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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, August 15
A Holy Day of Obligation

Mass at
12:05 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

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Saint Joseph Cathedral Parish is called to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a community. We are committed: to our urban neighborhoods, to being the Cathedral of the Diocese, and to fellowship, formation, sacrament, and prayer.

This Week

At The Cathedral

August 11 - 18, 2019



SUN 11 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Sat) 6:00 PM Mass for the Parishioners
8:00 AM Mass for John Belby, Sr.
10:30 AM Mass for Nicholas & Nimnoom

MON 12 Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, religious

12:05 PM Mass for Dr. Adiel Anghie

TUE 13 Saints Pontian, pope, and Hippolytus, priest, martyrs

12:05 PM Mass for Carole Sacco

WED 14 Saint Maximilian Kolbe, priest, martyr

12:05 PM Mass for Sophie Moses

THU 15 THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY *Holy Day of Obligation*

12:05 PM Mass for Sean McGuigan
6:00 PM Mass for the Parishioners

FRI 16 Saint Stephen of Hungary

11:15 AM Confessions
12:05 PM Mass for Most Rev. Bernard W. Schmitt
(Anniversary of Death - 2011)

SAT 17 Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM Mass for Michael Sargent
9:30 AM Rosary
5:00 PM Confessions
6:00 PM Mass for Timothy J. Knestout

SUN 18 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM Mass for the Parishioners
10:30 AM Mass for Marion & Ann Schlatt



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 • Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 • Luke 12:13-21

Most of us are familiar with the motto of the United States Coast Guard: *Semper Paratus* - Always Ready.

Jesus in the Gospel today urges each of us to have the same attitude: be always ready. He encourages us to live each day ready to love. In that way, we're storing up treasure for the day when we will meet God face to face.

Perhaps we should spend some time over the next week reflecting on the following question: how would we like to meet God? It is simply a fact of life that death is inevitable. We don't know when or how, but we know it's going to happen each one of us. Keeping that in mind, how ready are we to meet the Lord? Jesus wants us to be ready for that moment. We will die as we have lived, and if we've lived by sacrificing ourselves for others, we'll be ready.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that when we die, we will each be judged on our lives. "Death puts an end to human life as the time open to either accepting or rejecting the divine grace manifested in Christ...each will be rewarded immediately after life in accordance with his works and faith." That means that when we die we meet Christ face to face, and we will see the effects of the good and the evil we have done. We'll also see the effects of the good we've failed to do. Saint John of the Cross put it well: "At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love."

Christ's message today is to live each day as a preparation to meet him with joy. *Semper paratus*, always ready. 🌱

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This **Thursday, August 15**, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which commemorates the dogma of faith that "the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory," as pronounced by Pope Pius XII (*Munificentissimus Deus*, 44).



The Assumption is the oldest feast day of Our Lady, but we don't know how it first came to be celebrated. Its origin is lost in those days when Jerusalem was restored as a sacred city, at the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine (c. 285-337). By then it had been a pagan city for two centuries, ever since Emperor Hadrian (76-138) had leveled it around the year 135 and rebuilt it as Aelia Capitolina in honor of Jupiter.

For 200 years, every memory of Jesus was obliterated from the city, and the sites made holy by His life, death and Resurrection became pagan temples. After the building of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 336, the sacred sites began to be restored and memories of the life of Our Lord began to be celebrated by the people of Jerusalem. One of the memories about his mother centered around the "Tomb of Mary," close to Mount Zion, where the early Christian community had lived.

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August: Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary takes place on the day after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, usually in June, but in this month when we celebrate Mary's Assumption (August 15) and her Coronation or Queenship (August 22), we also give honor to her Immaculate Heart. There are many prayers to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Here is one short enough to memorize and pray every day during this month: *"O Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, obtain for me from Jesus a pure and humble heart."*

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On the hill itself was the "Place of Dormition," the spot of Mary's "falling asleep," where she had died. The "Tomb of Mary" was where she was buried. At this time, the "Memory of Mary" was being celebrated. Later it was to become our feast of the Assumption. For a time, the "Memory of Mary" was marked only in Palestine, but then it was extended by the emperor to all the churches of the East. In the seventh century, it began to be celebrated in Rome under the title of the "Falling Asleep" ("Dormitio") of the Mother of God.

