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Good News!

August 15, 2010

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2 /

1 Cor 15:54b-57 Lk 11:27-28

Day Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab /

1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56

Imagine someone who knew nothing of Christianity, who had never seen the New Testament, who had never heard the Gospel. Suppose this person hears just one song—the Magnificat, Mary's hymn from the Gospel of Luke.

What will that person think? In some translations of Scripture, Mary says her soul "magnifies" the Lord. She rejoices in God who saves her. Someone who also believes in God will find this appealing and hopeful. But what does it mean that Mary magnifies the Lord?

This woman sings about what God does. God blesses those no one else sees. People who know Someone has created everything might be in awe of this God. Here is Someone with enormous power. The poor fear such power, yet God shows them mercy. Human tyrants abuse power. This God sweeps them away.

But how could Mary's life magnify this God, this Lord?

She sings of Abraham. Her God created descendents from a nomad, descendents who later left slavery in Egypt. Moses asked this God, what should we call you? "Call me I AM." No normal name can say what this God is.

This God is doing something new now, so this woman sings.

How does Mary magnify the Lord? Her life is the window through which we see the image of the eternal God taking our own form. Her heart is a lens through which our eyes focus in wonder as her response, her yes to God, receives God's presence.

This woman was asked by God to do something extraordinary. She said yes. And with that yes, she is taken up forever in something astonishing.

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 PM

Sundays at 8:45 AM

Holy Days - 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Saturday from 3:00 P.M. to 3:45 P.M.

Also by appointment.

BAPTISMAL INITIATIONS:

Please call the rectory (643-4466).

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and Sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, Please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social after the Sunday Masses on 2nd Sunday of the month and Pancake Breakfast every 4th Sunday. We hope you will favor your parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

VISITATION TO THE SICK

We are most anxious to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us in church because of illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call.

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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*

Readings for the Week of August 15, 2010

Sunday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-

27/Lk 1:39-56

Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7b/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

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NEXT WEEK**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****SATURDAY, August 21**

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for Robert Rouleau; and for Leigh Ferguson

SUNDAY, August 22

8:45 a.m. Mass offered for Vincent Szwed

SATURDAY, August 21

Altar Servers: Kevin and Audrey Dean

Lector: Leah Dean

Eucharistic Ministers: Ted Lloyd, Arlene Giglio, and Annedda Stiller

SUNDAY, August 22

Altar Server: Brendan and Katelyn Donahue

Lector: Linda Chamberland

Eucharistic Ministers: Betty Aitkin, Clifford and Sharon Scorso

THIS WEEK**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY***August 14th and August 15th***USHERS GROUP I****SATURDAY, August 14:**

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for Carol Deraleau requested by Theresa Ciscon

SUNDAY, August 15:

7:45 – 10:30 a.m. Breakfast at Triple Play Café in the Church Basement

8:45 a.m. Mass offered for Cecile Lavoie requested by her Daughter; and for Joseph Kurys requested by his Family

MONDAY, August 16:

No Mass

TUESDAY, August 17:

9:00 a.m. Mass for Katherine Gradante requested by Ruth Mensing

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting in the Rectory

WEDNESDAY, August 18:

9:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church

9:00 a.m. – Noon Christmas Fair Workshop in the Church Basement

No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until further notice.

THURSDAY, August 19:

7:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church

FRIDAY, August 20:

9:00 a.m. Ivan Dube and Family requested by Solange Fournier

SATURDAY, August 21:

3:30 - 3:45 p.m. Confessions

**Twentieth Annual Blue Mass
For All Law Enforcement Officers
Sunday, September 26, 2010, at 10:15 a.m.**

All law enforcement officers (federal, state, and municipal, active and retired) and their families are invited to the Nineteenth Annual Blue Mass and Reception, Sunday, September 26, 2010, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 10:15 a.m. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend this Mass. Bishop Cote, the Bishop of Norwich, will celebrate the Mass and Monsignor Robert L. Brown, Diocesan Chancellor, will be the Homilist.

Connecticut State Police Trooper First Class Victor E. Lenda, Jr., (Ret.), and Norwich Police Chief Louis J. Fusaro, Sr., are the Blue Mass Co-Chairs. For more information, please call TFC Lenda, Chief Fusaro, or Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294, ext. 232.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

All families having children/teens in the Faith Formation Program should have received registration forms in the mail or by e-mail.

