



# St. Mary's Catholic Church



## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



“From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.”

- Lk 1:48b-49, 52

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## Mass Schedule and Intentions

**8/16: Malta - 8:30 A.M.:** Repose of Wink Cole <sup>r/</sup><sub>b</sub> Mary & Maynard LaFond

**8/17: Malta - 5:30 PM:** Repose of Alice Hanson <sup>r/</sup><sub>b</sub> Julie & Gary Howell

**8/18: Malta - 8:30 AM:** Repose of Lola Matthews <sup>r/</sup><sub>b</sub> Julie & Gary Howell

**8/19: Malta - Hi-Line Retirement Center 10:00 AM:** Pekovitch Families <sup>r/</sup><sub>b</sub> Lana Fortin

**8/20: Malta - 8:30 AM:** Repose of Putt Ereaux & Family <sup>r/</sup><sub>b</sub> Darlene & Bruce Cummings

**8/21: Malta - 4:00 PM:** Repose of Fr. William D'Souza <sup>r/</sup><sub>b</sub> St. Mary's Parish

**8/22: Malta - 10:30 AM:** For all Parishioners;

**Dodson—8:30 AM:** Special Intentions <sup>r/</sup><sub>b</sub> Lana Fortin

**Saco - 4:00 PM:** Repose of Loretta Patrick <sup>r/</sup><sub>b</sub> Helen DePuydt

## Confession Schedule

Fr. Felix will be in the Confessional at St. Mary's Church **Friday's 9:00-10:00, Saturday from 11:00 A.M.—Noon;** and by appointment.

## Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

**Every Friday from 9 to 10 AM** after Daily Mass.



**Contact Fr. Felix for Home Visits, Distribution of the Sacraments, Home Blessings and Counseling of any type.**



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Women

Meets **First Tuesday** of the month

Meets **Second Sunday** of the month

## Daily Scripture Readings

**8/15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary;** Revelations 11:19; 12:1-6, 10; Psalms 45:10-12, 16; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56

**8/16: St Stephen of Hungary;** Judges 2:11-19; Psalms 106:34-37, 39-40, 43, 44; Matthew 19:16-22

**8/17: Tuesday in the 20th week of Ordinary Time;** Judges 6:11-24; Psalms 85:9, 11-14; Matthew 19:23-30

**8/18: Wednesday in the 20th week of Ordinary Time;** Judges 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Matthew 20:1-16

**8/19: St. John Eudes, Priest;** Judges 11:29-39; Psalms 40:5, 7-10; Matthew 22:1-14

**8/20: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church;** Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22; Psalms 146:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40

**8/21: St. Pius X, Pope;** Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Psalms 128:1-5; Matthew 23:1-12

**8/22: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time;** Joshua 24:1-2, 15-17, 18; Psalms 34:2-3, 16-23; Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2, 25-32; John 6:60-69

**Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday—Dodson—8:30 a.m.**

**Malta - 10:30 a.m.**

**Saco—4:00 p.m.**



## New to the Parish?

Welcome! We're glad you will be joining us. If you would like to register with the parish, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket. You may bring it by the parish office or send it to us.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

You may also use this form for a change of address. Thanks!

## Sacraments

**Confessions:** See page 2 of this week's bulletin for schedule or by appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please contact Fr. Felix as soon as possible for anointing.

**Baptism:** Normally celebrated at weekend Masses. Parental sessions are required.

**Marriages:** Six month couple preparation period required. Please meet with Fr. Felix before scheduling marriage date.

## Please Pray For

Lana Fortin, Eric Engebretson, Linda Brown, Merlyn Metz, Missy Boos, Corrine Hould, Chayten Pippin, and those from our area serving in the military.

For the repose of the souls of Marty Campble, Alice Hanson, Wink Cole, Barb Darrah, the Poor Souls in Purgatory, and for comfort and peace for their families.

Anyone who needs to have prayers said for someone can call Jean Niebur at 654-2822 and Dianne Salsbery 654-4675. Names will be listed in the bulletin for one month unless specified.

