

St. Charles Borromeo Church
Sunday, August 15, 2021
The Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
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“Blessed are you who believed.” (Luke 1:45)

When the angel Gabriel told Mary that she was to have a son, she asked, “How can this be?” (Luke 1:34). But the angel assured her that it would happen through the Holy Spirit, and Mary believed him. That’s why, in today’s Gospel for the feast of the Assumption, Elizabeth calls Mary “blessed”—because she believed (1:45).

A virgin birth is not the only truth of our faith that defies a natural explanation. We might also wonder how Jesus was fully God and fully man, or how, after lying in his grave for three days, he rose from the dead. But while we don’t know the how, we do know the why: so that our loving God could save us from sin and death.

Mary’s bodily assumption into heaven is another truth that can’t be explained on a natural level. Again, we don’t know *how* it happened, but we do know why. By saying yes to the angel’s request, Mary gave birth to the Savior of the world. Because of this yes, she played a central role in our salvation. And so God greatly honored her by allowing her to share fully in the fruit of Jesus’ victory over sin and death even now, before He comes again in glory.

One day we too hope to share in Christ’s victory. At his Second Coming, the corruptible will become incorruptible (1 Corinthians 15:54). Our bodies will be brought to life again as spiritual bodies, and we will see Mary in all her beauty and splendor.

We don’t know how this will happen. But that’s where faith comes in. As Elizabeth said to Mary, *Blessed are those who believe*. We are truly blessed when we choose to believe that all of God’s promises will be fulfilled. And when we struggle to believe, we only have to turn to Mary, our Mother. She is always eager to intercede for us and lead us into the loving arms of her Son, Jesus.

“Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.”

The Word Among Us – Daily Meditation (August 15, 2021)

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon...., 8/16 - NO MASS - Feast of Saint Stephen of Hungary

Tues...., 8/17 - 7:30 A.M. Mass – George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce

Wed...., 8/18 - 7:30 A.M. Mass – John Blanchard (B); George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Special Intention

Thurs...., 8/19 - 7:30 A.M. Mass – Feast of Saint John Eudes, Priest: Dave Folse Jr. (B); Dave Folse Sr. (DA); Debra Knobloch (B); George (B) & Eulalie Iver; George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce

Fri....., 8/20 - 7:30 A.M. Mass – Feast of Saint Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church: David "Bubby" Robichaux Jr.; Denis Knobloch Sr. (DA); George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Philip Barrios

Sat...., 8/21 - 4:00 P.M. – Vigil Mass of The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time: Leon Dufrene; Adam & Nilda Thibodaux; Aimee Saenz (B); Ames & Valerie Rodriguez; Augustin Cecil Zeringue; Boudreaux, Bourgeois & Dupuis Families; Calvin Gaudet; Carroll Acosta Sr.; Ces & Rena Zeringue; Yvonne & Charley Plaisance; Mike & Nita Zeringue; Dolores Plaisance Babin; Gene Nichols; Charles & Nell Zeringue; Donatien & Kate Danos; Dr. Philip Bergeron; Myles Bergeron; Earline & Theogene Gaubert; Jeannie Gaubert; Esther Ledet; Euel J. & Marguerite Zeringue; Gautreaux & Richard Families; George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Helen & Freddie Dudoit; Hugh & Irene Rodriguez; John Bennett; Joseph P. & Mildred T. Bourgeois; Joel Bourgeois; Augustin "Gus" & May Theriot; Jules Quatrevingt; Leroy & Lydia Folse (DA); Lolita & Dave DeFelice Sr.; Milton & "T" Mire; Louis & Inez Devillier Family; M/M Alcide Barrios & Family; A.J.; Roy & Philip; Mark Hebert (B); Mark Thibodaux; Milfred, Aurelien & Marie Degruise; Nell France; Philip & Inez Marse; Marcel & Rose Richard; Philip Ledet III; Ruth, Charlie & Gerald Brown; Ralph Melancon; Barbara Melancon; Wilson J. & Gabriella W. Melancon; Rev. Michael Bergeron (B); Richard Babin; Richard E. LeBlanc Jr.; Ricky Zeringue; Roland Paul Knoboch Jr.; Roy & Josephine Foret & Allen; Roy Bourgeois; Sally Thibodaux; Stone Savoy; Wilbert Dufrene; Ashley Dufrene; Beth Dufrene; Susan M. Trahan; Tyler Hebert; Warren LeBlanc; Willard Chauvin Sr.; William "Bill" Champagne; Billy Champagne; William "Bill" Nezzio

