

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

August 15, 2021
San Francisco, California



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Current Worship Hours
Daily Mass: M - F 8am
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5pm
Sunday Masses: 8am, 10am & 6:30pm
Holy Days: 8am & 7pm
Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:45pm - 4:30pm



Daily Mass

8am Monday - Friday

Wednesday, August 18

4pm - 5:30pm Wednesday Supper lunch
distribution at the church gates.

Saturday, August 21

5pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, August 22

8am, 10am & 6:30pm Mass

Coffee Hour will take a temporary hiatus
due to the rise of the Delta variant.

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Livestream the 10am Sunday Mass
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AUGUST 16TH - 22ND

Monday: Jgs. 2:11-19, Mt. 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs. 6:11-24a, Mt. 19:23-30

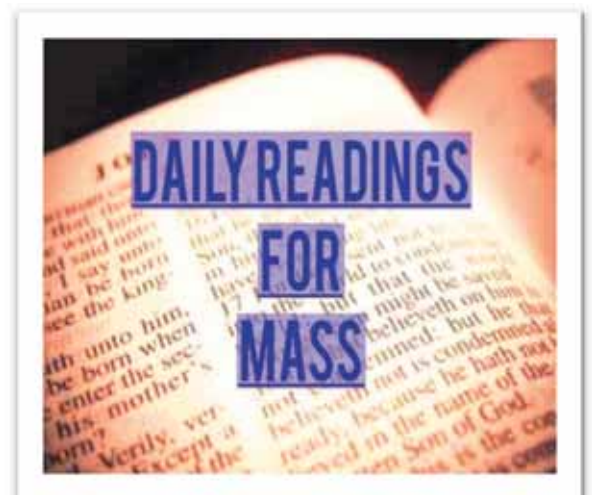
Wednesday: Jgs. 9:6-15, Mt. 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs. 11:29-39a, Mt. 22:1-14

Friday: Ru. 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22, Mt. 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru. 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17, Mt. 23:1-12

Sunday: Jos. 24:1-2a, 15:7, 18b, Eph. 5:21-32 or
5:2a, 25-32, Jn. 6:60-69



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin celebrates the belief that at the end of her earthly life, Mary was "taken up body and soul into heavenly glory" in a "singular participation in her Son's resurrection."

Although the Book of Revelation does not identify Mary as the woman portrayed in today's selection, tradition has seen her in this mother whose son was in danger and as the woman clothed with the sun and crowned with stars. These images morphed to portray Mary as a queen. (Thirteen of the 55 titles of Mary in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin call her a queen.)

From a different perspective, Swiss psychiatrist Carl Jung is reputed to have appreciated the proclamation of the Assumption as the church's best expression of full acceptance of the feminine. Critics have added that even if the hierarchy wasn't ready to accept everything it implied, the teaching affirms that ordinary people of flesh and blood are created with the capacity to share divine life.

In truth, neither church nor society has probably ever been quite ready for Mary of Nazareth and all that she implies for the rest of our race. Rather than celebrate her simplicity as one of us, we typically depict her with crowns and halos, imagining her as the pinnacle of beauty. And we rarely depict her with a skin tone that is anything but white. But what about the Mary of the Gospels? Who was that Jewish woman? Luke tells us more than anyone else about Mary, primarily in the infancy narratives.

At the Annunciation, Mary spoke in the name of humanity and gave her yes to God's desire to dwell among us. After that, as we read in today's Gospel, she began the down-to-earth activity of preparing for what would happen; she sought out Elizabeth, the elder whose experience came closest to her own. In telling of that visit, Luke portrays Mary singing a song of praise based in the Hebrew Scriptures and prefiguring the essence of what her Son would preach. When sung out of liturgical context, the song could be labeled subversive or even communist.

Mary of the Magnificat has no pretensions. Decidedly non-regal, she refers to herself as a slave, using the same word that describes Jesus in Philippians 2:7. But except for proclaiming God's goodness to her, the focus of Mary's song is not on herself. Her song is a proclamation of faith, a practical creed praising God's ways without any philosophical concepts.

The first article of Mary's creed proclaims that those who stand in awe of God's majesty (fear of the Lord) will learn how God's mercy outshines even the splendor of all creation.

Then, perhaps as an explanation of God's mercy, she goes on to sing of how God upends all worldly values and expectations. The proud lose their way (and just maybe, embarrassment at their confusion may save them from themselves). The mighty discover to their terror that their power offers no ultimate safety net, while the lowly who trust in God fear nothing. The hungry who know how to share enjoy fulfillment while there will never be enough to satisfy those who count on their own wealth.

