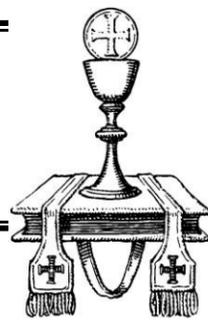


Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
August 15, 2021



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

This weekend the Church calls us to consider the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, one of four Dogmas regarding our Blessed Mother (the other three: Mother of God, Immaculate Conception and Perpetual Virginity).

This Dogma of the Blessed Virgin Mary is defined as the firm belief that when Mary “having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.” And although this Dogma was not formally defined until 1950 by Pope Pius XII in *Munificentissimus Deus* (The most bountiful God), the roots of this strong devotion are manifested as early as the 4th Century.

But what exactly is a Dogma? The Catechism of the Church defines Dogma as the revealed teaching of Christ to her Church, that ought to be believed by all her members. Although we may not fully understand or comprehend these truths now, belief in them provides a light to lead us along the path of faith and security (CCC 88). This Dogma of the Assumption provides for us, in the light of Hope, an anticipation of our own eternal dwelling with Christ, our Lord and Mary, our mother.

Together in Prayer

WEEKLY NEWS

Receptions

We will have two receptions to welcome our new missionaries - Father Alex (our new Pastor) and Mother Milagro and to say good-bye to Mother Parousia at: Sacred Heart of Jesus parish hall on Saturday August 21st after the 5:30 p.m. Mass and at St. John the Baptist courtyard on Sunday August 22nd after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. If you have any questions please contact Sr. Krolowa 705 745 7631. Everyone is invited!

Parish Membership

Welcome! New parishioners are encouraged to register with the parish by completing a parish

registration form, available on the website or at the Parish Office. You may wish to consider offering financial support to the parish by using *Sunday Offering Envelopes* or *pre-authorized withdrawals*. For more information contact the Parish Office.

Catechism Classes

The Catechism program will start soon. For more information about Baptism, First Communion and Confirmations please contact Sr. Inmaculada at stjohnandsacredheart@gmail.com

Subscribe to our Parish Bulletin by Email

Would you like to receive the parish bulletin each week by email? Send a message to office@stjohnpeterborough.ca or office@sacredheartpeterborough.ca and we will add you to our mailing list.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This process, through which adults become fully initiated members of our Catholic faith community, will begin again this fall. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and the possibility of becoming a Catholic, please contact Sr. Inmaculada. The process involves a weekly commitment to formation sessions and participation at Sunday Mass. It is open to any unbaptized adults, those baptized in other Christian churches, and Catholics who desire to complete their initiation.

PRO-LIFE Monument at Sacred Heart of Jesus

Please help to support the Pro-Life monument to be standing at the garden of Sacred Heart Parish. Please contact Elizabeth Donald for any questions. It will be the only Pro-Life Monument standing in our city and it will make us committed to fight for the defense of life from the moment of conception to natural death.

Please Pray

Please join us in prayer for the children and their families who will receive sacraments this coming school year.

St. John Bosco Friend of the young, Teacher in the ways of God, Your dedication to empowering the needy inspires us still. Help me to work for a better world, where the young are given the chance to flourish, where the poor's dream for justice can come true, and where God's compassion is shown to be real. Intercede for us as we bring our needs to you and to our heavenly Mother, the Help of Christians. Amen

GOSPEL Luke 1.39-56 Sunday August 15, 2021

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

And Mary remained with Elizabeth about three months and then returned to her home.

MASS SCHEDULE

- Sat., Aug. 14 Vigil Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
5:30 p.m. For all Parishioners of Sacred H.
- Sun., Aug. 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
9:00 a.m. + Barbara Coughlin from Margaret and John Gorman.
5:00 p.m. For protection and guidance of Madison Harrison as she goes off to college from Larry and Elizabeth Donald.
- Mon., Aug. 16 St. Stephen of Hungary**
8:00 a.m. **Mass at St. John the Baptist**
In thanksgiving for graces received from a parishioner.
- Tue., Aug. 17 Ferial Weekday**
8:00 a.m. In thanksgiving for graces received from the Devereaux family.
- Wed., Aug. 18 Ferial Weekday**
8:00 a.m. **Mass at St. John the Baptist**
For the intentions of Darren DeSilva.
- Thu., Aug. 19 St. John Eudes, Priest**
8:00 a.m. + Fr. Guz Mendonza from the Devereaux family.
- Fri., Aug. 20 St. Bernard, Abbot, Doctor**
8:00 a.m. For the Holy Souls of purgatory.
- Sat., Aug. 21 Vigil of Twenty-First Sunday OT**
5:30 p.m. For all Parishioners
- Sun., Aug. 22 Twenty-First Sunday Ordinary T.**
9:00 a.m. + Bill Duffus from Pat Booth.
5:00 p.m. For the protection and perseverance of Joshua Harrison from Larry and Elizabeth Donald.

Weekly Collections for August 8, 2021	
Offertory	1,839.70
Fuel and Church Maintenance	160.00
Vocations office	30.00
Rent	600.00

Parish Office Hours for August
In August the Parish office will be open for in person visits every Wednesday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **705 745 763**