore

Jenny Moskal

Debbie Sleeman

Gary VanSteyn

Pat VanSteyn

Al Soltis

Gerard Anthony Gagliano

Paul Wilczewski

Michael Waldinger

Ronald Maggio

Roger Rigolli

Edward LaBarre

Aldo Giordano

Gloria Dykstra

NOTE: In order to be added to our prayer list, a member of the immediate family should request a person's name be added. The current names will remain on the list until the beginning of August.

*Indeed for your faithful, Lord,
life is changed, not ended,
and when this early dwelling turns to dust,
an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.
(Roman Missal, Preface I for the Dead)*

Pray for the Dead:

Martha Grieco



WEEKLY REMEMBRANCE

This week the Sanctuary Lamp which burns as a reminder of the Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament and the bread and wine offered at the Altar, which become the Body and Blood of Christ, are given in memory of:

Don Casapulla

From his Loving Wife

FACE MASKS REQUIRED

As the parish office reopens, please be aware face masks are required for entry for your safety and ours. We also suggest you call the parish office prior so we can have Mass cards or other items ready before your arrival to limit the time you spend indoors.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Parish Registration is necessary for all individual persons and families who worship with us on Sundays and who intend to participate in the life of our parish with their time, talent and treasures. For more information, please contact the Parish Office or log onto our website. **Registration is necessary to celebrate Marriage and Baptism here, as well as for receiving Sponsor Certificates.**

PRAYER SHAWLS

Prayer Shawls can be given to anyone for many reasons! Comfort, illness, occasions, friendship & joy. If there is anyone that would like to receive a shawl or request one for someone, please contact Sister Dorothy at 973-694-4585 x7245.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Do you have a family member or friend who is gay or lesbian? Would you like to have a better understanding on the church's teachings on this? Would you like resources to learn more about this topic? If you've answered "yes" to any of these questions, or have additional questions about the LGBT community and the Catholic Church, you are invited to call Deacon Vince at 862-264-2134. All calls/inquiries will be strictly confidential.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary!

Mary was always a virgin, both in conceiving Jesus, giving birth to him, and remaining virgin ever after. God granted her this privilege to emphasize that this was a unique moment in history - the birth of Jesus who is the Son of God and the Son of Mary. The liturgy of the Church speaks of Mary as "ever virgin." In the early Church some denied this, arguing that the Gospels speak of the brothers and sisters of Jesus, and thus maintained that Mary did not remain a virgin after the birth of Jesus. But already in the fourth century, theologians pointed out that the Greek

word for brother used in the New Testament can refer also to cousin. A second explanation was that these brothers and sisters were children of Joseph by a previous marriage. However, it is the constant teaching of the Church that Mary remained a virgin even after the birth of Jesus. In her virginity, Mary lived a life dedicated exclusively to her Son and his mission. Her example has been followed by some of Christ's disciples who have lived lives of consecrated virginity and celibacy from apostolic times to the present.

In the mystery of her Assumption, Mary experiences immediately what we all will experience eventually, a bodily resurrection like Christ's own. "The Immaculate Virgin ... when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of death" (CCC, no. 966, citing LG, no. 59).

Finally, in Mary we behold what the Church is already like during her pilgrimage of faith - and what the Church will become at the end of the journey. "Mary figured profoundly in the history of salvation and in a certain way unites and mirrors within herself the central truths of the faith" (LG, no. 65).

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SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Feelings

This Sunday most of us will notice mainly the story of Jesus walking on water, together with Peter sinking into it. But there is another very interesting spiritual dimension that I would like to suggest.

What do you think was going on in Jesus' own heart and soul during these events?

We know that Jesus had emotions. We have seen them before, as when Lazarus died. In last week's Gospel, Jesus had been hit hard by news of John the Baptist's death. So he had taken a boat to a deserted place in order to grieve, quietly, by himself. But the crowd got there first and immediately pressed him into service when he arrived. Instead of the hushed time for grief he needed, Jesus' heart had been moved by the needs of the suffering people before him. He spent hour after hour, healing and curing and feeding. Exhausting.

Then came the story for this Sunday. Jesus sends the crowd away at last. And notice a strange thing, usually ignored: he "made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side." Why send them ahead? Why stay there alone? The answer is easy. He still needed to be alone to process John's death, which he had not yet gotten to do.

He climbed up the mountainside and took his own time to commune with his heavenly Father. The Gospel says that by now it was evening, and that Jesus prayed well into the night. A gusty wind came up.

He could not have been comfortable.

I would love to know what his prayer was like. He had studied the scriptures since his youth, so maybe the story in our First Reading came to mind. There the prophet Elijah too was up on a mountain-side, and there too, a heavy wind came up. The Lord was not in the wind, we are told. Nor in the earthquake that followed. Nor in the fire that came next. The Lord God was in the "tiny whispering sound" that followed.*

Jesus on the mountain-side heard this voice too. But what did he feel? Let's take a shot at it.

He opened his bruised trust to the Father, and lay this trust alongside his very personal loss. Perhaps Abba reassured him that even against the evidence all human beings have to rely on God, especially when it seems that tragedy has the upper hand. Jesus was divine, but divine consciousness and knowledge rested only in the deepest realm of his soul, and needed this silent time to emerge.

In prayer, Jesus returned to his normal level of trust in God, but stronger now. In the same way that he "learned obedience through what he suffered" (Hebrews 5:8), maybe he had to learn a higher level of trust through loss. Trusting is not a sheer act of the will, not simply a blind decision, but a quiet re-emergence of God's faithful love.

Then, at last, Jesus does walk on water. How must it feel to leave the solid ground and walk on slushy liquid? Perhaps this walking was symbolic of the trust he had come to in his night of prayer.

Maybe trust feels like walking on water.

John Foley, SJ

*A much better and more poetic translation of these words, one more suited to English, is the former way of rendering it: "a still, small voice." Cf 1 Kings 19:12 KJV