



CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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August 15, 2021 Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Happy feast day my dear Assumption family and friends!

What a beautiful day this is for our parish community! What a beautiful blessing to celebrate Mary and her glorious Assumption into Heaven! On this day, we turn our gaze on the woman full of grace. We turn our gaze on our Mother and the Mother of our Lord.

We affirm what has been solemnly declared by Pope Pius XII in the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*, "The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven."

Friends, Mary's Assumption teaches us that Jesus took his mother to Himself in Heaven at the end of her life. It was not because of her own power, but because of her special relationship with our Lord and the Church. Mary's Assumption is something God did for her.

Now, why is this feast so significant in our own spiritual and parish life?

The solemnity helps us turn our eyes in the direction where Mary was assumed body and soul. Her assumption points to our final destination, our heavenly home in the presence of our living and loving God. In short, Mary's Assumption reminds us that we too will be with God in heaven someday.

Thus, this solemnity reminds us of who we are. We are created for the glory of God and to be with God for all eternity. Our destiny, the goal of our lives, is to be with God.

May this Assumption of Mary encourage us to persevere on our journey of faith. May we remain faithful in our walk with Christ all throughout our lives, and ultimately join Him, Mary and all the saints in heaven. May we remain hopeful in the face of trials and sufferings in life and keep our eyes on the prize, to never waiver from the course, to constantly move forward in faith.

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community! God gives us a mother and a model in our faith. Let us allow ourselves to be guided by Mary so that we, too, may enjoy the experience of being close to God in heaven one day.

On a personal note, I am truly grateful for the immense generosity of the many people who helped in our Family Day celebration. To the parish staff, Pastoral Council, Festival Committee and the countless volunteers, ministers and to all of you who gave their time, talent and treasure, thank you! Thank you! May God bestow upon you and your loved ones abundant blessings.

O Mary, assumed into Heaven, pray for us!

"The feast of the Assumption of Mary is a call to each of us, especially those who are afflicted by doubt and sadness, and live with their gaze turned down, unable to raise their glance. Let us look up. Heaven is open. It does not inculcate fear. It is no longer distant because on the threshold of Heaven, a mother, our mother, is awaiting us. She loves us, she smiles at us, and she thoughtfully assists us. Like every mother she wants the best for her children, and she says to us: "You are precious in God's eyes; you were not made for the small satisfactions of the world, but rather for the great joy of heaven". Yes, because God is joy, not boredom. God is joy. Let us allow Our Lady to take us by the hand. Each time that we hold the Rosary in our hands and pray to her, we are taking a step forward, towards the great destination of life.

Let us allow ourselves to be attracted by true beauty. Let us not be befuddled by the trivialities of life, but rather let us choose the greatness of Heaven. May the Holy Virgin, Gate of Heaven, help us daily to trustfully and joyfully look to where our true home is, where she is awaiting us like a mother."

--- Pope Francis

Our solemn obligation to the attend Mass on SUNDAYS and HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION has come back into force in the Diocese of Oakland as of today, August 15, 2021, the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven.

RETURN TO THE EUCHARIST—NEW MASS TIMES NOW IN EFFECT

Saturday: 4:30 PM Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00AM
Sunday: 10:00 AM
Sunday: 12:00PM
Monday-Saturday 8:15AM

"So let us come back to Him at Mass in person, joining together as a worshipping community, to be fed with His word in Scripture, and His body and blood in Holy Communion."

CALLING ALL YOUTH!

Youth, Confirmation & Faith Formation Students

Registration is now open for all students in the Faith Formation programs. All forms and information is on the parish website. Students preparing for First Eucharist need to have two years of preparation. Confirmation students must be at least 15 or a sophomore in high school. Classes begin on September 19th. All classes will be in person and students will be required to wear a mask during class. Any questions, please email Mary Schirmer at mschirmer@assumptionsanleandro.org.