# Everyday Stewardship

## WWMD?

WWJD bracelets were all the rage about 25 years ago in Christian circles. I've always wondered if a WWMD bracelet might not make just as much sense, and maybe more. What Would Mary Do?

I would argue that Mary was the most exemplary steward who ever lived. Her answer was always "Yes." Yes, Lord, I am Your handmaiden. Yes, I will visit Elizabeth, and help her in the last difficult months of pregnancy. Yes, I will bring my son up in the Mosaic law and present him at the Temple of Jerusalem. Yes, I will give him to the crowds and to public ministry. Yes, I will offer him on this Cross, if it is Your will.

Yes, yes, yes.

Well, I can't be like Mary, we think to

ourselves. There's an intimidation factor with the Blessed Mother and Catholics sometimes — one that almost exceeds that of Christ. Perhaps it's because we are in awe of the fact that she was not divine in any way — she was a mere creation, like us — but somehow, she always had the courage to say yes. How could she do it, when we find it so hard?

Well, God certainly lavished on Mary extraordinary graces. Her lack of original sin liberated her to conform her will to God's.

But God is impatient to give us, too, all the graces we need to be a steward in the example of Mary. He's waiting for us simply to ask. Just as in Adam we died, so in Christ — through Mary — we live.

What can we say yes to today, in Mary's example?

*"If you want to become holy, become poor. Jesus became poor to save us, and if we really want to become poor, like Christ, then we have to be really poor, spiritually poor."*

*St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

**Thank you for all your prayers and financial support! Although we're not "passing the basket", we still need your generous donations. You can drop off your donations at the baskets in the front of the church, mail them to Box 70, Malta, MT 59538.**

**\*There is no longer online giving. Direct deposits from your account into your parishes account is available. Please contact Mariah for routing numbers\***

## Pope Francis' Intention

### The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

Fr. Felix

## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, Today, we honor mother, Mary on the feast of assumption. We believe that when her earthly life was finished, Mary was taken up, body and soul, into Heavenly glory, where the Lord exalted her as Queen of Heaven. (CCC, 966).

Why do we honor Blessed Virgin Mary:

1) Mary herself gives the most important reason in her “Magnificat:” “All generations will call me blessed because the “The Mighty One has done great things for me” a) by choosing Mary as the mother of Jesus b) by making her “full of grace,” embodiment of all virtues, c) by allowing her to become the most active participant with Christ, her Son, in our Redemption, suffering in spirit what Jesus suffered in body. 2) Mary is our Heavenly Mother. Jesus gave us His Mother as our Mother from the cross: “Woman, behold your son.” ... “Behold your mother” (Jn 19: 26-27). 3) Mary is the supreme model of all virtues and hence our role model, especially in holiness of life (“full of grace”), obedience to the will of God and true humility (“Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me as you have said”).

The fact of Mary’s death is generally accepted by the Church Fathers and theologians and is expressly affirmed in

the liturgy of the Church. Origen, St. Jerome and St. Augustine, among others, argue that Mary’s death was not a punishment for sin, but only the result of her being a descendant of Adam and Eve. In AD 325, the Council of Nicaea spoke of the Assumption of Mary. In the Orthodox Church, the veneration of the Virgin Mary began on August 15 in the 6th century. The observance gradually spread to the West, and was known as the feast of the Assumption.

On November 1, 1950, through the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*, Pope Pius XII officially declared the Assumption as a Dogma of Catholic Faith. In his decree on the Dogma of the Assumption, Pope Pius XII gives four theological reasons to support this traditional belief. 1: The degeneration or decay of the body after death is the result of Original Sin. However, since, through a special intervention of God, Mary was born without Original Sin, it is not proper that God would permit her body to degenerate in the tomb. 2: Since Mary was given the fullness of grace, Heaven is the proper place for the sinless mother of Jesus. 3: Mary was our co-redeemer, with Christ in a unique sense. Hence, her rightful place is with Christ in Heavenly glory. This is what St. Paul meant when he said “We are God’s co-workers” (I Cor. 3:9). 4: In the

Old Testament, we read that the prophet Elijah was taken into heaven in a fiery chariot. Hence, it is natural and possible that the mother of Jesus would also be taken into Heaven.

