

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, August 15

### **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00a/12:00/6:00p  
Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.  
**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Monday, August 16

### **Monday of the 20<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Mass at 12:00 p.m.  
**Cathedral closed after Mass**

Tuesday, August 17

### **Tuesday of the 20<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.  
**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Wednesday, August 18

### **Wednesday of the 20<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 a.m.  
Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.  
**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Thursday, August 19

### **Thursday of the 20<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.  
**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Friday, August 20

### **Memorial of St. Bernard, abbot, doctor of the church**

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.  
**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Saturday, August 21

### **Memorial of St. Pius X, pope**

Mass at 7:00 a.m.  
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 a.m.  
Mass at 12:00 p.m.  
Live-Streamed Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.  
**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Sunday, August 22

### **21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00a/12:00/6:00p  
Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.  
**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

## Scripture Reflection

*"The last enemy to be destroyed is death" (1 Corinthians 15:27)..*

## Stewardship of Treasure

### **Offertory Collection**

8/2 – 8/8

Sunday Offering	\$ 5,088.09
Weekday & Latin Mass	\$ 910.11
Online Giving	\$ 2,174.76
Other Feasts & Solemnities	\$ 265.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 8,437.96</b>

### **Other Collection**

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 45.00
Diocesan Seminarian Education	\$ 10.00
Others (Gallery, Candles, etc.)	\$ 1,059.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,551.96</b>

## Living the Liturgy

- Mary's Magnificat has been set to music numerous times. Find a recording of this canticle that you enjoy. Read the text of Mary's prayer from Luke. Then play your recording. Then read Luke once more.
- Apocalyptic writing such as the book of Revelation contains much vivid imagery. Seek out the significance of the following images from this passage: the "ark of his covenant," the "crown of twelve stars," and the "huge red dragon" (11:19; 12:1–3).
- Bring Mary into your home. If you don't have a statue of Mary, purchase one. You might create a small Marian shrine and change its décor seasonally, say the Hail Mary together before bedtime, or purchase a Marian storybook and read it together.

## Sharing the Faith

- There is an order of monks who sleep nightly in the casket in which they will eventually be buried. Does that strike you as morbid? Do you see any value to the practice?
- Do you have someone who is a spiritual soul mate for you? In what ways might Mary play that role in your life?
- How can Mary's example of total faith in the grace of God help you accept what you can't change without becoming complacent and giving up?

## Saint of the Week

Rest is in Him alone. Man knows no peace in the world; but he has no disturbance when he is with God.  
- Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153), Cistercian Abbott, Feast Day August 20.

# Aug. 15, 2021 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab | Psalm 45:10, 11, 12, 16 | 1 Corinthians 15:20-27 | Luke 1:39-56*

Christianity seems a bit ambivalent about death. Often, we speak well of it, calling death a “friend” to be welcomed. But Paul speaks of death as “the last enemy” whose final destruction precedes Christ’s handing over the kingdom “to his God and Father” (1 Corinthians 15:27, 24). So, are we whistling in the dark, or did Paul miss the mark? By now you’ve probably noticed that Christian faith turns many things upside down. Of course, death is an enemy! It came into the world because of sin and touches every life with its sinister contagion. Death is the “wages of sin” (Romans 6:23), the price we pay for going our own way and disregarding God’s word.

But by taking flesh and dying willingly for us, Jesus changed all that. Through his Resurrection, Jesus conquered death for good, removed its “sting” (1 Corinthians 15:55) and turned a foe into a friend. Before Christ’s sacrifice, death didn’t lead to new life; but since the Resurrection, death has become a sister to us all, leading us to the shores of that better place that awaits all who love God. Mary is already feasting on what all of us will savor once we transition from death to new life. That fullness of resurrected life is hers in view of the unique role she played in God’s plan of salvation.

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### **Next Sunday’s Readings: “21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time”**

*Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b | Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21 | Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 | John 6:60-69*

## From the Rector’s Desk

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

*“Mary is taken up to heaven; a chorus of angels exults.”*

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

Our quotation above is taken from the Gospel Verse for this Sunday’s celebration, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a very rare occasion that this Solemnity falls on a Sunday, and so I must say that this is a great opportunity to think of something greater than we normally do and aspire in this world, and that is eternal life. Our Blessed Mother sets us an example of living out our faith in her Son, Jesus, and be granted when that day and time will come, to live with God and all His glory in heaven.

In life, we always aim for good, if not greatness, in all our endeavors. We want to be successful in our chosen careers to enjoy the luxuries this world has to offer. We exhaust all means to attain it, sacrifice our time, grab every opportunity to achieve our goals. In as much as these are wonderful in our own eyes, more often than not, we also miss seeing the essential things that we also need to attain in life. We become too attached to our worldly life and fail to remember what God offers after our earthly life.

The Solemnity this Sunday is an occasion to celebrate and an invitation to reflect on the Blessed Mother’s role with her Son and for us to model our life to. From her moment of conception, she was already unstained by original sin, the Immaculate Conception. At the Annunciation, her Yes to the angel made her be the mother of God’s beloved Son, Jesus. And when she gave birth to Jesus to the time that she witnessed her Son’s Passion, Death, and Resurrection, she remained faithful and allowing herself to be open to what God willed even when it was painful to her as a mother. All of these were manifestations of her faith, love, and hope in God. As a woman of deep faith and trust, she deserved to be honored for all her work and given the reward of eternal happiness, body, and soul in God’s heavenly throne.

Mary is a perfect model for becoming a disciple. A disciple who listens intently from his or her heart to God’s Word and responds by being faithful and true in all circumstances in life. We may say that we are only humans, which is true. But we can transcend to where we are as humans by allowing God’s grace to work through us as Mary did. She allowed herself to be docile to what God prompted her to do despite the odds she had to endure. Our crushing experiences in life can often pull us down and make life difficult. But always trusting in the Lord, we can experience something greater than what this world offers us, the joy embedded in the human soul for the things of God. Like Mary, we can pray with her as she sang praises to God, “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord. My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.”

The world we live in can only offer us momentary happiness but what is more lasting is what God offers us for eternity. May we be like Mary that we will enjoy God’s bountiful grace of eternal life when life comes to pass.

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual