

August 15, 2020 - This week we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary.

In his Homily this weekend, Father Belgica reflected on Mary as our Model. He shared, "Mary rejoiced in the many graces provided by our Savior despite the difficulties she experienced. She courageously answered "yes" every time the Lord asked something of her, full of faith, full of hope in the promise of salvation. What an amazing example for us and where we are as a parish and a Church today."

Just as the Assumption is both an ending and a new beginning, we are closing the door on previous plans we may have had and opening a new door on a new plan we craft together through ***Faith, Hope & Courage***. Parishioners have received the introduction mailing from Bishop Parkes this week introducing ***Faith, Hope & Courage***. Over the next few weeks, we will take this opportunity to evaluate where we are as a parish family, make adjustment if needed to ensure the overall health of the parish and responsibly plan together for continued ministry and outreach effectively.

This weekend, all those attending Mass in person will receive a special parish update which gives a snapshot review of where our parish stands year over year. For those joining us virtually, Click on the "TAB" below in this section to view/download Father Belgica's letter and the financial snapshot.

"All are invited to please review the information and take time to prayerfully consider how you and your family can support our parish family," Father Belgica stated, "and we also want to know how your parish family can support you." The back of our commitment card has a place to include any prayer intentions you wish to share and request contact if needed for your family. Our parish leadership is committed to responding to all requests within the next two weeks.

Your personalized card is included in the mailing from Bishop Parkes. Cards are also available at Mass and an e-commitment option is available at www.ourladyofgracefl.org. All parishioners are asked to complete a commitment card today or in the next couple of weeks and:

- Bring the card to Mass next weekend
- Mail it to the church using the pre-addressed envelope provided
- or visit our parish website at www.ourladyofgracefl.org and complete an electronic commitment card.

"Our goal is 100% participation!" said Father Belgica. "On behalf of all who minister at Our Lady of Grace, please accept our thanks for your generosity of spirit and support!"