

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—August 15

On November 1, 1950, Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: “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 pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However, by the thirteenth century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names (Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption) from at least the fifth or sixth century.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary’s Assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, chapter 12 of Revelation speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God’s people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testament, her Assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman’s victory.

Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ’s resurrection as the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus’ life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to belief in Mary’s share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

Sunday School

All children who do not attend St. Mary’s and Bishop MacDonell schools and intend to receive their First Communion or Confirmation in our church next year, must register during the month of September. For more information, please contact the parish office.

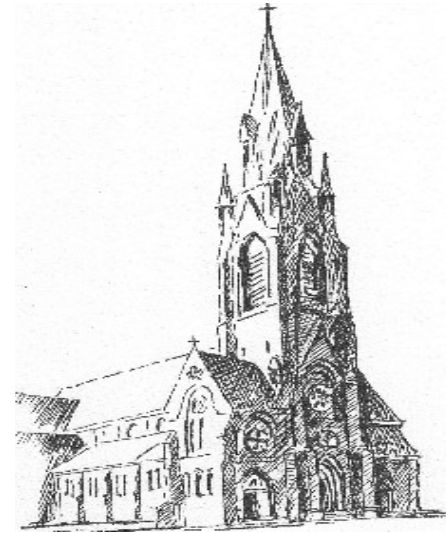
Farewell

For the past few months we had seminarian James Cyfko with us, this coming week he will return to St. Augustine Seminary to continue his studies to the priesthood. May God protect and bless him. Our Church is always open to welcome James. Let us not forget to include James in our prayers.



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OFFICE HOURS

Mon.– Fri. 8:30—12:00 and 1:00—4:00

Sunday Masses

8:30 am Portuguese
10:00 am Portuguese
11:30 am English
1:00 pm English

Weekday Masses

Monday—Friday 9:00 am Portuguese
6:00 pm English
Saturday 5:00 pm English
6:30 pm Portuguese

Parish Council

Legion Of Mary

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
First Friday of Every Month at 5:00 p.m.

English Choir

Portuguese Choir
Ana da Silva 905-891-5444

Santo Cristo
Joey Teves 647-887-2804

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Marco Lima (President) 416-703-2231
416-818-5462

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John & Lucy Silva 905-890-4771

Saint Vincent De Paul 416-247-8868

Volunteer Co-ordinator
Delia Medeiros (contact the parish)

Baptism—Sundays
Baptisms will be booked by appointment only

Marriages
Please contact the priest 12 months in advance

Confessions
Most days before Mass, except on Sunday

School
St. Mary Elementary 416-393-5205
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**XX Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 14, 2022**

The Book of Revelation describes the ultimate battle between God and evil, represented here by the dragon (the serpent of Genesis). The woman represents the Church, and the child represents Christ (the Messiah). Like the woman in the vision, the Church was undergoing suffering and persecution.

The dragon confronts the woman to devour her child. But the child is taken up by God—a reference to the ascension of Jesus. Jesus defeated the dragon and was exalted to God's right hand. The woman (the Church) flees to the desert to escape the persecution. There she is nourished by God, just as the Israelites of old. The final verse praises the triumph of God and Christ.

Psalm: At your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

The reading was meant to encourage the early Christians by assuring them that God would finally triumph. It should assure us in the same way. Even though the figure of the woman in the first place represents the Church, it can also be seen as representing Mary. As the mother of Jesus, she was at the heart of the battle between God and the powers of evil. Therefore, it is entirely fitting that (through her assumption) she should share in the spoils of victory.

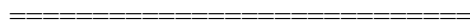
Lift High the Cross

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

Come, Christians, follow where the Master trod,
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.

Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.



Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness ever joy.

**Oh, master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul**

Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
In giving to each one that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

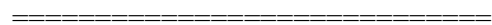
On Eagles' Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord
Who abide in His shadow for life
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge
My Rock in Whom I trust."

**And He will raise you up on eagle's wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.**

The snare of the fowler will never capture you
And famine will bring you no fear.
Under his wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.

You need not fear the terror of the night
Nor the arrow that flies by day
Under his wings your refuge
His faithfulness your shield



Blest Be The Lord

**Blest be the Lord, blest be the Lord,
The God of mercy, the God who saves.
I shall not fear, the dark of night
Nor the arrow that flies by day.**

He will release me from the nets of all my foes.
He will protect me from their wicked hands.
Beneath the shadow of His wings I will rejoice
To find a dwelling place secure.

I need not shrink before the terrors of the night
Nor stand alone before the light of day.
No harm shall come to me,
no arrow strike me down,
No evil settle in my soul.

Mass Intentions for this Week

Saturday, August 13th

5:00 pm. Maria & António Oliveira—Michael Jankowski

6:30 pm. Ildeberto Camara—Steve Cabral—Joaquim, Maria, João & Francisco Ferreira—Cidália Maria Moniz—Rosario Perez

Sunday, August 14th

8:30 am. Olivia, João & Fernando Machado

10:00 am. Community — José Carlos Silva—Manuel Herminio & Maria Rosa—Esperança—Domingos da Mota & spouse, Augusto da Silva & spouse, Maria Freitas—Souls in purgatory

11:30 am. Alexander Mitchell—Juanito Ibasan

1:00 pm. Maria Ernestina & family of Natália Dâmaso

Monday, August 15th

9:00 am. Manuel & Irene Arruda

6:00 pm. António & Maria José Medeiros & family

Tuesday, August 16th

9:00 am. Manuel de Amaral Morgado

6:00 pm. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, August 17th

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Souls in purgatory

Thursday, August 18th

9:00 am. Vitorino Guerra, Maria Panalingan & José Deomampo

6:00 pm. Manuel & Maria Couto & family

Friday, August 19th

9:00 am. All souls

6:00 pm. Danny de Andrade & Francelina Barbosa

Saturday, August 20th

5:00 pm. Mariano Machado, brother-in-law & souls in purgatory—António & Manuel Faria

6:30 pm. Fernando & Agrinoalda Camara—Serafim & Conceição Pereira