



Assumption Catholic Church

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 10, 2025



You must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come. LUKE 12:40

May you find Christ here...may you take Christ to the world!

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, 12 noon
Friday, 9:00 a.m.

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.
Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Sunday Reflection: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

What is the meaning of the parable of the master who returns from a wedding feast to his home in the middle of the night (Luke 12:35-40)? The door to one's house in the ancient world was usually bolted from the inside, especially at night to keep out thieves and troublemakers. It was not possible to enter from the outside without help from someone inside. Domestic servants who knew their master's voice were expected to be always vigilant and prepared to unbolt the door and let him in without a moment's delay. This required an attentive watchfulness and listening ear for any sign of the master's approach. No distraction, not even sleep, could be allowed to interfere with the preparation for the master's return. If the servants failed to hear the voice of their master's return, they literally shut him out since he could not unbolt the door from the outside. Their failure to welcome and serve the master on his return brought shame and dishonor and even punishment.

If the Lord Jesus knocked on our door today, would we be ready and eager to receive him? He wants us to be prepared for his coming - today, tomorrow, at the hour of our death, and when he comes again at the end of this present world to judge all the living and the dead. The Lord will reward those who have believed in him. The Lord Jesus knocks on the door of our heart each and every day. Do we listen to His word and receive it with trust and joy? The Lord calls to each one of us and He says, "Listen! I am standing and knocking at your door. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and we will feast together" (Revelation 3:20). Do we hunger for the Lord and for the treasure of His kingdom?

Readings for Next Sunday,

August 17, 2025

Jeremiah 38:4-10

Hebrews 12:1-4

Luke 12:49-53

Saint of the Week... St. Lawrence

Lawrence was a Roman deacon, charged with responsibility for the material goods of the Church and distribution of alms to the poor. According to legend, when Lawrence knew he would be arrested, he sought out the poor, widows, and orphans of Rome and gave them all the money he had on hand, selling even the sacred vessels of the altar. When the prefect of Rome heard of this, he sent for Lawrence and said, "I am told that your priests offer in gold, that the sacred blood is received in silver cups, that you have golden candlesticks at your evening services. Now, your doctrine says you must render to Caesar what is his. Bring these treasures; the emperor needs them to maintain his forces. God does not cause money to be counted: He brought none of it into the world with him, only words. Give me the money, therefore, and be rich in words."



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Lawrence replied that the Church was indeed rich. "I will show you a valuable part. But give me time to set everything in order and make an inventory." After three days he gathered a great number of blind, lame, orphaned, and widowed persons and put them in rows. When the prefect arrived, Lawrence simply said, "These are the treasures of the Church."

The prefect was so angry he told Lawrence that he would indeed have his wish to die—but it would be by inches. He had a great gridiron prepared with coals beneath it, and had Lawrence's body placed on it. After the martyr had suffered pain for a long time, the legend concludes, he made his famous cheerful remark, "It is well done. Turn me over!" St.

Lawrence's Feast is celebrated on August 10, the date of his death. He is the patron saint of cooks, deacons, and the

poor. Source: franciscanmedia.org



Jan Biser, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Hailey Claire, Linda Davis-Kyle, Gloria DeMasi, Palma Devic, Marion Dorsey, Cam Duncan, Dave & Jean Dunn, Lucas Dupuis, Scott Furey, Marilyn George, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Harbaugh, Jean Harber, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Bill Lupis, Lance Lupis, Angelo Luvara, Betty

McAvoy, Cindy Mills, Steve Miner, Paul & Connie Murray, Wanda & Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Cathy Pardee,

Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carole Rhodes, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Charlotte Sanders, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Nathaniel Taylor, Shawn Whetzel, Courtney Whiteman, Barbara Willis.

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The Assumption

OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Assumption is the oldest feast day of the Blessed Mother, but it is not known 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. Every memory of Jesus was obliterated from the city, and the sites made holy by his life, death and resurrection had become 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," located close to Mount Zion, where the early Christian community had lived. 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 that time, the "Memory of Mary" was being celebrated; it would later become the 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.

At the Council of Chalcedon in 451, when bishops from throughout the Mediterranean world gathered in Constantinople, Emperor Marcian asked the Patriarch of
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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, August 15, 2025

Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Note that there will not be Mass at 9 a.m. that day.

