

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
St Brigid & St Patrick

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The Assumption of Our Lady
(Body and Soul into Heaven)

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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin means that after Her life on earth, Mary was taken body and soul into Heaven. Unlike other saints, therefore, Our Lady is in Heaven not only with Her soul but also with Her glorified body. Pope Pius XII defined this doctrine as a "divinely revealed dogma" on November 1, 1950.

The Mother of God was conceived without original sin. Consequently She did not have to wait, like the rest of us, for the resurrection on the last day. She is with Her Divine Son in the same body – although now resplendent in glory – that She gave Him at Nazareth. He ascended bodily into Heaven forty days after His Resurrection. She was assumed bodily into Heaven after She completed Her stay on earth, some fifteen years later.

For about fourteen hundred years, the Feast of the Assumption has been celebrated on August 15. It is now one of the holy days of obligation for the universal Church, when "the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass; they are also to abstain from those labors and business concerns which impede the worship to be rendered to God"

What are some of the lessons for us to learn from this mystery of our faith? They are the same lessons that Our Lady gave us when She appeared at Fatima. We are to pray, make sacrifices, and do penance for poor sinners who are offending God. Mary's bodily Assumption is the promise of our own glorious resurrection from the grave – provided we pray. Without prayer we cannot remain faithful in our service of God.

Mary's assumption is the proof of how profitable it is to make sacrifices. Not the least of these sacrifices is the surrender of our bodily pleasures that are contrary to the will of God. The eternal reward is worth the temporal price we have to pay in self-control. By now giving up what we like but what is sinful, and enduring what is painful to us but pleasing to God, we shall enjoy Heaven with Jesus and Mary – in body and soul – in the world to come.

Mary's Assumption is a call to penance. Pope Pius XII expressed the hope that this new honor to Mary would introduce "a spirit of penance to replace the prevalent love of pleasure, and a renewal of family life stabilized where divorce was common and made fruitful where birth control was practiced." If we hope to be eternally with Jesus, we must now imitate the virtues of Mary. She is the perfect model of how we should live; in simple faith, trustful hope, and selfless love of God and others.

Again, it may seem that a doctrine like Mary's bodily assumption is a recent development. And in one sense it is, since the dogma was not defined by the Church until 1950. One of the earliest writers to speak of Mary's ascension, as it used to be called, was St. Gregory in the sixth century. Others and their names are well-known in Catholic theology, also wrote extensively in the early Church about Mary's falling asleep, her dormition, her ascension or, as we now call it, her assumption. This is the greatest single title of Our Lady in the Eastern Church.

How did Pope Pius XII define Mary's assumption? On the grounds of tradition. The Catholic hierarchy, when canvassed by the Pope, all but unanimously agreed that this doctrine is revealed, that it should be defined, and that the time was ripe to make the definition. Pope Pius XII analyzed the Church's reasons for defining Mary's being in heaven not only in spirit but also in body.

First, there was the fact of Mary's freedom from sin. As the dissolution of the body and its separation from the soul is a punishment for sin and as Mary, immaculately conceived and always sinless, was exempt from the general curse of sin, it was fitting, the Pope declared, that her body should be exempted from the general law of dissolution and be immediately taken into heavenly glory.

Secondly: Mary's Divine Motherhood. As the body of Christ originated from the body of Mary, the most famous phrase in Catholic teaching in Latin is "Caro Jesu caro Maria" - the flesh of Jesus is the flesh of Mary, it was further fitting that Mary's body should share in the same glorious lot as the Body of her Son.

And thirdly: Mary's share in Christ's labor and suffering on earth. As Mary, the Mother of the Redeemer, took a most intimate part in the redemption of her Son, it was fitting that in the completion of her earthly life (the Pope did not say she died) she should attain to the full fruit of the redemption which consists in the glorification of not only the soul but also the body. And so, on the first of November, appropriately the feast of All Saints, the Queen of all saints was declared by Pope Pius XII to be in heaven in body and in spirit. "It is a dogma revealed by God that Mary the Immaculate, perpetually virgin, Mother of God, after the completion of her earthly life was assumed body and soul into heaven."

