



[Jesus said,] "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

JOHN 6:51

## The Wisdom Journey

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**O**n the journey of life, how does one know when to keep struggling to make the dream come true, to continue pushing and refusing to surrender, or when to pull back, to recognize it was not meant to be and accept that? One thinks, perhaps one more effort will bring success. But our insistence may be our ego striving for something which, in the end, would be to our detriment. How does one know?

Though one can never be sure, there may be a moment when life calls us to surrender. When Elijah found himself rushing to escape the fearsome revenge of Queen Jezebel, whose 450 prophets of Baal he had bested and consigned to the netherworld, he fled into the desert, sat down beneath a broom tree, and prayed for death (1 Kings 18:22–19:4). Life as a

prophet of God had become too much to bear. He had surrendered, yet it was at this point that he was fed by God to continue the journey.

The Gospel's message is that we shall all be taught by God. There comes a time to recognize that God's wisdom is greater than our own and we must be open to a different path of life than what we had anticipated. It is one of God's ways of teaching us, of feeding us with wisdom to seek another course. ●

### Reflect

***Do you find it difficult to change your mind, to accept that someone else may be correct, to believe and apply the challenging message of the Gospel?***



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**2024-2025 Life Teen Program**

Youth Group "Life Night" Every Sunday 6:30pm-8:30pm for high school youth at Queen of the Holy Rosary Church in LaSalle.

Youth Group Kick-Off & Parent Meeting will be on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Please contact the church office for more information.

**Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of August 12, 2024**

Monday	8/12			+ No Mass
Tuesday	8/13	9:00 am	STM	+ Sharon Riva
Wednesday	8/14	5:30 pm	HT (Assumption Eve)	+ Charlie & Hazel Keutzer
Thursday	8/15	9:00 am	STM (Assumption)	+ For the Parishioners
Friday	8/16	9:00 am	STM	+ Sylvia Miller

**Mass Intentions for the weekend of August 17 - 18, 2024**

Saturday	8/17	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	+ Ray & Adele Sever
Sunday	8/18	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	+ Norma Templeton
		10:30 am	St Patrick	+ For the Parishioners

# The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Feast day: Thursday, August 15

Today, Catholics and many other Christians celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This significant feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the Mother of Jesus Christ from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God.

Pope St. John Paul II, on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, said:

"In her, assumed into heaven, we are shown the eternal destiny that awaits us beyond the mystery of death: a destiny of total happiness in divine glory. This supernatural vision sustains our daily pilgrimage. Mary teaches about life. By looking at her, we understand better the relative value of earthly greatness and the full sense of our Christian vocation."

"Mary's Assumption is an event that concerns us precisely because every human being is destined to die. But death is not the last word. Death – the mystery of the Virgin's Assumption assures us – is the passage to life, the encounter with Love. It is the passage to the eternal happiness in store for those who toil for truth and justice and do their utmost to follow Christ."

Although the bodily assumption of Mary is not explicitly recorded in Scripture, Catholic tradition identifies her with the "woman clothed with the sun" who is described in the 12th chapter of the Book of Revelation. The passage calls that woman's appearance "a great sign" which "appeared in heaven," indicating that she is the mother of the Jewish Messiah and has "the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars." Accordingly, Catholic iconography of the Western tradition often depicts the Virgin Mary's assumption into heaven in this manner.

"It was fitting," St. John of Damascus wrote in a sermon on the assumption, "that she, who had kept her virginity intact in childbirth, should keep her own body free from all corruption even after death," and "that she, who had carried the Creator as a child at her breast, should dwell in the divine tabernacle." (Excerpted from Catholic News Agency)

## Church Announcements

### STM Fundraising

STM Ravioli/Tortellacci fundraiser will be starting soon. You may call now to place orders, however, they will not be filled until September. You may place your order by calling 815-252-2215. Please be sure to leave your name and phone number with your order. You will receive a confirmation call. Ravs/Tort are \$9.00 per bag. Volunteers are always welcome to help on Mondays and Wednesdays from approx. 8:30am – 11:30am.



Holy Day of Obligation

### Assumption Day Reminder

Again, we like to remind all members of our 3 churches that this years Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, which will be this coming Thursday, August 15th, is a holy day of obligation.

Hence, all members are urged to do the best they can to attend Mass on that day. The Assumption Mass schedule is as follows: Wednesday, August 14th at HT 5:30pm and Thursday, August 15th at STM 9:00am

### LATEST OFFERING'S

#### AUGUST 4TH WEEKEND

HT –	\$ 1,123.00
SP –	\$ 328.00
STM –	\$ 647.00



August 15  
The Solemnity  
of the Assumption  
of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary

### CONFESSIONS

CONFESSIONS WILL BE  
SAT. AUGUST 17TH  
10:30 AM - 11:15 AM AT  
ST. THOMAS MORE  
IN THE HALL

# Dear Padre,

## *I miss the use of incense. Is it forbidden or out of style?*

Incense is not out of style, nor is it forbidden. It is still burned to signify that Christ's sacrifice ascends to God as an odor of sweetness and as a sign of people's prayers rising to the throne of God. In the Book of Revelation, we read: "Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a gold censer. He was given a great quantity of incense to offer, along with the prayers of all the holy ones, on the gold altar that was before the throne. The smoke of the incense along with the prayers of the holy ones went up before God from the hand of the angel" (Revelation 8:3-4).

Incense is a resinous substance obtained by cutting into the bark of a fir or pine tree. The original meaning of the Hebrew word for incense was "fragrant smoke." Ancient Jews burned incense as an act of worship in the tabernacle and temple. Scripture mentions incense often (Ephesians 5:2 and Philippians 4:18, for instance).

Today, incense is often used at the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, at funerals, and during other special liturgical celebrations to highlight the festivity of a particular occasion. Celebrants may also use incense in any liturgy to bless the congregation, the altar, the book of the Gospels, and the gifts of bread and wine. ●



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## **Do you have a question for the Padre?**

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
August 12	August 13	August 14	August 15	August 16	August 17	August 18
<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr</i>	<i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c Mt 17:22-27	Ez 2:8-3:4 Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14	Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 Mt 18:15-20	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63 Mt 19:3-12	Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32 Mt 19:13-15	Prv 9:1-6 Eph 5:15-20 Jn 6:51-58



## **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

*Without [Jesus], rather than living, we get by: because he alone nourishes the soul; he alone forgives us from that evil that we cannot overcome on our own; he alone makes us feel loved even if everyone else disappoints us; he alone gives us the strength to love and, he alone gives us the strength to forgive.*

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