

The Assumption of Mary

There are many religious languages. Even the three Abrahamic religions have distinctive vocabularies. For example, Jews speak about Kabbala (mystical knowledge of God), Kaddish (prayer for the dead) and Kosher (dietary rules). Islam speaks of Sharia (law), Shahada (oneness of God) and Salat (prayer). Likewise, Christianity uses a technical vocabulary, often derived from its Hebrew, Greek and Latin backgrounds.

Christianity refers to its technical language as theology. "Incarnation, expiation, eschatology" are typical Christian words. More specifically, Catholicism often slips in Greek or Latin words: *Theotokos* for 'Mother of God', *filioque* '...and from the Son'. In the context of resurrection, we find the word "Assumption" used to refer to the mystery concerning the Blessed Virgin Mary's destiny.

While it is true that there is no mention of Mary's assumption into heaven in the New Testament, there are strong hints. The early Church's identification of Mary as the new Ark of the Covenant leads our minds to the New David – Jesus her Son – and to the likelihood that the Christ in glory would want to have his mother to share as fully as humanly possible in his heavenly Temple of Glory.

When in 1950 Pope Pius XII defined the dogma of Mary's Assumption into heaven, he was showing the world the realism of Christianity. The Resurrection really happened, confirmed in the Assumption of Mary, another aspect of faith which touches on our final destiny. The Assumption highlights the importance of matter, of the human body and the cosmic dimen-

sion of a world redeemed.

What was new in 1950 was the declaration that the Assumption of Mary became a defined *dogma* of the faith. The content of the dogma was almost as old as the Church herself. St Ambrose (339-397) had written "In Christ's resurrection, the world arose. In Christ's resurrection the earth itself, the heavens arose. In Christ's resurrection the earth itself arose". It was the "sensus fidelium" (sense of the faithful) that believed that Mary shared in the resurrection and ascension of Jesus as she had shared in the Incarnation and nativity of Jesus, as she had shared in the sufferings of Jesus from her place at the foot of the cross. In believing in Mary's Assumption, the early Church was in the same breath believing in "the resurrection of the body and life everlasting". Hence, too, in the Assumption, we the faithful are acknowledging that "the flesh" is already saved.

In 2004 the official ecumenical conversations between the Anglican and the Catholic Church came to the conclusion that "God has

taken the Blessed Virgin Mary in the fullness of her person into his glory" and that this belief is "consonant with Scripture and it can, indeed, only be understood in the light of Scripture".

The Preface to the Eucharistic prayer for the feast of the Assumption describes Mary's Assumption "as the beginning and image of your Church's coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people". That is why we pray in today's Mass that "always attentive to the things that are above, we may merit to be sharers of her glory".



Assumption of the Virgin, oil on panel, Church of Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari, Venice, by Titian (16th C)

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

FIRST READING: Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6, 10.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 45.

RESPONSE:

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

1. The daughters of kings are those whom you favour.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir. R
2. Listen, O daughter, pay heed and give ear;
forget your own people and your father's house. R
3. So will the king desire your beauty.
He is your lord, pay homage to him. R
4. They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king. R

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:20-27.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Mary has been taken up into heaven; the host of angels rejoices. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-56.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

Redemptorist

PARISH MISSION

A parish mission – or retreat – is a time of renewal, evangelization, and conversion, rooted in the very identity of the Church. From her earliest days, the Church has gathered the faithful to rekindle faith, deepen prayer, and renew the spirit of discipleship.

Typically, a mission includes:

- Morning Mass
- Midday Novena & Exposition
- Evening Mission Service
- Confession

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 17 Aug Liturgy of the Day

Ezekiel 24:15-24; Deut. 32:18-21; Matthew 19:16-22

Whatever you face in your day today, don't lose heart and don't lose steam. Know that God goes before you, creating a clean heart and a fresh perspective and giving you the strength to endure.

Tue 18 Aug (Bl. Victoria Rasoamanarivo)

Ezekiel 28:1-10; Deuteronomy 32; Matthew 19:23-30

Known as the "Mother of the Church of Madagascar", this valiant woman singlehandedly kept the Catholic Church alive in Madagascar during a time of repression, showing great courage and love.

Wed 19 Aug (St John Eudes, Pr)

Ezekiel 34:1-11; Psalm 23; Matthew 20:1-16

St John Eudes described union with Jesus as more perfect than a body's union with its head – and that prayer is as essential for the Christian as breathing is for human life.

