



Assumption of the Virgin
Titian (c. 1515-1518)

On this, the Feast of the Assumption, please enjoy the Angelus address from the Holy Father from 2019:

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

POPE FRANCIS
ANGELUS

Saint Peter's Square
Thursday, 15 August 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters Good Morning!

In today's Gospel Reading, the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary Most Holy, the Holy Virgin prays with these words: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour" (Lk 1:46-47). Let us look at the two verbs in this prayer: *magnifies* and *rejoices*. Two verbs: "magnifies" and "rejoices". We *rejoice* when something so wonderful happens that it is not enough to rejoice within, in our soul, but rather we wish to express our happiness with our whole body: thus we rejoice. Mary rejoices because of God. Who knows whether we too have ever rejoiced for the Lord? We rejoice over a successful result and over good news, but today Mary teaches us to rejoice in God. Why? Because he — God — does "great things" (v. 49).

The other verb: *to magnify* refers to great things. "My soul magnifies". To magnify. Indeed magnifying means to extol a reality for its greatness, for its beauty ... Mary exalts the Lord's greatness; she praises him saying that he is truly great. It is important to seek great things in life; otherwise one becomes bemused by many trivialities. Mary shows us that in order to live a happy life, we should put God in first place because he alone is great. How many times instead, we are distracted by things of little value: prejudice, resentment, rivalry, envy, illusions, superfluous material goods.... How much pettiness there is in life! We know this. Today Mary invites us to *raise our gaze* to the "great things" that the Lord carried out in her. The Lord does many great things in us too, in each of us. We must recognize them and rejoice, magnify God for these great things.

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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

15 August 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

Immaculate Conception at 6:00 pm
Confessions are available at 5:00 pm

Sunday

Sacred Heart at 8:30 am
Immaculate Conception at 10:30 am

Wednesday

Immaculate Conception at 12:10 pm
Confessions are heard at 11:30 am and again after Mass during a period of Eucharistic Adoration.

Congratulations to the Edwards Family!

Received into the Catholic Church on the Feast of the Assumption, August 15th.

Jason, Jessica, Kilty, Riley, Jack, and Avery,
Welcome to our parish community!

A Good Man is Hard to Find
Book Group

Immaculate Conception Parish Hall
Wednesday, August 18th, 6-8pm.



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Today we are celebrating the “great things”. Mary is assumed into heaven: small and humble, she is the first to receive the highest glory. She, a human creature, one of us, attains eternity in soul and body. And there she awaits us as a mother waits for her children to come home. Indeed the People of God invoke her as the *Gate of Heaven*. We are on a journey, pilgrims towards the home that is up there. Today we look to Mary and we see the finish line. We see that a creature was assumed into the Glory of the Risen Jesus Christ, and that creature could not have been but her, the Mother of the Saviour. We see that Mary, the new Eve, is in heaven, together with Christ, the New Adam; she is also there, and this gives us comfort and hope on our pilgrimage here below.

The feast of the Assumption of Mary is a call to each of us, especially those who are afflicted by doubt and sadness, and live with their gaze turned down, unable to raise their glance. Let us look up. Heaven is open. It does not inculcate fear. It is no longer distant because on the threshold of Heaven, a mother, our mother, is awaiting us. She loves us, she smiles at us and she thoughtfully assists us. Like every mother she wants the best for her children and she says to us: “You are precious in God’s eyes; you were not made for the small satisfactions of the world, but rather for the great joy of heaven”. Yes because God is joy, not boredom. God is joy. Let us allow Our Lady to take us by the hand. Each time that we hold the Rosary in our hands and pray to her, we are taking a step forward, towards the great destination of life.

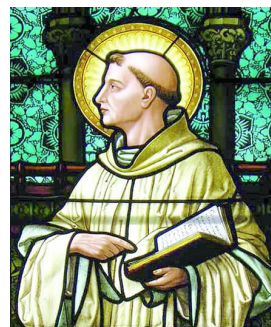
Let us allow ourselves to be attracted by true beauty. Let us not be befuddled by the trivialities of life, but rather let us choose the greatness of Heaven. May the Holy Virgin, Gate of Heaven, help us daily to trustfully and joyfully look to where our true home is, where she is awaiting us like a mother.

