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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. Spanish (piano & cantor)

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. English (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. Spanish (piano & choir/cantor)

11:30 a.m. English (organ & choir/cantor)

1:30 p.m. Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

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**Weekdays** 8:30 a.m. Spanish (Mon-Fri.)  
7:45 a.m. Vietnamese (Sat)

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### CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

At the parish office by appointment.

### MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

### VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

### NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. open (5 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed)

MONDAY - THURSDAY 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open

SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### THE DESTINY OF ALL MORTAL FLESH

The celebration of today's feast on a Sunday is unusual on our Roman Catholic calendar. Our observance of the Lord's Day is held in such high esteem that few other feasts replace it. Occasionally there is a feast—usually of one of the saints—in which the saving power of God in Christ is so uniquely focused that the Roman rite deems it worthy of celebration on the Lord's Day. Today is such a feast. Yet some are surprised at the brevity of the dogma in its entirety: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The Roman Catholic Church never defined any specifics or particulars about the event itself. It is not in the scriptures. There are no verifiable eyewitness accounts. At its core, the dogma reveals in Mary the destiny of all mortal flesh, and reinforces our credal belief in resurrection of the body. This feast strengthens our faith, defined last week in Hebrews as the realization of things hoped for. We find, in Mary, that realization of what we all hope for, what Paul today affirms: "In Christ shall all be brought to life" (1 Corinthians 15:22).

*My soul proclaims the  
greatness of the  
Lord*



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Today we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The readings give us much to ponder as we reflect on Mary, her special place prepared by God for eternity, and all that resulted from her "yes" to the angel's message that she was to bear the Christ, the anointed one of God. Mary is "blessed among women," the vessel for the life and salvation of Christ for all generations. Mary always points us to her son, Jesus. Through her witness, we are inspired to proclaim the greatness of the Lord with our lives. In her Assumption, we are assured that Mary is in the presence of God, pointing the way to all who live as God's good and holy people in this life while we await ultimate fulfillment in the next.

#### MY SOUL PROCLAIMS

Mary's response to Elizabeth, which we hear in today's Gospel, is known as the Magnificat. Mary "magnifies" the greatness of the Lord—through her, we see God's mercy clearly. Mary's canticle is a declaration that God cares for the lowly and vulnerable, for the humble and hungry. This, Mary says, is the God for whom the people of Israel had long waited. This is God in whom we believe. Like Mary, the Almighty has done great things for us. As followers of Mary's son, Jesus Christ, we are called to make this merciful, caring God known to those who are in need. How will you glorify, magnify, the Lord by your life?

**First Reading** — The vision concerning the woman clothed with the sun (Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab).

**Psalms** — The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold (Psalm 45).

**Second Reading** — Christ, the firstfruits; then those who belong to him (1 Corinthians 15:20-27).

**Gospel** — Mary praises God in the Magnificat (Luke 1:39-56).

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#### BLESSED ARE YOU

Elizabeth had waited a long time for the child she carried. She was beyond child-bearing age by the time she conceived the baby who would be known as John the Baptist. We can only imagine her joy and amazement when the baby leaped in her womb at Mary's arrival. Elizabeth was old and Mary young, yet both trusted in the goodness of the Lord; both relied on the Holy Spirit to be with them in the perplexing, exciting, and anxious time in which they found themselves. They show us what it means to put God at the center of our lives. Their story may inspire us to believe that God's loving mercy awaits in every moment of our lives. Elizabeth calls Mary and the child in her womb "blessed," holy. Mary's holiness is found in her belief in God and her willingness to carry out God's plan by carrying the child Jesus in her womb. How are you called to holiness? In what ways are you willing to carry out God's plan?

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**AUGUST 16, 2021**

Monday:	Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday:	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**AUGUST 16, 2021**

<b><u>Monday</u></b> <b>8:30am</b>	
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b> <b>8:30am</b>	Por las benditas almas del purgatorio
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b> <b>8:30am</b>	Noel C. Rodriguez (D)
<b><u>Thursday</u></b> <b>8:30am</b>	Estilf Miguel Santos (D)
<b><u>Friday</u></b> <b>8:30am</b>	Gabriela Cruz (D)
<b><u>Saturday</u></b> <b>7:45am</b>	Gloan Vinh & Maria Hue (D)
<b>7:00pm</b>	Rafael Flores Olivera (D), Maximino Flores (D), Eloisa Olivera (D), Porfiria Flores Garcia (D); Maria Franco (D), Diodorio Perez (D), Viterbo Baez (D)
<b><u>Sunday</u></b> <b>8:00am</b>	People of SNT (D)
<b>9:30am</b>	Angel Luis Andrades (D); Serafin Alfredo Gonzalez & Luis Alberto Gonzalez (D); Carlos Cabrera (D) & Mejoria de Luz Pelaez (L)
<b>11:30am</b>	
<b>1:30pm</b>	Giuse Sinh (D)

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**AUGUST 1, 2021**

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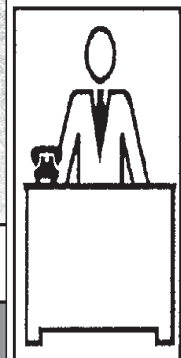
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