

# THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

“TAKEN UP  
INTO  
HEAVEN,  
MARY  
SHOWS US  
THE WAY TO  
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LIFE.”

-Pope St. John Paul II



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# Gospel Meditation

ENCOURAGE YOURSELF TO A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

They are courageous, wise women who ground us, focus us, and inspire us. They are the good mothers who walk with us and light our way. They teach us life lessons and help us heal and

navigate through challenges and difficulties. We need people to point the way. Sometimes, these wise ladies are not our biological mothers but women in our lives, who through their strong and faithful presence, anchor us and remind us that we are loved. We need these women. Human beings do their best when they have cheerleaders in their lives. They show us that even when facing despair there is always a brighter tomorrow. Jesus needed his mother. She had to be that faithful anchor, that guiding presence, in his life. Jesus needed to be affirmed and encouraged just like any other human being and Mary had to be there, right by his side, doing precisely that. Even when her heart was pierced as he was nailed to a tree, she did not give up hope. Most certainly, she continued to wait, watch, hope, and love until he took his final breath. That's what mothers do. Even when their heart breaks, they persevere. Today, our Blessed Mother is our cheerleader once again. Taken up to heaven in body and soul, she points to and directs us toward our final destiny. Life eternal waits! Any disappointment, fear, or anxiety can be set aside as she gently reassures us of God's love and promise. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given. We can persevere and do what we need to do to live life well, with faith, hope, and love as our guiding lights. Knowing who we are and who we will one day become helps us to better chart the course and direction of our earthly lives. Looking to the example of our Blessed Mother, we receive the assurance we need. ©LPi

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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### WWMD?

*WWJD bracelets were all the rage about 25 years ago in Christian circles. I've always wondered if a WWMD bracelet might not make just as much sense, and maybe more. What Would Mary Do? I would argue that Mary was the most exemplary steward who ever lived. Her answer was always "Yes." Yes, Lord, I am Your handmaiden. Yes, I will visit Elizabeth, and help her in the last difficult months of pregnancy. Yes, I will bring my son up in the Mosaic law and present him at the Temple of Jerusalem. Yes, I will give him to the crowds and to public ministry. Yes, I will offer him on this Cross, if it is Your will.*

Yes, yes, yes.

*Well, I can't be like Mary, we think to ourselves. There's an intimidation factor with the Blessed Mother and Catholics sometimes — one that almost exceeds that of Christ. Perhaps it's because we are in awe of the fact that she was not divine in any way — she was a mere creation, like us — but somehow, she always had the courage to say yes. How could she do it, when we find it so hard? Well, God certainly lavished on Mary extraordinary graces. Her lack of original sin liberated her to conform her will to God's. But God is impatient to give us, too, all the graces we need to be a steward in the example of Mary. He's waiting for us simply to ask. Just as in Adam we died, so in Christ — through Mary — we live.*

*What can we say yes to today, in Mary's example?  
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*




Pope Francis proclaims 2021 Year of St. Joseph

August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Ordinary Time K of C Breakfast After 8:30am Mass	2 Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	3 K of C Meeting 7:00pm	4 Adoration 8:30am - 4:00pm	5 Adoration 8:30am - 4:00pm	6 First Friday Mass 7:00pm	7 First Saturday 7:30am Men's Fellowship
8 Ordinary Time Hispanic Group Breakfast After all masses	9 Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	10 Keenan Hall 6:30pm	11 Adoration 8:30am - 4:00pm MMLG Meeting Keenan Hall 6:00pm	12 Adoration 8:30am - 4:00pm MMLG Meeting Keenan Hall 6:00pm	13 BINGO Night Dinner 6:00pm Bingo 7:00pm	14 Reconciliation 4:00pm
15 St. Vincent De Paul Sunday Youth Group Breakfast After 8:30am Mass	16 Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	17 Healing Mass 7:00pm	18 Grupo de Oración 7:30pm-9:00pm Misa de Sanación 7:00pm	19 Adoration 8:30am - 4:00pm	20 FEAST OF ST PIUS X	21 Reconciliation 4:00pm
22 Ordinary Time Hispanic Breakfast RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS BEGIN	23 Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	24 Join the Youth Group	25 Grupo de Oración 7:30pm-9:00pm	26 Adoration 8:30am - 4:00pm	27 Religious Education Registrations Begin August 22	28 Reconciliation 4:00pm
29 Ordinary Time 5TH SUNDAY ROSARY 8:00AM	30 Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	31 Join the Youth Group				ABBREVIATIONS: K of C - Knights of Columbus MMLG - Mother Mary's Ladies Guild

WEEKLY STEWARSHIP	
August 08, 2021	
Envelope Giving	\$3,300.00
Plate Giving	\$2,306.35
Online Giving	\$926.88
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,533.23</b>
Weekly funds needed for church operations	\$5,000.00
<b>Overage/Deficit</b>	<b>+\$1,533.23</b>



**A SPECIAL MASS FOR SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS**

The office for Family Life & Spirituality invites survivors of suicide loss to attend our annual Mass on **Saturday, September 4, 2021** at 5:00pm at San Rafael Parish. You are invited to bring a photo of a loved one who had died by suicide and place it at a designated table in their honor. Auxiliary Bishop John P. Dolan will preside.