In the Old Testament, two cases of assumption are mentioned, namely, Enoch (Gn 5: 24) and Elijah (2 Kgs 2:1). These references support the possibility of Mary's Assumption. The possibility of bodily assumption is also indirectly suggested by (Mt 27:52-53)

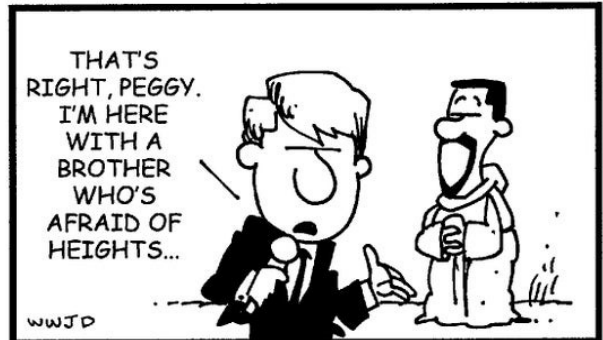
and (I Cor 15:23-24). In his official declaration of the dogma, the Pope also cites the scriptural verses (Ps 131:8), (Sg 3:6), (Sg 8:5) (Rv 12), and (Is 61:13). Above Perfectly united with the life and saving work of Jesus, Mary shares His Heavenly destiny in body and soul.

“On this feast day, let us thank the Lord for the gift of the mother, and let us pray to Mary to help us find the right path every day,” Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Religious Education begins September 15th at 6:30 PM for all age groups. Please register your youth early so the appropriate number of education material can be ordered. Registration forms and class schedules can be found in the back of the church.

### ASSUMPTION



## Gospel Meditation

### **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

They are courageous, wise women who ground us, focus us, and inspire us. They are the good mothers who walk with us and light our way. They teach us life lessons and help us heal and navigate through challenges and difficulties. We need people to point the way. Sometimes, these wise ladies are not our biological mothers but women in our lives, who through their strong and faithful presence, anchor us and remind us that we are loved. We need these women. Human beings do their best when they have cheerleaders in their lives. They show us that even when facing despair there is always a brighter tomorrow.

Jesus needed his mother. She had to be that faithful anchor, that guiding presence, in his life. Jesus needed to be affirmed and encouraged just like any other human being and Mary had to be there, right by his side, doing precisely that. Even when her heart was pierced as he was nailed to a tree, she did not give up hope. Most certainly, she con-

tinued to wait, watch, hope, and love until he took his final breath. That's what mothers do. Even when their heart breaks, they persevere.

Today, our Blessed Mother is our cheerleader once again. Taken up to heaven in body and soul, she points to and directs us toward our final destiny. Life eternal waits! Any disappointment, fear, or anxiety can be set aside as she gently reassures us of God's love and promise. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given. We can persevere and do what we need to do to live life well, with faith, hope, and love as our guiding lights. Knowing who we are and who we will one day become helps us to better chart the course and direction of our earthly lives. Looking to the example of our Blessed Mother, we receive the assurance we need.

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*“You can never be ‘only all for Jesus,’ if your love for Our Lady is not a living reality. Come so close to Our Lady that she can take you to Jesus ....Cling to Our Lady! ‘Mary, Mother of Jesus, take away all sin from my life.’ that is satiating the thirst for Jesus.”*

*St. Teresa of Calcutta*



## Mass Intentions

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of having Masses celebrated for those we offer up in prayer. The Mass is the ultimate form of prayer, and each Mass is celebrated for an intention. We ask \$10.00 per mass intention.

Please consider having Masses celebrated for family and friends on special occasions

and anniversaries, as well as those who are in need of prayers. Masses are also encouraged in memory of those loved ones who have died, especially on the anniversaries of their deaths. Please contact Fr. Felix for more information.