Food Pantry Necessities

Peanut butter and cereal are a constant need; as well as oats, flour and rice. Pet foods are frequently in demand, and clients tend to prefer healthy options for food that are not so loaded with sugar. Items may be left in a bin at the entrance of the church.



Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Abbot and Doctor of the Church August 20



There are those who seek knowledge for the sake of knowledge; that is curiosity. There are those who seek knowledge to be known by others; that is vanity. There are those who seek knowledge in order to serve; that is Love.

The three most important virtues are humility, humility, and humility.

What we love we shall grow to resemble.

God will either give us what we ask, or what He knows to be better for us.

O Blessed Mary, whoever loves you honors God; whoever serves you pleases God; whoever invokes your holy name with a pure heart will infallibly receive the object of his petition.

Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 14th

Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Intentions of Bishop Vetter

Sunday, August 15th

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sick & Shut-Ins of the Parish

/Intentions of the Parish Faithful

Wednesday, August 18th

The Intentions of Our Parish Prayer List

Humbly asking for your prayers

Marcy Bishop, Mary Oulette, Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Michael Conrad, Ellen Holland, Kevin Normandeau, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Leonard & Gail Piedalue, Kate Shrider Olsen, Don Herbst, Bill Nash, Donna Jacobs, Derrie Edge, Madge Vert, Bob Mahon, Joe Wolfekuhle, John Miller, Caroline Hummel.

Please help to keep the list current by contacting the Parish Office. Also, out of respect for a person’s privacy, please make sure that all individuals wish to be publicly identified.

Grace be to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all; Making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 1:2

The Holy Father’s prayer intention for August



The Church: Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

Please pray for our seminarians!

Dillon Armstrong, Tyler Frohlich, Matthew Christians, Kyle Tannehill and Kaleb Michell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, John Cooney, Jamie Severson, Hayden Petterson, Alex Olmes, Anthony Olmes, Alex Ramirez, James Semling.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Antiphon:

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

Collect:

*Almighty ever-living God,
who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary,
the Mother of your Son,
body and soul into heavenly glory,
grant, we pray,
that, always attentive to the things that are above,
we may merit to be sharers of her glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.*

Readings:

Rv 11:19; 12:1-6a,10ab
Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16
1 Cor 15:20-27
Lk 1:39-56

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

"Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, 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 the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death." The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians:

In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death.

Immaculate Conception Gift Shop

We have various Catholic items for sale in the parish office!

Rosaries, medals, small statues, etc.

If you are interested in purchasing an item from the gift shop, please contact Ruth Fischer: 883-5025.



PARISH ACTIVITIES

New Parishioners Welcome Dinner

Sunday, September 19th following the 10:30 am Mass at Immaculate Conception.

Please consider joining us for a community meal to get to know one another, newer and formerly established parishioners alike!

If you are new to the parish, please register your family with the parish office by filling out a registration form, found at the entrance of the church.



SAINT PAUL
+ STREET EVANGELIZATION +

Saint Paul Street Evangelization At the Farmers' Market

Ronan: Thursdays
Please call Linda Dorrington
(406-596-1460) for more info.

Polson: Fridays
Please see sign up sheet in the sacristy.

Knitting Group



Knitters and Crocheters meet in the parish hall of Immaculate Conception on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Please contact Julie Hille at 715-882-2716 for more information. All are welcome!

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? – Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless?

Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication.

For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact the registration team: at 406-761-4830 or visit our website:

www.HelpOurMarriage.org

September 16-19, 2021



All Sunday homilies are available on YouTube and can be found by searching the full name Fr. Kevin Christofferson.

ROSARY GROUP

St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

Monday at 6:00 pm
Friday at 9:00 am



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Parish Offertory Progress Report

Fiscal Year beginning July 1st

Immaculate Conception
\$21,120 of \$170,000 (12%)
Sacred Heart/St. Joseph
\$3,787 of \$44,500 (9%)



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