

August 15, 2021
The Assumption of Mary
Revelation 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10
Psalm 45
1 Corinthians 15: 20-27
Luke 1: 39-56

Eternal Union With the Lord

At the end of his article on the Assumption of Mary, my former scripture professor and noted scholar Father Eugene Maly stated, "Eternal union with the Lord is our goal. Mary shares it already."

Yes, to be with the Lord in heaven is our goal. We are called by God to this. This feast of the Assumption of Mary reminds us of this Truth. Mary, because of her son Jesus shares fully in the promises of Christ. We may take comfort and find hope that she was taken body and soul to heaven.

No, we do not find a direct quote in scripture of Mary's assumption. However, there are pointers to it. Moreover, Tradition speaks to it. (Remember, the three fonts of the Truth are Scripture, Tradition and Magisterium.)

Today's gospel, Luke 1, speaks directly to the honors due Mary. We refer to the passage as the Magnificat. All ages have called her blessed. After all she is the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ. God the Father kept her free from Original Sin. In that way she provided the perfect vessel for Jesus to be born from.

In the second reading Paul tells how the Assumption is possible. Father Maly points out, "It is through the power of Christ's own resurrection. 'In Christ all will come to life again, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits and then, at his coming, all those who belong to him.'"

The New Testament reading from the Book of Revelation speaks of a "woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars." The woman gives birth to a child. The child was "destined to shepherd all the nations with an iron rod."

The identification of the child in this passage is obvious. It is the Messiah, Jesus Christ. As Father Maly points out no one else could be described in the terms found in the passage.

Scholars say two things about Mary in this passage. The woman may be Mary or may be the Church. In my view it may be both. Mary is the Mother of God and Mother of the Church. Hope is the matter. The hope is we all will be reunited body and soul in heaven and be with God for eternity. That is the ultimate end we strive for. It is God's call to us.

As I matriculate life, I find comfort in the message of the Assumption. While I will never merit the honor given to Mary, I do have the way to salvation. It is through her son, Jesus Christ.

Mary is so honored because she said yes to the Father through the angel. Her yes showed her purity of mind and heart. Mary was the perfect vessel for the birth of the Messiah. We are to remember God calls all of us to that

perfection. By his mercy we will obtain it in heaven. Mary exemplifies to me that if I say yes to God, even as I do so imperfectly, I will find eternal union with the Lord.

Do not be afraid. Give your life over to God. You do not have to start out as perfect as Mary did. God will make you so just as he made her so.

Next Week's Readings
Josh24:1-2a,15-17,18b;Eph5:21-32;Jn6:60-69
Join us for Scripture Sharing Thursdays at 7:00pm in the chapel.

This Is Not a Choice.

There is an executive order to forbid mandatory facemasks in schools. If the school administrators decide to make masks mandatory to effectively protect children and prevent the schools from being places of spread and laboratories for new mutations the state will take away funding. That is not a choice for the best interest of children and families. Either way children are harmed.

<u>Stewardship</u>	
Attendance last week:	267
Tithes Collected:	\$5,036.00
Online Giving:	\$290.00
Total:	\$5,326.00
Attendance for 8/01/21:	256
Tithes Collected for 8/01/21:	\$7,126.50
Online Giving for 8/01/21:	\$420.00
Total for 8/01/21:	\$7,546.50
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Seminary Appeal:	\$516.00
Thank you!	

If you are returning from vacation and have been away PLEASE catch up with your tithes

LITURGY FOR AUGUST 15, 2021
Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Mary

- **SONG #1: SANTA MARIA DEL CAMINO/COME AS WE JOURNEY (J. Espinosa)**
 1. **Ven con nosotros a caminar; Santa Maria, ven. Ven con nosotros a caminar; Santa Maria, ven.**
Come as we journey along our way,
Santa Maria, come.
Come as we journey along our way,
Santa Maria, come!
 2. Traveling on life's daily journey,
we never walk alone.
Mary, our Mother is with us,
sharing our pilgrim road.
 3. Though some will tell us, discouraged,
"Nothing can ever change,"
fight for a new world of justice;
fight till the truth is gained.

4. While people aimlessly wander,
Mary is at their side.
She lends her hand to her children,
those who in love abide.
5. Though many steps on the journey
seem to be made in vain,
still we are forging a pathway
others will walk one day.
6. Mientras recorres la vida
tu nunca solo estas;
contigo por el camino
Santa Maria va.

- **PSALM 118: (Alstoft)**
The Queen Stands at Your Right Hand, Arrayed in Gold

- **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**
Mary is taken up to heaven;
a chorus of angels exults

SONG # 2: REGINA CAELI/O QUEEN OF HEAVEN (D. Perez/Trans. C.Douglas)

1. O Queen of Heaven, be joyful, Alleluia, Alleluia!
2. For he whom you have humbly borne for us, Alleluia!
Alleluia!
3. Has arisen, as he promised, Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. Offer now our prayer to God, Alleluia! Alleluia!
5. Regina caeli, laetare, Allelúia! Allelúia!
6. quia quem meruisti portare, Allelúia! Allelúia!
7. Resurrexit sicut dixit, Allelúia! Allelúia!
8. Ora pro nobis Deum, Allelúia! Allelúia!

- **SONG #3: Hail Mary: Gentle Woman (C. Landry)**

1. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blest is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
2. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.
3. **Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star, so strong and bright.**
Gentle Mother, peaceful dove,
teach us wisdom; teach us love.
4. You were chosen by the Father;
you were chosen for the Son.
You were chosen from all women
and for woman, shining one.
5. Blessed are you among women,
blest in turn all women, too.
Blessed they with peaceful spirits,
Blessed they with gentle hearts.

- **SONG # 4: IMMACULATE MARY (Trad. Pyrenean Melody)**

1. Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing.
You reign now in heaven with Jesus our King.
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria! Ave, Ave, Maria!

2. In heaven the blessed
your glory proclaim;
On earth we your children
invoke your fair name.
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria! Ave, Ave, Maria!
3. We pray for our Mother, the Church upon earth, and
bless, Holy Mary, the land of our birth.
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria! Ave, Ave, Maria!

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MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, August 14
4:00 p.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish
- Sunday, August 15
9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish
10:45 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish
- Monday, August 16
8:00 a.m. NO MASS
- Tuesday, August 17
8:00 a.m. Holli & Cullon Hooks by Joyce
- Wednesday, August 18
8:00 a.m. Past & Present Members & Benefactors
of St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Thursday, August 19
8:00 a.m. † Rocco Cirelli by Joyce
- Friday, August 20
8:00 a.m. Dr. Orlando G. Cabrallero by Selma Carr
- Saturday, August 21
4:00 p.m. † Lucille Rugave & Lorie Rosales by Nancy,
Paul, & MaryLou
† Florence H. Everett by Dil Hatchett
- Sunday, August 22
9:00 a.m. Mary Frampton by Joyce
10:45 a.m. Sheryl Preston by Anita Brommer
Pat Denning by Dan Murphy & Dil
Hatchett