

And Mary said...
"The Mighty One has done great
things for me,
and holy is his name."
LUKE 1:46, 49



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"All Generations Will Call Me Blessed"

Today's readings help us see why Mary should be called blessed. The first reading depicts a woman as gloriously "clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet" (Revelation 12:1). This image is captured in well-known Marian statues. However, this woman is wailing "aloud in pain as she labored to give birth" (12:2). In fact, here and in the Gospel, women are depicted as pregnant.

When a woman is in labor, she is both at her most vulnerable and her strongest. When giving birth she faces the real possibility of death. Yet, she places herself in such jeopardy to bring another to life. Her steely inner resolve is matched with remarkable physical strength when she is called upon to "Push!" The labor pains that precede birth became a striking metaphor, in both ancient Israel and the early Church, for the struggle experienced in bringing forth the reign of God (see Isaiah 21:3, Matthew 24:8, Mark 13:8, and Romans 8:22). Such suffering came to be known as "the birth pangs of the Messiah."

Certainly, Mary is blessed because of her physical birthing of the Messiah. However, the Magnificat, her revolutionary prayer in the Gospel, describes the birthing of the reign of God when the powerful are brought down and the lowly uplifted, the hungry filled and the rich "sent away empty" (Luke 1:53). This is not a feast of a plastic statue but of a woman willing to give her life for the reign of God. She certainly deserves to be "clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet."

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ Where does the Magnificat throw light on issues in our own society?
- ✦ Pray for the courage you need to be faithful to your calling in life.



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Mass Schedule

Weekdays - Wednesday 5:30pm and

Thursday - 9:00am

Saturday Confessions - 10:30-11:15

AM or by appointment

Sunday Mass - 9:00AM

***Pastor of the Three Churches**

Fr. Thaddeus Tran

****Upcoming Events At Church****

No Events Scheduled

For All Three Churches

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Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass -

Tuesday & Friday - 9:00AM

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday (Last Chance) Mass-

5:00 PM

Adoration Room

Open Monday-Saturday 9AM-8PM

Sunday - 9AM - 6PM

****Upcoming Events At Church****

No Events Scheduled

St. Patrick Church

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Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

***3 Churches Pastoral Assistant**

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****Office Hours****

Holy Trinity - Tues, Thurs, & Fri.

- 9AM-12PM

St. Thomas More (Hrs may vary)

Wed - 9AM - 12PM

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Page - www.bureaucatholic.org

****Upcoming Events At Church****

No Events Scheduled

**Daily Mass Intentions for
Masses the Week of Aug. 16, 2021**

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

**** 9:00AM**STM**

****5:30PM **HT Mass/Rosary**

****9:00AM**HT**

**** 9:00AM **STM**

Offered For

† No Mass

† Nancy Shaw

† Charles & Kathryn Fiocchi

† Leonel Pommier

† Olivero Families

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions
Weekend of Aug. 21-22 2021**

Saturday:

Sunday:

****4:00PM **STM**

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00 AM**HT**

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

****St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:00 PM**

Offered For

† Dec Memb Marvin & Bernice Schneider Family

† Joyce Gillan

† Tony Taylor

For The Parishioners

Online masses ONLY available @HT Until 9/5 www.bureaucatholic.org

Latest Offering's

Holy Trinity -	\$1155.00
St. Patrick -	\$921.00
St. Thomas More -	\$586.00

Please remember to call the office if any members are sick or hospitalized.

Church Volunteers



We are in need of money counters at STM- Collection is counted on Sat. after 4pm mass in the church hall. It doesn't take too long to count and we appreciate your time to the church. Let Fr. Thaddeus know or call the office.

****Last Chance Mass @ STM****

Last Chance Mass in Dalzell will begin again on Sunday, August 15th at 5:00pm. The 6pm Communion time will be discontinued. Call the church office with any questions.

Fundraising Updates

Contact church office with any ideas for Fundraising events.



