



1st Reading: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
Responsorial: 45:10, 11, 12, 16
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-27
Gospel: Lk 1:39-56

August 15, 2021



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Assumption of Mary is not described in biblical tradition but is has been the church's tradition since the early centuries. This has emerged from the profound role Mary had in the salvation of all humanity, especially her openness and faithfulness to God witnessed in her bearing and giving birth to the Son of God, her son Jesus. It was understood that her role in the divine plan warranted her being taken to heaven, to be in the home of God, the one to whom she gave a home in God's earthly sojourn.

The dogma of Mary's Assumption into Heaven, body and soul, was declared infallible from the Chair of Peter in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, who wrote in **Munificentissimus Deus**:

"Hence the revered Mother of God, from all eternity joined in a hidden way with Jesus Christ in one and the same decree of predestination, immaculate in her conception, a most perfect virgin in her divine motherhood, the noble associate of the divine Redeemer who has won a complete triumph over sin and its consequences, finally obtained, as the supreme culmination of her privileges, that she should be preserved free from the corruption of the tomb and that, like her own Son, having overcome death, she might be taken up body and soul to the glory of heaven where, as Queen, she sits in splendor at the right hand of her Son, the immortal King of the Ages" (40).

The Gospel recounts what has come to be known as the Visitation and the Magnificat.

bit.ly/HailMaryprayer

bit.ly/Magnificatprayer



"Let Mary's soul be in us to glorify the Lord; let her spirit be in us that we may rejoice in God our Saviour."
- St. Ambrose

Let's pray the Hail Mary!

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August 14 - August 21

Word(s) of the Week!

Ascension vs Assumption...What' the diff?

The biggest difference is that Jesus raised himself up, hence we celebrate the *Ascension* of Thursday forty days after Easter.

Mary was assumed into heaven by her Saviour. God Himself took her up to be with Him in Heaven. This was not something in her own power to complete, but she relied on God to elevate her to the status of Queenship over Heaven and Earth, hence the Solemnity of the *Assumption* of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

For more info see simplycatholic.com



August 21 Saint Pius X, Pope

In 1903, this little-known cardinal was elected to become Pope Pius X. He took as his motto "Restore all things in Christ." He emphasized the importance of the Eucharist. He directed that children as young as seven should be allowed to receive the Eucharist.

For more information see LoylaPress.com

How many Popes have been named "Pius"? Find out here: ncregister.com

Links for More Ideas, Activities & Resources FYI

- Loyolapress.com - *The Assumption of Mary* - includes "Pop-up Catechesis video (Children's ' Faith Builder)
- Youtube.com - *Mary: The Assumption by Ascension Press* (Adults Faith Builder)
- Youtube.com - *How to Get Kids to Pray by Ascension Press* (Family Faith Builder)
- Elizabethclareblog.com - *12 Easy Ways to Celebrate the Assumption of Mary* (Family Faith Builder)

With the intercessions of Mary, Mother of God, pray for mothers-to-be! Pray for the unborn. Every child is a blessing from God.



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The Month of August
The Immaculate Heart of Mary