Feast Day Special Second Collection

As part of our Outreach to our community, we will have a special second collection on the Solemnity of the Assumption: **Mary Offering for Motherly Cause**. The offering collected will go to **Building Futures in San Leandro** which serves Alameda County's homeless women & their children, who are concurrently dealing with issues of domestic violence, substance abuse, and/or mental illness. Special envelopes are available at the back of the church. We thank you for your generosity.

Financial Report
Week of August 8, 2021
\$6,357.05

RCIA and Adult Confirmation

Are you or is someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church?

Have you been away, and want to come back to the Church and not sure how?

Do you have a non-Catholic family member or friend who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith?

Were you baptized but did not receive First Communion or Confirmation?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the Catholic Church's way of welcoming new members. It can also be the path to prepare for First Eucharist and/or Confirmation for baptized Catholics. RCIA is much more than a program. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Jesus Christ.

If you are interested in learning more about this process, please contact Jim Brady at 510-393-9396 or email at jbrady@assumptionsanleandro.org.

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament takes place every Wednesday from 8:45-9:45 immediately following morning mass. It is especially powerful to adore Jesus in the Eucharist. In the presence of the Eucharist, we pray to the power and sacrifice that it represents — the body of Jesus, who gave His life so that we may live.

St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, even the child in Elizabeth's womb leaps for joy at the approach of Mary, the "low servant", who by accepting God's plan for her became blessed for all generations. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites anyone with interest in growing spiritually through service to the poor to follow the example of Mary. This past week we assisted a single woman who was formerly homeless with food and a past due utility bill. We also brought food to a disabled couple living in a motel. If or someone you know is in need of assistance please call our Help-Line at 510-352-6079

AUGUST 14—AUGUST 21, 2021

We Remember at the Eucharist

Saturday 14

8:15a.m. End Abortion in America
4:30pm Connie Brady+

Sunday 15

8:00am Norman Hall+
10:00 am Ida Borin+
Audrey O'Brien (100th Birthday)
12:00 noon. People of Assumption Parish

Monday 16

8:15a.m. Edwin P. Aguiar+

Tuesday 17

8:15a.m. Eleanor Poggetto+

Wednesday 18

8:15a.m. Pat Gilmore+

Thursday 19

8:15am End Abortion in America

Friday 20

8:15am Henry Dee (Living)

Saturday 21

8:15am Bea & Andy Bianco+
4:30pm Bill Stavosky+

FORMED Pick of the Week:

"The Bible and the Virgin Mary"

How much do you know about Mary's Assumption?

Celebrate Mary's Assumption into heaven with this beautiful and engaging episode.

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-assumption>

Special Intention Prayers

If you need prayers or have special intentions, please email at frjohn@assumptionsanleandro.org or call the office at (510) 352-1537. These intentions will be included in our daily rosary. If you wish to be included in the universal prayer at mass, please contact the office. We invite you to join us as we gather to pray the Rosary together. Monday thru Saturday Church of The Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary Parishioners pray the Rosary immediately after the 8:15am morning mass.

Pray the Rosary

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FLOCKNOTE

Flocknote is Assumption's new and improved way of communicating with our parishioners! This program makes it much easier for you to get the information you want from us!

Register online:

[https:// assumptionsanleandro.flocknote.com](https://assumptionsanleandro.flocknote.com)

You will receive emails or text messages from the groups and ministries that you choose and you can reply directly back to those messages, so we get your feedback! Flocknote is totally free for you to use, and you don't have to download anything or create a password. It just takes a moment to sign up!

Parish Office Hours:

Monday thru Thursday
9:00AM -12:00PM – 12:30PM - 3:00PM
Friday 9:00AM to 12:00PM

PAROCHIAL STAFF

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ASSUMPTION SCHOOL

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School Summer Office Hours: 9am-1:00 pm
July 1—August 15

Celebration of the Eucharist

Daily Mass: 8:15am (Live Streamed)

Saturday: 4:30pm **Sunday:** 8:00am,
10:00am (Live Streamed), 12:00noon

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30pm to 4:00p, and by Appt

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Attention: Martha

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Message:

Please send 250 bulletins