Sun....., 8/22 - 7:30 A.M. – The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time: Benson Plaisance Jr.; M/M Benson Sr.; Romy Morvant; Bobby Richard (DA); Calvin Boudreaux Sr.; Dalton Arceneaux; Frank & Edna Weimer; Harry Becnel; Marguerite Thibodaux; Helen Schexnaydre; Joy Lynn Naquin; Jules J. & Jeanne L. Ball; Michael Trosclair; Michael Poussard; Brandon Courteaux; Jules Quatrevingt; Edward Comeaux Jr.; Linda Kliebert; M/M Jessie Pierce Sr.; M/M Roy Ledet; Milton Ledet; Olga L. Robichaux; P.J. & Joyce Zeringue; Philip & Goldie Weimer; Rosa Comeaux; Ruby & Ivy Templet & Family; Junius & Claire Hebert & Mary Ann; Verdine Knobloch; Wilbur J. Brown & Ethlyn "Toot" Brown

Sun....., 8/22 - 10:00 A.M. – The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time: Calvin Boudreaux Sr.; Calvin Gaudet; Christine Martin; Madison A. Lagarde; Constancio "Camoy" Izaguirre; David "Bubby" Robichaux Jr.; David "L.J." Lagarde Jr.; Dorothy "Dot" Rago; For more Vocations to the Priesthood; Freddie Pierce; Gaudet & Theriot Families; Irma Simon; Irvin & Marie Prejeant; George & Bernice Whitman; Jake & Mabel Matherne; Joseph E. Blanchard Jr.; Poor Souls in Purgatory; Joseph Lagarde Sr.; Dorothy "Dot" Lagarde; Beverly L. Breaux; Stephen Gossen; Ronny Gossen; Betty Lou Babin; Coleen Cuneo; June Lecompte; K.C. Toups, DVM; Kerry Robichaux; Larry Clement; Marie & Francis Savoie; Marie Kern Bernard; Randy H. Parro; Gatewood "Pot" Folse; Mary W. & Dave J. Robichaux; Michael Lirette Sr.; Myra Blanchard;

Nolan "Pip" Bourgeois; Toudell Guidry Bourgeois; Parrish Hebert; Special Intention; Ray Weimer Jr.

DATES, TIMES, & PLACES

❖ **24/7 – Perpetual Adoration (Chapel)**

Mon..., 8/16 - **NO MASS**
 6:00 P.M. – Youth Formation Mentors’ Meeting (Church)

Tues..., 8/17 - **7:30 A.M.** – Mass (Chapel)

Wed..., 8/18 - **7:30 A.M.** - Mass/Novena (Chapel)
 10:00 A.M. – Rosary (Chapel)

Thurs..., 8/19 - **7:30 A.M.** – Mass (Chapel)

Fri..., 8/20 - **7:30 A.M.** – Mass (Chapel)

Sat..., 8/21 - **3:00 – 3:45 P.M.** – Confessions (Chapel)
 4:00 P.M. – Vigil Mass

Sun..., 8/22 - **7:30 A.M.** – Mass
 10:00 A.M. – Mass
 3:00 P.M. – Diocesan Service Awards (St. Francis de Sales Cathedral)

BLESSED SACRAMENT CANDLE (IN CHURCH) IN MEMORY OF: (8/13-8/19)

Poor Souls in Purgatory

BLESSED SACRAMENT CANDLE (IN CHAPEL) IN MEMORY OF: (8/13-8/19)

Deceased Members of KC Council #12060

ALTAR BREADS IN MEMORY OF: (8/13-8/19)

Joseph Lagarde Sr.; Dorothy “Dot” Lagarde; Beverly L. Breaux; Stephen Gossen

ALTAR WINE IN MEMORY OF: (8/13-8/19)

Joseph Lagarde Sr.; Dorothy “Dot” Lagarde; Beverly L. Breaux; Stephen Gossen

MISSALETTES IN MEMORY OF: (8/13-8/19)

Joy Lynn Naquin

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT (August 7-8, 2021)

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| \$3,511.00 | Envelopes |
| 305.00 | Loose |
| <u>110.00</u> | Online Giving |
| \$3,926.00 | Total |

Add'l. Maintenance: \$95.00

St. Anthony: \$43.00

Stewardship.... Thank, Praise, Serve, Obey

“No matter how one might translate it, the bishops defined a Christian steward as ‘one who receives God’s gifts gratefully and cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, sharing them in justice and love with others, returning them with increase to the Lord.’” (*International Catholic Stewardship Council*)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

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| MONDAY (8/16): | Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22 |
| TUESDAY (8/17): | Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30 |
| WEDNESDAY (8/18): | Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16 |
| THURSDAY (8/19): | Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14 |
| FRIDAY (8/20): | Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40 |
| SATURDAY (8/21): | Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12 |
| SAT/SUNDAY (8/21-22): | Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69 |

BIBLE VERSE OF THIS WEEK:

“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”
(Luke 1:42)

A “SUNDAY DIVE”

A “*Sunday Dive*” into the Scriptures includes reflections on the Sunday readings to help us “Dive Deeper” into the scripture and reflect on the scripture’s relevance in our daily lives. A *Sunday Dive* can be found on our parish website www.stcharlesthodobaux.org in the WORSHIP section.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Most Blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up “assumed” body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son’s Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of His Body. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 974)

This year the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15, 2021) falls on a Sunday. The obligation to participate in Mass on this Solemnity coincides this year with that of Sunday.