Faith Formation sessions will be held as follows:

Levels K-5

Sunday – 9:15-10:30am at Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday – 4:30-5:45pm at St. Maurice Church

Levels 6-8

Sunday – 6:15-7:30pm at Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday – 6:30-7:45pm at St. Maurice Church

Confirmation Preparation (High School Level)

All Confirmation Preparation sessions for Sacred Heart Church and St. Maurice Church will be combined at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., **followed by** Youth Group 7:30 to 8:45 p.m.

Parish families are free to choose to attend sessions at either Sacred Heart Church or St. Maurice Church (exception – Confirmation Prep and Youth Group). You do not have to be a parishioner at a specific parish in order to attend Faith Formation sessions there, however, you must be a parishioner of either one of the parishes.

Registration fees are as follows:

\$50 for the first child/teen in your family
\$45 for the second child/teen in your family
\$115 Maximum fee per family
\$60 for Confirmation Preparation

If you are new to the parish or will have a child/teen enrolling for the first time in the Faith Formation program or need more information, please contact Rella (860-875-4563) or (rella@sacredheartchurch.net). ☺

Engaged Couples - Marriage Preparation Class

“God’s Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage” offered by the Office of Family Life

To register for the 9 hour class, please call 860-889-8346 ext.283.

Dates: Friday, October 15, 22, 29 & November 5, 2010
Time: 7:00p.m. – 9:15p.m.
Location: St. John’s, 22 Maple Ave., Uncasville, 06382
Cost: \$45.00 per couple for class materials

The next set of classes will be in January 2011.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011 IN MADRID OPENS REGISTRATION

Registration to participate in World Youth Day (WYD) Madrid 2011, which will be held August 16-21, is now open. The theme is “Planted and Built Up in Jesus Christ, Firm in the Faith.” There will be a Vigil and Mass with Pope Benedict XVI during the weekend. For information visit www.wydua.org.



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THE FACT OF THE ASSUMPTION

Regarding the day, year, and manner of Our Lady's death, nothing certain is known. The earliest known literary reference to the Assumption is found in the Greek work *De Obitu S. Dominae*. Catholic faith, however, has always derived our knowledge of the mystery from Apostolic Tradition. Epiphanius (d. 403) acknowledged that he knew nothing definite about it (Haer., lxxix, 11). The dates assigned for it vary between three and fifteen years after Christ's Ascension. Two cities claim to be the place of her departure: Jerusalem and Ephesus. Common consent favours Jerusalem, where her tomb is shown; but some argue in favour of Ephesus. The first six centuries did not know of the tomb of Mary at Jerusalem.

The belief in the corporeal assumption of Mary is founded on the apocryphal treatise *De Obitu S. Dominae*, bearing the name of St. John, which belongs however to the fourth or fifth century. It is also found in the book *De Transitu Virginis*, falsely ascribed to St. Melito of Sardis, and in a spurious letter attributed to St. Denis the Areopagite. If we consult genuine writings in the East, it is mentioned in the sermons of St. Andrew of Crete, St. John Damascene, St. Modestus of Jerusalem and others. In the West, St. Gregory of Tours (*De gloria mart.*, I, iv) mentions it first. The sermons of St. Jerome and St. Augustine for this feast, however, are spurious. St. John of Damascus (P.G., I, 96) thus formulates the tradition of the Church of Jerusalem:

St. Juvenal, Bishop of Jerusalem, at the Council of Chalcedon (451), made known to the Emperor Marcian and Pulcheria, who wished to possess the body of the Mother of God, that Mary died in the presence of all the Apostles, but that her tomb, when opened, upon the request of St. Thomas, was found empty; wherefrom the Apostles concluded that the body was taken up to heaven.

Today, the belief in the corporeal assumption of Mary is universal in the East and in the West; according to Benedict XIV (*De Festis B.V.M.*, I, viii, 18) it is a probable opinion, which to deny were impious and blasphemous.



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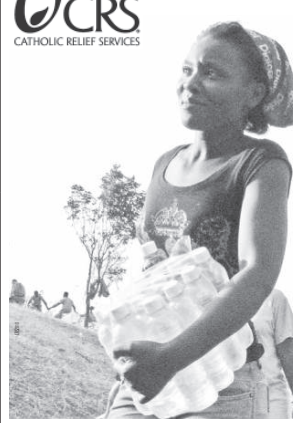
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