Thu 20 Aug St Bernard, AbD

Ezekiel 36:23-28; Psalm 51; Matthew 22:1-14

"There are those who seek knowledge for the sake of knowledge, that is curiosity; Those who seek knowledge to be known by others, that is vanity; And those who seek knowledge in order to serve; that is Love." – St Bernard

Fri 21 Aug St Pius X, P

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 107; Matthew 22:34-40

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; (and) touches most the heart of the Mother of God ... and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary." – St Pius X

Sat 22 Aug Queenship of Mary

Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 113; Luke 1:26-38

For St Alphonsus Liguori, Mary's queenship is not just a theological concept but a practical, daily relationship. He encouraged the faithful to entrust themselves to her sovereign care every morning.

Sun 23 Aug 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalm 138; Matthew 16:13-20

"Our joy in God reflects the joy of the Trinity ... The more faithfully and hopefully we respond to God's love in our life, the greater will be the fullness of our joy." – Gloria Durka

KEY: SOLEMNITY; FEAST; Memorial; (Optional Memorial)
P= Priest; Ab= Abbot; D= Doctor; P= Pope

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MASS INTENTIONS AUGUST 2026

15	Sat	17h00	RIP Francis Manickum Maria Pestana Our Lady of Grace
16	Sun	08h00	RIP Francis Manickum RIP Augusta & Fernando Moutinho RIP Maria dos Reis & Jose Ferreira All souls in purgatory Vocation discernment
		10h00	RIP Clementina de Nobrega RIP Monica Tum
		17h00	
17	Mon	18h00	COMMUNION SERVICE RIP Francis Manickum RIP Monica Tum
18	Tues	18h00	RIP Francis Manickum Special intention for A Julie
19	Wed	18h00	RIP Francis Manickum
20	Thu	18h00	RIP Francis Manickum
21	Fri	18h00	RIP Francis Manickum 40 days

SICK LIST

We pray for the sick, housebound and their caregivers.



Richard Heslop, Shammy Naidoo, Kevin Demmer, Harold de Jongh, Gordon Milburn, Veronica Wheeler, Leonardo, Ken Walters, Wendy Elliott, Genevieve van der Merwe, Gideon Wathen, Nadine Botha, Enita Davies, Michael Serrao, Vincent S, Leo Vest, Pat Vosloo and Jean Loudon

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH ARCHDIOCESE FUNDRAISING

We will be selling chicken wings and chip combos and chicken wings and roll combos after all the Masses for the next few weekends please give your support to this fundraising effort. The combo prices start at R60.

SOUP KITCHEN

The Soup kitchen has begun operating again this weekend. It's being run by Ernest Breytenbach. Should you wish to get involved via donations or as a participant, please contact Ernest on 0725849963.

SECOND HAND CLOTHING

Outreach has a need for donations of men's clothing and shoes. If anyone can assist, please contact the parish office or leave the donation in the baskets at the entrance of the church.

FR AWAY

Fr Daniel is away till the 25th of September. Fr Joseph is in attendance.

BAPTISMS:

Our next baptism will be on the 4th of October after the 10am Mass. All parents wanting to baptise their children must contact the parish office to make an appointment with Fr Daniel.

WEDDINGS:

All those wishing to be religiously married in the Parish must please contact the parish office **before booking the wedding venue** as there are matters of importance that need to be discussed.

REPOSITORY:

The hours are Sunday 07h45 till 09h45 and 30 min after the 10h00 mass

PARISH FINANCES

TITHING:

All parishioners who are tithing can find the record of payments made on the notice board. Please check that your payment is registered. If you would like to tithe, please fill in the form in the box.

Please continue to support our Parish via the banking details or the attached Snapscan code

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CARITAS

CHRIST THE KING OUTREACH PROGRAMME



We provide various food parcels, baby and adult clothing, all household items and toys to the less fortunate. We support various homes for both adults and children. Should you have items that you wish to donate these can be dropped off at the parish office during the week or left in the baskets at the back of the church over the weekends. We continue to assist many families in our parish with everyday necessities thanks to your generous donations. Should you wish to donate to this worthy cause our banking details are:

Christ the King Catholic Church

Queenswood: Standard bank, Cheque account, Account number 011182709, Branch code 000145

NEWS

NGOME SEPTEMBER PILGRIMAGE

Please contact the parish office to ascertain that you are on the list and that your payment has been received. This will determine if your place on the bus has been confirmed.

Please send through all proof of payments to the office as the size of the bus will be determined by the number of paid people on the list as of the 15th of August.

The bus will leave the church on the morning of the 18th at 05h00 and will arrive at the church on the 20th in the late afternoon.

A copy of the itinerary is available upon request from the parish office.