At the end of her psalm, where Catholics might pray the "Glory Be," Mary sings the praises of the God of Israel, the God who has remained faithful throughout their history and promises to be their future. The song of the mother of God is Luke's gift to us. As we ponder her assumption into the realm of God, Luke invites us to contemplate the God of real life and history whom she proclaims. Mary's song urges us to recognize God's activity in the everydayness of our world. She points to where we can find God working among us and warns us about the possibilities of losing our way.

As we celebrate her Assumption in body and soul, Mary's canticle tells us where we will find our own salvation. Mary's creed leads us to seek God in the times and places where the lowly are cherished and the hungry filled. Everything about this feast urges us to appreciate flesh and blood — to appreciate it so much that we do everything possible to save the powerful from their pretensions, to help nourish every kind of hunger and to receive and share God's own mercy.

The more we are able to do that, the more we will sing with her, "My soul proclaims the greatness of God who loves and blesses the lowly — including me." —*Sr. Mary M. McGlone, NCR*



Our Mass celebrants will remember the following intentions during the celebration of the Eucharist:

Saturday, August 14

5pm Mario D'Olivo †

Sunday, August 15

8am Marcia "Jo" Molnar †

10am Mary Posey †

6:30pm Alexandre Batonet (L)

Monday, August 16

8am Sofia Fermo-Velacruz †

Tuesday, August 17

8am Alex Hale (L)

Wednesday, August 18

8am Tony Davis (L)

Thursday, August 19

8am

Friday, August 20

8am Patricia Hargadon †

Sr. Nadine Hargadon †

Mass Intentions are celebrated for those to remember a loved one, honor someone on an important date or celebrate a special occasion. To schedule a Mass Intention or sponsor the weekend altar flowers, please call the parish office at 415-863-6259 or email secretary@mhr.org.



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Week of August 8, 2021

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Greetings from Good Shepherd Gracenter!

On behalf of the courageous women we serve, I am writing to request your support of an amazingly successful cause and to give you an opportunity to partner with us while you advertise your business at Gracenter's online Gala in September, celebrating some of our partnerships that have lasted 60 years! We are celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the construction of the Gracenter facility. This construction was truly a miracle in that it was constructed completely through the partnerships of 7 local labor unions who donated the labor and 52 businesses who donated the construction materials. Our theme, appropriately, is "**Building Partnerships**". We would love to include you in our celebration and advertising! We would like to request, therefore, an in-kind donation of goods or services that we can use in our silent auction or as a raffle prize. Your partnership will help women without resources to break free of drug and alcohol addiction and create a road to a healthy and productive future.

During September, National Recovery Month, our event will include a raffle, silent auction, videos, recognition of honorees and, of course, recognition of all who donated. You can be a part of making a difference in lessening the homeless crisis in San Francisco. It is an opportunity to showcase your vested interest in the community in which we live and work, and, because this event will be **virtual**, we will be able to **promote your business to a much wider audience on multiple platforms**.

Good Shepherd Gracenter is a privately funded, licensed program of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, that provides transitional housing and supportive services to low income women. Many of the women at Gracenter were formerly homeless and now have a new chance at life, thanks to the generosity and care of friends like you! Our residents are so grateful to be at Gracenter and take full advantage of it by furthering their education, securing employment, making amends with their families and giving back to the community. We keep in touch with those who graduate from our program and we are happy to report that one year after leaving Gracenter, 95% of our graduates remain in recovery and 98% remain in stable housing, thus breaking the cycle of addiction and homelessness.

We certainly recognize the challenges that everyone is facing during this pandemic. Gracenter has also experienced a financial hit, as have the women we serve. We understand, therefore, that a donation at this time may be reduced or even unfeasible. If you do choose to donate, please send your donation by July 31st as we will start on-line bidding for the auction in September. If you wish to send something electronically, my email address is sr.marguerite@gsgracenter.org.

Donations can be gift certificates, unique experiences, products, services, gift baskets, artwork, etc. We are a 501 (C)(3) non-profit organization and our Tax ID number is 94-1156670. Your tax-deductible contribution will help us to raise the funds needed to continue this critical work as well as help you spread awareness about your business! We will feature your company name, logo and a live link.

The link to our event site is GSG2021.givesmart.com, and will go live on September 8, 2021. Thank you so much for your kind consideration of this request. You will remain in our grateful prayers.

Wishing you health, safety and success,

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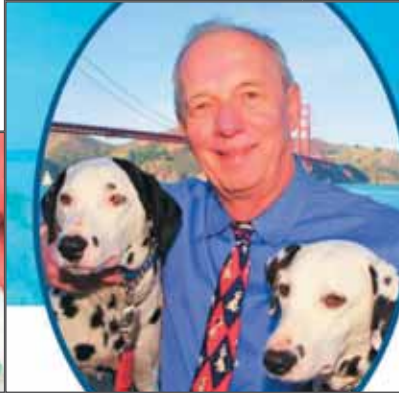


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