

August 15, 2021

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (B)

Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab

1 Cor 15:20–27

Lk 1:39–56

*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.*



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

AUGUST 15, 2021

*Mary is taken up to heaven;
the hosts of angels shout for joy.*

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MASS TIMES – WEEK OF AUGUST 16-22, 2021

St. Bernard's	Friday @ 9:30 AM
	Saturday @ 4:00 PM
	Sunday @ 11 AM
St. Vincent	Sunday @ 9 AM
St. Clement's	Every 2nd Saturday – call 538-2262 to confirm

PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF WEEK OF AUGUST 16-22, 2021

Friday	Aug. 20	9:30 AM	Late Peter Dowd	Dowd family
Saturday	Aug. 21	4:00 PM	Anniv. late Ralph Jeffrey	Judy Dixon
Sunday	Aug. 22	11:00 AM	Anniv. late Ann Marie Bourgeois	Lowell & Roberta

OFFERINGS

AUGUST 7, 8 2021 AND OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 4,071.00	Donations	\$ 150.00
Loose	\$ 111.55	New Year's Day	\$ 10.00
Share Lent	\$ 5.00	Two Meters Apart	\$ 11,935.00
Karing Kitchen	\$ 15.00	Building Fund	\$ 95.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 1,577.00	Syrian Fund	\$ 40.00

Thank you

for your generous and continued support!!!

In Sympathy

A time to mourn.....

Sincere sympathies to the family of:



Theresa Quigley

Wife of (late) Louis

And to all who mourn the loss of a loved one...

Prayer
Request

Ecclesiastes 3...

Under every season there is a time...A time to heal.

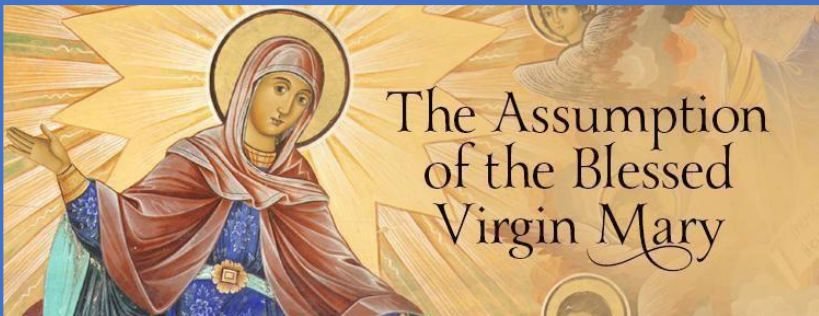
We remember in our prayers those who are sick...

Cathy Jensen

Boyd Clory

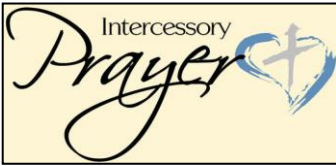
Blanche Gallant

And for all who care for them.



The Assumption
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

*Blessed
is she
who believes
the Lord
will fulfill
His promise
for her.
Luke 1:45*



Prayer of the Faithful

For the church and her ministers, striving always to proclaim the greatness of our Lord.

We pray:

For all who are in positions of authority, and for those who influence policy as they work to enact laws that lift up the lowly.

We pray:

For those in prison, for their victims and for all of us in need of forgiveness.

We pray:

For first responders, for front line workers, and for all who provide service and care for those in need.

We pray:

For the spiritual and physical well being of all parishioners and for those who have died.

We pray:

Covid-19: Green Phase

The province entered the Green phase at midnight on July 30, 2021. However, we will have to continue to be careful because COVID-19 is always with us. We are encouraged to continue to practise protective health measures such as handwashing, coughing / sneezing into your elbow, staying home when sick and wearing a mask if you so choose.

Totally re-opening is an adjustment for all.

It takes time and a bit of refreshing for our staff and volunteers.

Here at St. Bernard's, we will gradually return to all the normal practices we had before Covid.

Here are the items where there are no longer restrictions:

Entry. Worshippers will be able to enter the church without prior registration.

Processions and servers. Are allowed.

Physical distancing. No distancing is required in regards to seating, therefore, the church can be filled.

Masks. Masks are no longer required, but respect and acceptance must be shown to those who choose to wear.

Liturgical materials. Songbooks / hymnals may be used. Hymn numbers will be on the board as in the past.

Singing. Singing may be resumed as before COVID-19 without restriction.

Parish gatherings and catechetical groups. Gatherings may now be held without restriction as to number and distance.

Holy water. Holy water fonts at the entrances to the church may be used again.

The following restrictions are to be maintained

Holy Communion: For the time being, as a matter of prudence, parishes are asked to refrain from giving communion in the cup and distributing communion on the tongue.

The sign of peace. As a precaution, people are to avoid shaking hands or another physical contact. Instead, they may exchange peace by bowing or making other gesture without contact.



Tending the Soil, Tending the Sower, 2021

This year's catechists' formation takes place on **Saturday, September 18th at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Riverview** **beginning at 8:30 a.m. and finishing by 2:00 pm.** This year's

presenters will be Trevor Droesbeck (Faithful Voices: Conversations with Canadian Young People), Claudette Derdaele (Listening, Attending, Preparing, and Hearing), and Margot McAloon-Parker from the Diocese of Saint John (Accompanying Families: Wisdom from the New Directory for Catechesis). Watch your bulletin in August for additional details.



The Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick is offering two (2) Scholarships in the amount of

\$1,000.00 each, they will be awarded to one (1) student studying in a French educational institution and one (1) student studying in an English educational institution. Students must be entering their second year of studies or later, in a post-secondary program in the field of

health care. Information and application forms are available online at www.chanb.com. Applications must be postmarked by September 30th, 2021. For further information please email catholicealth@chpchi.com.



CHIMO Helpline

If you are struggling to deal with the emotional toll of Covid 19, or anything else in life, call the CHIMO Helpline at

1-800-667-5005



*You're invited - Feast of St. Bernard
Join us on Friday, August 20, 2021,
at the 9:30 AM Mass
in honor of the Feast of St. Bernard*

Saint Bernard was born near Dijon, France, in 1090. In his Apologia, he wrote that it was because of his unruly nature that he chose the newly founded Cistercians, thinking their austerity could tame him. At 22, Bernard went to Citeaux, an abbey known for its strict observance of St. Benedict's Rule. His remarkable enthusiasm helped persuade his uncle, his brothers, and many friends to join him. A group of about 30 men left for the abbey.

Within three years, Bernard was sent with 12 monks to a diocese in Champagne where, in a valley that came to be known as the Valley of Light ("Clairvaux") Bernard founded the monastery where he ruled as abbot for the rest of his life. From the time he became abbot until his death in 1153, Bernard dominated the religious and political life of Western Europe. His writings have had a lasting influence on Catholic Spirituality and his abbey became the motherhouse for dozens of Cistercian monasteries around the world. When Bernard died, Europe mourned. He was canonized in 1174 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1830.



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Used eyeglasses are recycled, cleaned, sorted by prescription strength, then packaged and distributed to people in need in developing countries where they will have the greatest impact. A Lions Recycle for Sight box will be at the main entrance of the church for you to drop off unwanted eyeglasses. Thank you.



No Scent Policy

Out of respect for those with sensitivities, please avoid wearing scented products in the Church, Parish Office & the Church Hall. Thank you.

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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a question
for the Padre?**

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