



## Weekly Bulletin

August 7 to August 14, 2010

### REFLECTIONS ON THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*Message from Benedict XVI at the Angelus  
Papal Summer Residence, Castel Gandolfo  
Friday, 15 August 2008*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today, in the heart of what Latin-speakers called the "*feriae Augusti*", the August holidays, from which the Italian term "ferragosto" derives - the Church celebrates the Assumption into Heaven of the Virgin Mary, body and soul. The last reference to her earthly life in the Bible is found at the beginning in the book of the Acts of the Apostles, which presents Mary gathered in prayer with the disciples in the Upper Room, waiting for the Holy Spirit (Acts 1: 14). Subsequently a double tradition - in Jerusalem and in Ephesus - attests to her "Dormition," as Eastern-rite believers say, that is, her "falling asleep" in God. This was the event that preceded her passing from this earth to Heaven, professed by the uninterrupted faith of the Church. In the eighth century, by establishing a direct relationship between the "Dormition" of Mary and Jesus' death, for example, John Damascene, renowned doctor of the Eastern Church, explicitly affirms the truth of her bodily assumption. In a famous homily he wrote: "She who nursed her Creator as an infant at her breast, had a right to be in the divine tabernacles" (*Sermon II: On the Assumption*, 14, PG 96, 741B). As is well known, this strong conviction of the Church culminated in the dogmatic definition of the Assumption affirmed by my venerable Predecessor Pius XII in the year 1950.

As the Second Vatican Council teaches, Mary Most Holy should always be seen in the mystery of Christ and of the Church. In this perspective: "the Mother of Jesus in the glory which she possesses in body and soul in heaven is the image and beginning of the Church as it is to be perfected in the world to come. Likewise she shines forth on earth, until the day of the Lord shall come (cf. 2 Pt 3: 10)" (*Lumen Gentium*, n. 68). From Paradise, especially in difficult times of tribulation, Our Lady always continues to watch over her children whom Jesus himself entrusted to her from the Cross before dying. How many are the testimonies of this motherly concern found in visiting shrines dedicated to her! At this moment I think especially of the unique *citadel* of life and hope that is Lourdes.

Mary assumed into Heaven points out to us the final destination of our earthly pilgrimage. She reminds us that our whole being - spirit, soul and body - is destined for fullness of life; that those who live and die in love of God and of their neighbor will be transfigured in the image of the glorious Body of the Risen Christ; that the Lord will cast down the proud and exalt the humble (cf. Lk 1: 51-52). With the mystery of her Assumption Our Lady proclaims this eternally.

May you be praised for ever, O Virgin Mary! Pray the Lord for us.

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#### SCHEDULES

##### Masses:

Saturday 5:00 PM  
Sunday 9:00 AM

##### Confession:

Sunday 8:00AM-8:45AM

##### Eucharistic Adoration:

Friday 7:00PM-8:00PM

##### Religious Education:

Sunday 10:30AM-12:00PM

##### 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Month:

- Mass at 8:30AM
- Altar & Rosary Society Meeting

*To know, love and serve Jesus Christ*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday 8/7  
5:00 PM Altar & Rosary Society

Sunday 8/8  
9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday 8/14  
5:00 PM Frank Heintz, Sr.

Sunday 8/15  
9:00 AM People of the Parish

**GOSPEL READING AT MASS**

**Saturday 8/7(Vigil)**  
Luke 12: 32-48 or 12: 35-40

**Sunday 8/8**  
Luke 12: 32-48 or 12: 35-40

**Monday 8/9**  
Matthew 17: 22-27

**Tuesday 8/10**  
John 12: 24-26

**Wednesday 8/11**  
Matthew 18: 15-20

**Thursday 8/12**  
Matthew 18: 21 – 19:1

**Friday 8/13**  
Matthew 19: 3-12

**Saturday 8/14(AM)**  
Luke 11: 27-28

**Saturday Confession 1**  
Saturday Confession will be at the  
**Cathedral of Saint Paul** from  
3:30PM-5:00PM

**Lus ceeb toom**

Vim tsis muaj tus teb xov tooj hauv peb lub Tsev teev Ntuj lawm, mas yog nej hu tuaj, tus yuav teb xov tooj yog tus khiav hauj lwm nyob pem lub niam Tsev teev Ntuj Cathedral). Tso nej npe thiab xov tooj, Txiv Plig mam li hu rov rau nej.

**St. Vincent de Paul  
Pray for us!**

**Pray the Rosary-August 15th**

The Saint Paul Council of the Knights of Columbus pray the rosary at a Saint Paul area church every Sunday at 2 PM. The Council has been doing this for 41 years. The group prays three sets of mysteries and the Litany of the Blessed Virgin. Next Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, Saint Vincent de Paul will be the host parish. Everyone is invited to the main church at 2 PM.

**Financial Aid for Catholic Schools**

Saint Vincent de Paul received a special grant a couple of years ago for the sole purpose of assisting students from our parish to attend Catholic schools. Several students have benefited from this fund over the past four years. The remaining funds are available to parishioners who would like to enroll their children in Catholic schools and can demonstrate financial need. Assistance for the coming year is available in the amount of \$500 for grade school tuition and \$1,000 for high school tuition. Requests should be submitted in writing to Fr. Johnson by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

\*\*\*\*\*Please note that there will not be a pot luck dinner in August.\*\*\*\*\*

**Papal Prayer Intentions For August**

**Refugees** - That the world may become aware of the plight of the millions of displaced persons and find solutions to their tragic conditions.

**Persecuted Christians** – That Christians who suffer persecution and discrimination may be granted human rights, equality, and freedom to live their faith.