

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This feast day will always hold a special memory in my heart because my first assignment as a newly ordained priest was at the Church of the Assumption. It was located in the shadows of Cook County Jail in the Little Village area. At the time there was a four classroom school (two grades to each classroom). The congregation was composed of recent refugees from Slovakia and a large Hispanic community.

Priests and nuns from the cluster would come to the Parish Hall for dinner and drinks the eve of the Assumption and a trilingual Mass would be celebrated on the actual Feast Day.

Although the Church and School is now closed, the beautiful statue of the Assumption still stands tall on the corner of 24th and California.

It is rare, this Feast falls on a weekend, but it gives us an opportunity to gather as a Church community to celebrate Mary's life and Her Assumption into Heaven.

May Mary's prayers guide through this present health pandemic and the pandemic of violence that have hit so many neighborhoods across our Country.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us always!

Father Ron