HT Online Masses

Starting on 9/6 masses will no longer be online. We will resume in the future if needed.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August 2021

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month. From time to time, the Holy Father may add a second prayer intention related to current events or urgent needs, like disaster relief. The second prayer request will help mobilize prayer and action related to the urgent situation.

AUGUST Intention is For:

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.

Daily Offering Prayer

God, our Father, I offer You my day. I offer You my prayers, thoughts, words, actions, joys, and sufferings in union with the Heart of Jesus, who continues to offer Himself in the Eucharist for the salvation of the world. May the Holy Spirit, Who guided Jesus, be my guide and my strength today so that I may witness to your love. With Mary, the mother of our Lord and the Church, I pray for all Apostles of Prayer and for the prayer intentions proposed by the Holy Father this month. Amen.

Confessions

The next confessions will be Saturday - Aug. 21st 10:30-11:15pm - at St. Patrick in the chapel

Sunday Family Connection

The Gospel for this holy day recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the Angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. Mary responds to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel. Mary's Magnificat, in particular, echoes the song of praise offered by Hannah, the mother of Samuel.

The Gospel for this day reminds us that Mary's Assumption into heaven is best understood with regard for the full spectrum of Catholic beliefs about the person of Christ and the person of Mary. Only Mary, who was born without stain of original sin—the Immaculate Conception—could give birth to Christ, who is fully God and fully human. This is called the Immaculate Conception. Because of Mary's role in God's plan of salvation, she does not suffer from the effects of sin, which are death and decay. Mary is the first to receive the fullness of the redemption that her son has won for all of humanity. The Church, therefore, recognizes Mary as the sign of the salvation promised to all. Today's Gospel highlights Mary's faith. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation.

Dear Padre,

Why do Catholics believe in Mary's assumption into heaven?

Mary's assumption to heaven is a belief shared by Eastern Christians and Roman Catholics, although the explanations of this dogma have different emphases in the two traditions. While there is no biblical or historical record of this event, the first explanation of this doctrine is found in a document from the late 300s.

Mary's assumption was considered a pious opinion until 1950, when Pius XII defined it as dogma (an official Church teaching). The Pope made the declaration after bishops and he found overwhelming consensus throughout the Church.

The definition of Mary's assumption—body and soul—to heaven reaffirmed that God had not only created humans, but also redeemed and claimed them. Mary's assumption reminded the world of the goodness of God's creation and that Christ redeems us from the evil around us (and in us) and made us a new creation.

Perhaps the best explanation can be found in St. John Paul II's 2004 homily at Lourdes. "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be," he said, quoting John 14:3. He explained that Mary's assumption is the pledge that Christ's promise will be fulfilled. The Pope's words echo the teaching of bishops at the Second Vatican Council, which described this dogma as "a sign of sure hope and solace" (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [*Lumen Gentium*], 68).

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Mary is assumed into heaven: small and humble, she is the first to receive the highest glory. She, a human creature, one of us, attains eternity in soul and body. And there she awaits us as a mother waits for her children to come home. Indeed, the people of God invoke her as the Gate of Heaven.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION, AUGUST 15, 2019

Calendar

Monday

AUGUST 16

Weekday

Jgs 2:11-19

Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday

AUGUST 17

Weekday

Jgs 6:11-24a

Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday

AUGUST 18

Weekday

Jgs 9:6-15

Mt 20:1-16

Thursday

AUGUST 19

Weekday

Jgs 11:29-39a

Mt 22:1-14

Friday

AUGUST 20

St. Bernard, Abbot and
Doctor of the Church

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22

Mt 22:34-40

Saturday

AUGUST 21

St. Pius X, Pope

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17

Mt 23:1-12

Sunday

AUGUST 22

Twenty-first Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Eph 5:21-32 or

Eph 5:2a, 25-32

Jn 6:60-69

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a question
for the Padre?**

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