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

(ANY CHANGES, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.)

Jim Dunnigan, Patty Durand, Lori Hill, Millie Laxdal, John Christianson, Pauline Dusek, Patricia Rodvold, Jane Zidon, Marla Zidon, Rex Grill, Heidi Gustafson, Adriane Wellman, Isabelle Copeland, Tracy Letzring, Kelly Morrison, Jody Deibert, Allison Bleick, Dale Hultin, Bob McCartney, Susie Dimsha, Sherry McDonald, Shelbie Goodoi, Oliver Goodoi, Brent Collins, Merle Larson, Robert O'Toole, Ruth Rieger, Melanie Fischer, Ruth Ivesdahl, Carol Smith, Mary Louise, Bernard & Aletha Schommer, Brianna Fernandez, Brett & Rick Letzring, Jane Grazadzieleski, Rick Kilichowski, Donald Denault, Gary Olson, Fr. Finnestad, Joan Kerian.

ST PATRICK ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pray the Rosary: Sun at 8:00 am. **Adoration with Confessions:** Sat at 8:00 am. **More Confessions:** Sun 8:00 am. **Aug Church Cleaners:** Mary Wild, Nick & Molly Wild, Marilyn Olafson. **Collection:** Paul & Blanca (Aug 15); Deidre & Dianne (Aug 22). **Reader:** Tom (Aug). **Sanctuary Lamp:** Tim & Linda O'Toole (Aug 15); Casey & Ruth Stumpf (Aug 22). **Sacristan:** Duane (Aug 15); Scott (Aug 22). **Rosary:** Mary T (Aug 15); Mary S (Aug 22)

ST BRIGID ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray the Rosary: Sun at 10:00 am. **Adoration with Confessions:** Wed & Fri at 11:00 am; **More Confessions:** Sat 4-5:00 pm, Mon 5-5:15 pm. **Aug Church cleaners:** G-K. **Collection:** Lynette & Cathy (Aug 15); Doug & Gary (Aug 22). **Readers (Aug):** Sat-Brian; Sun-Matt. **Rosary:** Larry C (Aug). **Sanctuary Lamp:** Floyd Helgoe Family Mahar/Lentsch (Aug 15); Melissa Scheer Chadwick (Aug 22)

Bishop Folda requests that we contact our federal legislators and urge them to keep the Hyde Amendment intact. The Hyde Amendment is a pro-life amendment which prevents the use of federal funds to pay for abortion. It has saved 60,000 lives per year. You can also visit this website: <https://www.notaxpayerabortion.com/>

Year of St. Joseph Prayer: "Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen"



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Mon		July 12	5:15 pm	St Brigid	Winston Miller
Tues	St Henry	July 13	8:00 am	St Patrick	Jim Young Family
Wed	St Kateri	July 14	Noon	St Brigid	Skylar Alex
Thur	St Bonaventure	July 15	8:00 am	St Patrick	Makensie Miller
Fri	Our Lady of Mt Carmel	July 16	Noon	St Brigid	Landon Alex
Sat		July 17	9:00 am	St Patrick	St Brigid & St Patrick Parishes
			5:00 pm	St Brigid	+Dolores, Arni, Dirk Johnson
Sun	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	July 18	8:30 am	St Patrick	St Brigid & St Patrick Parishes
			10:30 am	St Brigid	Jim Young

Stewardship (as of 7-4-21)	St Brigid	St Patrick		St Brigid	St Patrick
Adult Envelope	1835.00	1190.00	St Patrick's Care Collection July		70.00
Plate	96.00	20.00	Cemetery	4,010.00	4,681.69
Weekly Total	1931.00	1210.00	St Anthony Cemetery \$1390.00		
Yearly Actual Total	57,378.26	25,535.99	St Brigid Gods Gift Goal: \$23,485.48	11,698.00	
Monthly Envelope Building Fund	2,152.00	2,605.00	St Patrick Gods Gift Goal: \$9,103.15		5,752.00
Ascension	495.00	105.00	St Helen Cemetery \$475.00		
			St Bernard Cemetery \$262.00		