Soon the name was changed to the "Assumption of Mary," since there was more to the feast than her dying. It also proclaimed that she had been taken up, body and soul, into heaven.

That belief was ancient, dating back to the apostles themselves. What was clear from the beginning was that there were no relics of Mary to be venerated, and that an empty tomb stood on the edge of Jerusalem near the site of her death. That location also soon became a place of pilgrimage. (Today, the Benedictine Abbey of the Dormition of Mary stands on the spot)

In the eighth century, St. John Damascene was known for giving sermons at the holy places in Jerusalem. At the Tomb of Mary, he expressed the belief of the Church on the meaning of the feast: "Although the body was duly buried, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay. . . . You were transferred to your heavenly home, O Lady, Queen and Mother of God in truth."

In 1950, in the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Assumption of Mary a dogma of the Catholic Church. With that, an ancient belief became Catholic doctrine and the Assumption was declared a truth revealed by God.

This is a Holy Day of Obligation, which means that Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on this day. Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 12:05 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Welcome Bishop Brennan

Bishop Mark E. Brennan will be installed as the Ninth Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. The Mass will be live-streamed on the diocesan website at www.dwc.org.

On the eve of the installation, Archbishop William E. Lori, apostolic administrator of Wheeling-Charleston will preside over vespers at the Cathedral for which Bishop Brennan will be preaching. Vespers will be celebrated at the Cathedral at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21.

Due to the Installation Mass on Thursday, August 22, there will be no 12:05 p.m. Mass that day.

Please join us in praying for our new bishop in anticipation of his Installation:

**Lord, our God,
you have chosen Bishop Brennan
as a successor to the Apostles,
to be a shepherd
to your flock in the
Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston,
grant him, we pray,
a spirit of counsel and fortitude,
a spirit of knowledge and piety,
so that by faithfully governing
the people entrusted to him,
he may help build your Church
as a sign of salvation
for the world.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

First Communion Class Sign-Up

It's time to register for the 2019-20 First Communion Class which begins on Sunday, September 15.

To register or for more information, please contact the Assistant for Pastoral Ministries, Ms. Debbie Fahey by e-mail at dfahey@dwc.org or by telephone at (304) 233-4121.

Attention: Extraordinary Ministers

If you have borrowed a pyx from the Cathedral to take Holy Communion to someone who is sick or homebound, please return it to the Cathedral sacristy. Thank you!

MASS TIMES & INFO

SUN 6:00 pm (SAT)
8:00 am
10:30 am

MON-FRI 12:05 pm
SAT 9:00 am



CONFESSIONS

FRI 11:15-11:45 am

SAT 5:00-5:45 pm

or by appointment

BAPTISMS / INITIATION

Both Baptism and the Rite of Initiation for Adults can be arranged by contacting the parish office.

MARRIAGE

Engaged couples who are members of the Cathedral parish should contact the parish office.

CONFESSIONS / COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Please call the parish office to arrange for a visit.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration forms can be obtained through the parish office. Please notify the parish office of address changes through the parish office or by visiting the website.

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CONVERSION of LOST SOULS**

*On the Memorial of
SAINT MONICA
Patron of Wayward Children*

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 27
at 6:00 P.M.**

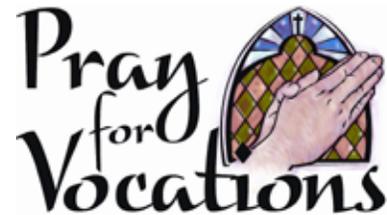
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