Can't make it at 6:00? Mass at Our Lady of Grace in Romney will be on Friday at 12 pm.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, August 9	4:00 pm	Soul of Fred Selders.....	Terri Morris
		The Harber Family	Sue & Jean Harber
Sunday, August 10	8:30 am	Soul of Chuck Biser	Sue & Jean Harber
		Intentions of Gary & Frances Alt	Mike & Joanne Stickley
Monday, August 11	No Mass		
Tuesday, August 12	No Mass		
Wednesday, August 13	5:00 pm	Soul of Richard Gibson.....	Kathleen Gibson
Thursday, August 14	12:00 pm	Intentions of Our Daily Mass Prayer Warriors.....	Anonymous
<i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>			
Friday, August 15	6:00 pm	People of Assumption Parish.....	Assumption Parish
Saturday, August 16	4:00 pm	Soul of Fred Selders.....	Larry & Theresa Keller
		Soul of Ron Willis.....	Sue & Jean Harber
Sunday, August 17	8:30 am	Souls of John & Hazel Coffman.....	Cindy & Jim Alt
		Soul of Sam Lyons.....	Frances Lyons
		Intentions of Denny Dolechek & Mike Landis	S&J

Join us to pray the Rosary 30 minutes prior to each weekday Mass.



Next Sunday = Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass next Sunday (August 17) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee and fellowship! Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for hosting this month.

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of Jerusalem to bring the relics of Mary to Constantinople to be enshrined in the capitol. The patriarch explained to the emperor that there were no relics of Mary in Jerusalem, that "Mary had died in the presence of the apostles, but her tomb, when opened later, was found empty. So the apostles concluded that the body was taken up into heaven."

All the feast days of Mary mark the great mysteries of her life and her part in the work of redemption. The central mystery of her life and person is her divine motherhood, celebrated both at Christmas and a week later on the feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (January 1). The Immaculate Conception (December 8) marks the preparation for that motherhood, so that she had the fullness of grace from the first moment of her existence, completely untouched by sin. Her whole being throbbled with divine life from the very beginning, readying her for the exalted role of mother of the Savior.

The Assumption completes God's work in her since it was not fitting that the flesh that had given life to God himself should ever undergo corruption. The Assumption is the Lord's crowning work as Mary ends her earthly life and enters eternity. The feast turns our eyes in that direction, where we will follow when our earthly life is over.

The feast days of the Church are not just the commemoration of historical events. They do not look only to the past; they look to the present and to the future and give us an insight into our own relationship with God. The Assumption looks to eternity and gives us hope that we, too, will follow Our Lady when our life is ended.

In 1950, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Assumption of Mary a dogma of the Catholic Church in these words: "The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven."

With that, an ancient belief became Catholic doctrine and the Assumption was declared a truth revealed by God.

Source: EWTN

Your Faithful Stewardship

August 2-3, 2025

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes..... \$2,987
Loose Donations..... \$626
Total \$3,613

Attendance

Saturday, 8/2 67
Sunday, 8/3 105
Total 172

Upcoming Diocesan Collection

A Diocesan collection will take place next weekend for the Education of Seminarians in our diocese.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, August 16

Lector: Cathy Pardee
Servers: Sue Harber, John Gustafson, Morgan Gustafson
EMs: Alan Taylor, Mary Wagoner (c), Bill Lupis (c)
Cantor: Mike Dupuis
Greeters: Kelli & Kerri Wittman

Sunday, August 17

Lector: Geoff Newlin
Servers: Jane Placka & Liam Dupuis
EMs: Dave Minnich, Nancy Starcher (c), Beverley Iser (c)
Cantor: Julie Alt
Greeters: Tony & Marie Del Signore

Saturday, August 23

Lector: Alan Taylor
Servers: Eric Hatfield & Eric Hatfield II
EMs: Karen Yowler, Kathy Finnell (c), Norma Clark (c)
Cantor: Linda Marsh & Anita Tetreault
Greeters: Jean Harber & Diana Myers

Sunday, August 24

Lector: Derek Stephen
Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick
EMs: Mike Landis, Jane Placka (c), Rosie Landis (c)
Cantor: Patrick George
Greeters: Paul Bogdan & Janet Corley

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

August 14 Cindy Alt
August 21 Joanne Stickley

MESSAGE FROM GOD

I have a
plan for you.
Are you listening?