## Sacrificial Giving for 8-8

	<b>8-8</b>	<b>Needed</b>	<b>Direct Deposit</b>
Malta:	\$1,922.65	\$3475.50	\$25.00
Dodson:	\$1,115.00	\$416.18	\$0.00
Saco:	\$150.00	\$470.96	\$50.00

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## Word of Life from the USCCB

August “In times of suffering, the human person should be able to experience a solidarity and a love that takes on the suffering, offering a sense of life that extends beyond death... In the family a person can count on strong relationships, valued in	15th themselves apart from their helpfulness or the joy they bring. It is essential that the sick under care do not feel themselves to be a burden, but can sense the intimacy and support of their loved ones”
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### Weekly Reflection from Priests for Life

#### **Pope Benedict on Conscience**

“The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us, ‘Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing or has already completed. In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right’ (n. 1778). From this

definition it emerges that the moral conscience, to be able to judge human conduct rightly, above all must be based on the solid foundation of truth, that is, it must be enlightened to know the true value of actions and the solid criteria for evaluation. Therefore, it must be able to distinguish good from evil, even where the social environment, pluralistic culture and superimposed interests do not help it do so”

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## **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Celebrated every year on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay—a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts as well as being a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Feast of the Assumption is one of the oldest holy days in the Church, with accounts of celebrations going back to the sixth century. Christians in the East, both Catholic and Orthodox refer to it as the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos, or "the falling asleep of the Mother of God." The earliest printed reference to the belief that Mary's body was assumed into Heaven dates from the fourth century, in a document entitled "The Falling Asleep of the Holy Mother of God." The document is written in the voice of the Apostle John, to whom Christ on the Cross had entrusted the care of His mother, and it recounts the death, laying in the tomb, and assumption of the Blessed Virgin. Tradition variously places Mary's death at Jerusalem or at Ephesus, where John was living.

### **An Official Belief**

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII, exercising papal infallibility, declared in an Apostolic constitution known as the *Munificentissimus Deus* that it is a dogma of the Church "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." As a dogma, the Assumption is a required belief of all Catholics. Anyone who publicly dissents from the dogma, Pope Pius declared, "has fallen away completely from the divine and Catholic Faith."

While members of the Eastern Orthodox church believe in the Dormition, they object to the papal definition of the dogma, seeing it as unnecessary, since belief in Mary's bodily assumption, tradition holds, goes back to apostolic times.

## RECALL NOTICE

The Maker of all human beings (God) is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the primary and central component of heart. This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units. This defect has been identified as Sub-sequential Internal Non-morality,” mor commonly known as S.I.N., as it is primarily expressed.

Some of the symptoms include: Loss of direction, Foul vocal emissions, Amnesia of origin, Lack of peace and Joy, Selfish or violent behavior, Depression or confusion, Fearfulness, Idolatry, Rebellion.

The Manufacturer, who is neither liable nor at fault for this defect, is providing factory-authorized repair and service free of charge to correct this defect. The Repair Technician, **JESUS**, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. There is no additional fee required.

The number to call for repair in all areas is: **P-R-A-Y-E-R**. Once connected, please upload your burden of **SIN** through **REPENTANCE** procedure. Next, download **ATONEMENT FROM THE** Repair Technician, **Jesus**, into the heart component.

No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, Jesus, will replace it with: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.

Please see the operating manual, the **B.I.B.L.E.** (BEST Instructions Before Leaving Earth) for further details on the use of these fixes.

**WARNING:** Continuing to operate the human being unit without correction voids any manufacturer warranties, exposing the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list, and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded. For free emergency service, call on **JESUS**.

**DANGER:** The human being units not responding to the recall action will have to be scrapped in the furnace. The SIN defect will not be permitted to enter Heaven so as to Prevent contamination of that facility. Thank you for your attention.

**-GOD**

P.S. Please assist where possible by notifying others of this important recall notice, and you mat contact the Father any time by 'Knee mail'! **Because HE Lives!**

Submitted by Tom Golik