Please be reminded that the reinstatement of the Sunday and Holyday obligation to participate in Mass is effective this weekend, August 14-15, 2021.

YOUTH FORMATION NEWS!

- YOUTH FORMATION PARENTS: SIGN-UP NOW!!!

If you have not registered your child for Youth Formation, please do so as soon as possible. **Registration Forms are available on our website (www.stcharlesthibodaux.org), the foyer of the church, and the Administration Office.**

- ATTENTION, YOUTH FORMATION MENTORS!!

There will be a Youth Formation Mentors' Meeting on Monday, August 16th at 6:00 P.M. in Church. You will have the opportunity to meet our new Youth Formation Coordinator, Linda Henry, as plans will be discussed for the upcoming Youth Formation year.

- YOUTH FORMATION CLASSES!

Youth Formation classes are tentatively scheduled to begin in September. We are currently working with the Mentors to complete the schedule. When available, the schedule will be posted on our website and forwarded to all parents. Thank you for your patience.

CALLING ALL CHURCH VOLUNTEERS!! SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING RENEWAL

The previous three-year cycle for Safe Environment Training has ended. All who have been previously trained are reminded to renew their training if you wish to continue to be involved with the Youth and/or Elderly. *Those who require Safe Environment Training include: Youth Formation Mentors and Volunteers; all who serve on Volunteer Ministries including Musicians, Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors, Community Meals, KC's, and those ministering to the homebound.*

Visit the online Safe Environment Training website to begin your training: <https://safeandsacred-htdiocese.org>. If you require assistance to complete training, you may call the Administration Office and schedule a time to come by and complete the training.

DIVINE WILL CONFERENCE

There will be a **Divine Will Conference** at St. Genevieve Church on Saturday, August 28, 2021, from 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. The rosary will be prayed at 8:00 A.M. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at 4:00 P.M. Registration fee is \$36.00. Entry forms may be found in the foyer of the Church. For more information, contact Annette Champagne (985-209-4970).

We often pray the Our Father and say, "Thy **WILL** be done on earth as it is in Heaven." Come learn what the **Divine Will of God** is from the writings of Louisa Piccarreta. All are welcome!

MATTHEW 25

Matthew 25 is a parish volunteer response program within the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, created to help those in need during a time of adversity. In preparation for the current hurricane season, we are asking for your help in identifying people within our community who may need assistance. Our Matthew 25 team of volunteers will keep in contact with those in our community who may need help before and after a disaster to meet their immediate needs.

Do you know of anyone in our community that would require assistance during the event of a disaster? If you, or someone you know, would benefit from this service, please contact David Champagne, our Matthew 25 Coordinator at (985)859-8397 or call the Administration Office.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are usually held on Sunday following the 10:00 A.M. Mass. Baptismal Seminars are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. in the Administration Office Conference Room; prior registration is necessary. Parents **AND** Godparents are required to attend. Parents are asked to call the Administration Office at least two months prior to the birth of their baby.

EFFECTS OF BAPTISM

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says this about Baptism. “The different effects of Baptism are signified by the perceptible elements of the sacramental rite. Immersion in water symbolizes not only death and purification, but also regeneration and renewal. Thus the two principal effects are purification from sins and new birth in the Holy Spirit.

“By Baptism *all sins* are forgiven, original sin and all personal sins, as well as all punishment for sin. In those who have been reborn nothing remains that would impede their entry into the Kingdom of God, neither Adam's sin, nor personal sin, nor the consequences of sin, the gravest of which is separation from God.” 1262-1263

God's love for us is shown in his forgiveness of our sins at the moment of baptism. This is made possible through the death and resurrection of Jesus. At the moment we are baptized our slate is wiped clean through the saving power of the blood of Christ. However, the temporal consequences of the sin of Adam and Eve remain, such as “suffering, illness, death and the inclination to sin.” These are the “thorns of flesh” which Paul speaks of. But these “weaknesses” are opportunities to grow in our relationship with God, depending on him more and more. They can be stepping stones on our journey to God or stumbling blocks, hindering our progress. The grace of baptism is there for us for the purpose of overcoming these weaknesses. Renewing our baptismal promises stirs up these graces in those moments.

(Reflection from Spirit Aflame – Most Rev. Sam Jacobs)

HURRICANE SEASON PRAYER

God of heaven and earth, God who carries our lives and the lives of our whole community in your hands, be with us during this Hurricane Season. Help us to release our anxieties and fears into those same caring hands, knowing in faith that your will for us is life and everlasting good. Send your holy angels to watch over us and guard us. May they spread their holy wings to give us shelter against the storm. For you alone, O God, are all good, all life, all love, and that love is for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

QUOTE:

“Whoever has a heart full of love always has something to give.” (St. John XXIII)