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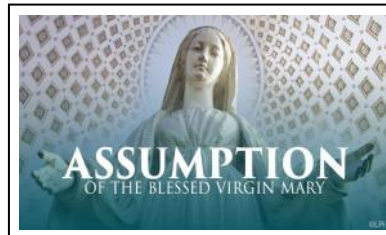
**FOLLOWING IN ST. JOSEPH'S FOOTSTEPS: A WORKSHOP FOR NEW DADS, EXPECTING DADS AND FUTURE DADS**

Please join other dads and the Office for Family Life & Spirituality on **Thursday, August 19 @ 7:00pm-8:30pm** over Zoom as we explore the vocation of fatherhood. What does it mean to be a role model for your family? How can you balance your family relationships and your other commitments? How can you deepen your family's spirituality? To register for the workshop or learn more, please contact Janelle at [jperegoy@sdccatholic.org](mailto:jperegoy@sdccatholic.org)....

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**REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE**

Complaints about Sexual Abuse by a member of the Clergy, a parish Catholic Employee or a Volunteer can be made at <https://www.safeinourdiocese.org/> or call (858) 490-8353 [misconduct@sdccatholic.org](mailto:misconduct@sdccatholic.org).



**WHY DO WE DO THAT?**

**Question:** What are we celebrating on the feast of the Assumption of Mary?

**Answer:** The Assumption, along with the Immaculate Conception, are two Marian dogmas that have been infallibly defined by the church. The Assumption proclaims the reality that Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven. This was God's special gift to her in response to her total giving of self to God's plan and will. The church believes that Mary was immaculately conceived, that is, conceived without original sin. This led the church to believe that she did not suffer one of the key consequences of original sin, death and corruption. The Orthodox Church celebrates the Dormition of Mary, the belief that Mary did not die but rather fell asleep and was thus assumed into heaven. What significance does this feast have for our lives as Christians today? This feast is above all an assurance and hope of our continued life with God. Modeling ourselves on Jesus and living the Christian life molded by Jesus' values is certainly the sure path to God. As a result, God will not leave us orphaned or alone to suffer the emptiness of death. Rather, we believe that death is merely a transformation of our present state into an even more glorious and eternal relationship with God. This is the hope and assurance that Mary's assumption celebrates. It is a celebration of our assumption as well. She is one of us, providing a model of what God has in store for all who love and give of themselves to God. ©LPi




**LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Good mothers have a way of bringing their children hope. When we fall and hurt ourselves, our mothers can help us walk the path of healing. There is hope that we will get better and the trust that we have in mom's comforting assurance allows us to move forward. Mothers know instinctively what we need and what we are capable of doing. They can be one of our biggest cheerleaders in life, and even when facing despair, can point the way to a brighter tomorrow. Our Blessed Mother does precisely that for us today. As one closest to our Lord, she cheers us on with the hope of what life will be for all of us. Although given the unique distinction of being raised in both body and soul, she nonetheless points to our true eternal destiny. Achieving this inheritance overrides any disappointment and her intercession and example inspires us to pick ourselves up when we fall. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given as we persevere even in the midst of life's challenges and failures. ©LPi

**ADORATION THURSDAYS**

8:30am  
To  
5:00pm

**COPING WITH LIFE ALONE**

**August 28, 2021, 9am to 5pm**  
(St. Mary Parish Escondido)


Mass celebrated following our workshop. This workshop is for men and women coping with the loss of marriage due to divorce, separation, or death. This day is filled with listening, reflecting, and sharing to guide your own healing journey. The Holy Spirit will be there too! Sign-up with Vicki Fach by calling (858) 748-2273.

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*"From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly."*

— Lk 1:48b-49, 52

**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**First Reading:** We hear in Proverbs how we are called to participate in divine wisdom. Who do you see as a wisdom figure in your life?

**Second Reading:** Paul sees one pathway to wisdom is to avoid evil, ignorance, and drunkenness, and be filled rather with gratitude. For what in your life should you be grateful?

**Gospel:** How do you understand Jesus' assertion: "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." ©LPi

**AUGUST 15, 2021 THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Masses 8:30am 11:00am 12:30pm (Spanish)	Bible Study 7:00pm	Daily Mass 7:30am Youth Group 6:30pm Healing Mass 7:00pm	Daily Mass 7:30am Healing Mass (Spanish) 7:00pm	Daily Mass 7:30am Adoration 8:30am-5:00pm	Daily Mass 7:30am	Feast of St. Pius X Rosary 4:30pm Sunday Vigil 5:00pm
Please pray for: Rev. Lauro Minimo	Please pray for: Rev. Charles Moat, SVD	Please pray for: Rev. Melchisedech Monreal	Please pray for: Rev. Cecilio Moraga	Please pray for: Rev. Antonio Morales	Please pray for: Rev. Alfredo Moreno	Please pray for: Rev. Jorge Moreno
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a; 10ab/ Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56	Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40 43ab and 44/ Mt 19:16-22	Jgs 6:11-24a/ Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 (cf. 95)/ Mt 19:23-30	Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16	Jgs 11:29-39a/ Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a, and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/ Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4], Mt 23:1-12

**MASS Intentions**

Aug 15	Sun	8:30am	For all parishioners
Aug 15	Sun	11:00am	For all parishioners
Aug 15	Sun	12:30pm	For all parishioners
Aug 16	Mon		NO MASS
Aug 17	Tues	7:30am	(SI) Remy Alvarez & Family
Aug 18	Wed	7:30am	+Edwin Smith
Aug 19	Thur	7:30am	(SI) Smith Family
Aug 20	Fri	7:30am	(SI) David & Rose Fonseca
Aug 21	Sat	5:00pm	+Ernest Briese

**BLESSED**

All generations will call me blessed.

LUKE 1:48B

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**Observances for the week of August 15, 2021**

**Sunday:** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Monday:** St. Stephen of Hungary

**Thursday:** St. John Eudes, Priest

**Friday:** St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

**Saturday:** St. Pius X, Pope

**THE JOURNEY BEGINS**

Registrations for Faith Formation Classes start **Sunday, August 22, 2021**

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