

# OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS AND ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH FAMILY



A welcoming Catholic faith community who gathers to celebrate the Word of God as a Eucharistic People.

August 15, 2021

Welcome.

As things continue to improve, we are once again permitted to begin Mass with the procession. Bulletins and missals are again allowed in the church. We will continue with contact tracing and hand sanitizer is available for those wishing to use. Physical distancing is still in effect, as well as the wearing of face mask is still mandatory.

Thank you for your continued assistance in following protocols during co-vid.

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Weekday Mass schedule

## Tuesday

7:00 pm Our Lady Help of Christians, Watford

## Wednesday

9:00 am Our Lady Help of Christians, Watford

## Thursday

7:00 pm St. Christopher, Forest

## Friday

9:00 am St. Christopher, Forest

Please submit any Mass intentions to Denise at dannett@dol.ca or write them on a piece of paper and drop them into the collection.

## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary's prayer in today's Gospel passage is both humble and confident. Following her cousin Elizabeth's proclamation of Mary as blessed among women, Mary replies with her hymn of praise to God: her Magnificat.

Mary says, "My soul magnifies the Lord" and firmly sets her confidence in God. Though birthing God for the world must have seemed utterly impossible to Mary, she trusts that God will fulfill his plans with her. Her ongoing faith-filled response to God's call, uniquely miraculous and difficult as it is, should inspire us to trust in God with such radical confidence that overinflates our sense of self, elevating ourselves above others, but one that is rooted in God's care and mercy. This value on humble confidence is echoed later: God "has brought down the powerful...and lifted up the lowly." Though Jesus has not yet been born, Mary recognizes that God is already present in the midst of his people in a new way in her pregnant body, to which John responds with joy while still in Elizabeth's womb.

Mary carries Jesus in her womb; we carry him with our lives. May we see that God invites us to embrace the humble confidence of Mary in our own lives, recognizing that God is already at work in us to bring mercy into the world.

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First Reading: Revelation 11.19a;12.1-6a,10ab

Psalm:45

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.20-26

Gospel: Luke 1.39-56