

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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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY, PAVIA CATHEDRAL
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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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for the Padre?**

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ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AUGUST 15, 2021



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St. Ann Mass Schedule & intentions

Aug 14th Sat 5 pm Edward Rappold

Aug 15th Sun 9 am Parish

Aug 15th 6pm Int Donor

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Both before Mass and by Appointment

Mon 8am Int donor

Wednesday Gregory

Thurs 8am Int donor

Fri 8am Int donor

Aug 21st Sat 5 pm Edward Rappold, Sr.

Aug 22nd Sun 9 am Parish

Aug 22nd 6pm Int donor

Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule.

Sun 7:30 am Int donor

From Father David's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

“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.”

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.*

WITH PRAYERS

FR. DAVID

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable 54

\$1,755.00 loose: \$200.00 Total: \$1,955.00

Children: \$5.18 Ach: \$5.00

OLC STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable \$155.00

Loose: 84.00 Total: \$239.00

Anniversary Mass Registration: Please fill out a registration form for those celebrating 25,30,35,40,45,50,55,60,65,70,+ years of marriage. There will be a special mass celebrated on Nov. 7, 2021, at Nativity Cathedral where a certificate will be presented. Contact Fr. David for information.

Church Repairs for storm damage have been begun so mass will be in the Parish Hall until further notice. Thanks for your cooperation.

CCD Parents and Teachers Meeting: August 29th, after the 9.00 am mass we will have a meeting with CCD children's parents and all the teachers. We need your cooperation, please join us. Thanks

MASS	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS
Sat 5pm Aug 14 th	Mike West		Mike West
Sun Aug 15 th OLC 7:30am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchell
Sun Aug 15 th 9am	Beau Underwood		
Sun Aug 15 th 6pm	Kathy Cuevas		
Sat Aug 21 st 5pm	Mike West		Mike West
Sun Aug 22 nd OLC 7:30am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchell
Sun Aug 22 nd 9am	Kim Wood		
Sun Aug 22 nd 6pm	Patricia Garret		

Sacraments: If you or a family member received a sacrament between 2014-2020 please check with Fr. David to be sure it is in the record books. Bring any document that you have concerning the sacrament.

Bible Study and prayer group: Those who would like to join, let Fr. David or Ruth know. For more information, please contact **Ruth**. Thanks.

MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: You can have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for living family and friends. Mass cards and envelopes are available at the office, each Mass card is \$ 10.00 dollars. Thanks.

Online learning: on-line classes for bible study class, books and videos and movies are available on this web site so please register your name there.

<https://signup.formed.org/>

- Enter your parish zip code 39503
- Enter name and email. Once you are resisted you are good to go at any time.

Thanks and Appreciation: to Lester Palmer and his friends for the wonderful job of installing St. Ann's sign. We appreciate your good work.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE

Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for a wedding. Our advice is to call well in advance of that time if you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive preparation for marriage. One's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:

Leslie Cuevas, Lee James, Ezekiel Rutherford, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Andrew Fillengame; Breanna Ladner, Andrew, Sharon Somora, Nancy Ladner, Chris (Duke) McGill, Paul Ladner, Dianne Dearman, Marie Cuevas, Sharon Smith, Kathy, Marlene Moran, Teresa McAllister, Kendra Necaie, Courtney Stewart, Kathy Robison, and, Joseph and Megan Colbi Capuano, Bill & Brenda Peterson, Christine Constantine, Anthony Moran, Jill Ladner, Stephany Bass, and Brandi Moran, Verda Crabtree, Lynn & Linda Bangs, John O'Neal, Terri, Loretta Ladner and Matt Dubission; Addie Threadgill; Cindy Ladner; Amanda Mayberry; Robin Cuevas Emmie Tubbs, Wally Clifford, T.J Moran, Robin Shamplo, Glinda Gardman, Timmy & Paula Lizana