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Mass Intentions

Aug 14th: Parishioners of St Andrew
and St Regina

Aug 15th: Ethel Huffman + by Stan
and Jean Stevens

Aug 16th: Souls of Bishops, Priests,
Religious Brothers & Sisters
by Thuy Hoang

Aug 18th: Soul of Uncle Dominic Ha
Tien Nhat by Thuy Hoang

Aug 20th: Conversion of Poor Sinners
in the World by Thuy Hoang

Aug 22nd: Parishioners of St Andrew
and St Regina

The Assumption of the Blessed Mary August 15, 2021

Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

— Luke 1:42

THE DESTINY OF ALL MORTAL FLESH

The celebration of today's feast on a Sunday is unusual on our Roman Catholic calendar. Our observance of the Lord's Day is held in such high esteem that few other feasts replace it. Occasionally there is a feast—usually of one of the saints—in which the saving power of God in Christ is so uniquely focused that the Roman rite deems it worthy of celebration on the Lord's Day. Today is such a feast. Yet some are surprised at the brevity of the dogma in its entirety: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The Roman Catholic Church never defined any specifics or particulars about the event itself. It is not in the scriptures. There are no verifiable eyewitness accounts. At its core, the dogma reveals in Mary the destiny of all mortal flesh, and reinforces our creedal belief in resurrection of the body. This feast strengthens our faith, defined last week in Hebrews as the realization of things hoped for. We find, in Mary, that realization of what we all hope for, what Paul today affirms: "In Christ shall all be brought to life" (1 Corinthians 15:22).

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FEAST OF FAITH

The Shape of the Eucharistic Prayer

Our Eucharistic Prayers originated in the traditional Jewish meal prayers known as *berakah*, which were prayers of thanksgiving used at meals. Over the centuries, the Christian thanksgiving, or Eucharist, gradually took shape. While in the East the Eucharistic Prayers (called *anaphora*) took many forms, in the Roman Church there was for many centuries just one Eucharistic Prayer, called the Roman Canon (now known as Eucharistic Prayer I). Almost all Eucharistic Prayers include the same basic elements. They begin with thanksgiving and acclamation. Then there is an *epiclesis*, as the priest calls down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts. Then follows the institution narrative and consecration, as the words that Jesus spoke at the Last Supper are repeated. After the consecration, we remember in an explicit way all that Christ has done for us—this is the *anamnesis*, or remembering. The prayer concludes with the offering, the intercessions—prayers for the Church, our leaders, ourselves—and a final doxology of praise.

The reforms of the Second Vatican Council enriched our liturgy with additional Eucharistic Prayers, including both ancient texts (Eucharistic Prayer II is based on the most ancient of all existing Eucharistic Prayers) and new compositions.

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TODAY'S READINGS FOR YEAR B

First Reading — The vision concerning the woman clothed with the sun (Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab).

Psalm — The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold (Psalm 45).

Second Reading — Christ, the firstfruits; then those who belong to him (1 Corinthians 15:20-27).

Gospel — Mary praises God in the Magnificat (Luke 1:39-56).

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Parishioners

Grant Adams, Lucien Cravens, MaryAnn Maness,
Peggy Moss, Joey Wall,

Relatives

Kelli Blankenship, Thomas Blankenship, Austin
Ernst, Emily Ernst, Jackie Donnett, Andrew Grower,
Christine Hart and the twin boys Benjamin and
Theodore, Nicholas Kirkpatrick, Jenny Moore,
Andrew Morlan, Yu Youn Suk

Friends

Emma Cupples, Sunny Maness, Fr Robert Ponticello,
For all who have Covid 19

Volunteers Needed

We still need 2 volunteers to be
sacristans on Sundays.
Thank you to the parishioners that have
stepped up to help.

WEEKLY OFFERING

August 8th	
Budget	\$1750
Actual	\$2106
Bldg.	\$0
Over	\$356

Liturgical Ministers

Aug 22nd:

Lector: Eleanor Michie

Server: Carlos Limon

Sacristans—

Altar Linens — Laurie Green, Mary The-
resa Foster

Ushers—Men of the Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44;
Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10;
Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5;
Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21;
Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

Mass Schedule



Monday: 11:30 am

Wednesday: 11:30 am

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 11:30 am

Vigil on Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am

Coming Events.

August 25th through September 7th,
Mary Alyce will be out of town and the
office will be closed.

We are reviving the Outreach Com-
mittee to meet the needs of our faith
community. There will be a sign up
sheet in the narthex next weekend
for those willing to help. The needs
include a friendly phone call or card
to someone ill or infirmed , a casse-
role or breakfast item delivered to
their home, or minor repairs or grass
cutting once or twice while they re-
cover. Thanks.

Jean Stevens chair 614-1235.