



Daily Readings
Week of August 15, 2021

Sunday, 8/15: Rev 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45: 10-12, 16/1 Cor 15: 20-27/
Lk 1: 39-56

Monday, 8/16: Jdg 2: 11-19/Ps 106: 34-37, 39-40, 43ab & 44/Mt 19: 16-22

Tuesday, 8/17: Jdg 6: 11-24a/Ps 85: 9, 11-14/Mt 19: 23-30

Wednesday, 8/18: Jdg 9: 6-15/Ps 21: 2-7/Mt 20: 1-16

Thursday, 8/19: Jdg 11: 29-39a/Ps 40: 5, 7-10/Mt 22: 1-14

Friday, 8/20: Ru 1: 1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146: 5-10/Mt 22: 34-40

Saturday, 8/21: Ru 2: 1-3, 8-11; 4: 13-17/Ps 128: 1b-5/Mt 23: 1-12

Today's Mass Intention:
Kobena Dum



Prayer Corner

- Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck,
Leonard Lasack, Paul Lasack, Mary Lasack,
Marilyn Stevenson, Derek Denniston,
Julie Ahrendsen
- Archbishop Jackels, Fr. Andrew



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August 15, 2021

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule: 11:00am Sunday

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To Our Parishioners & Friends

1. The Solemnity of Assumption :

“If our experience of daily life allows us to feel tangibly that our earthly pilgrimage is under the sign of uncertainty and strife, the Virgin assumed into heavenly glory assures us that we will never lack divine help” (JP II, August 15, 2021). St. John Paul II’s words set the tone for appreciating the relevance and the additional significance the feast of the Assumption of Mary brings to this Sunday’s liturgy.

Our Catholic belief in Mary’s Assumption into heaven is linked practically with the reality of Jesus’ Ascension into heaven, and it reaffirms the fundamental truth we hold about the resurrection of all believers. Mary’s Assumption shines through the words of the prophet Daniel in the first reading, announcing her as the “woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.”

Mary’s victory before God, which she gained through her uncompromising resistance to the ancient serpent that threatened to destroy both her physical offspring (Jesus) and spiritual children (Jesus’ disciples) is the basis for her being taken to “a place prepared by God.” This place, we all hope to be.

Brothers and sisters, as far as the belief and meaning of the Assumption is concerned, we should consider it in all its breadth; we should make it our duty to accept it fully without neglecting it or guiding our lives without it, even when some of the details is apparently more difficult to grasp.

We should allow the feast of Assumption not only to ignite in us the willingness to unify active faith and daily commitment in our personal life with the Eucharist, with prayer, and with the word of God, but also, we should strive to let Mary’s dynamic faith, humility, and obedience to God shine in our lives. Let us permit her son to animate our hearts, souls, and minds with his Spirit and be encouraged by the hope for the glorious future we all have at the end of our lives.

2. Visiting Ghana:

It has been over seven years since I went back home to Ghana. However, in the past month two close family members have passed on, which makes me feel it is time go back home to see my folks out there and be part of the funeral celebrations. I will be gone on September 14, and I hope to be back by October 14.

While I’m away, Fr. Danny Juhl will cover the Masses for me. There will be all weekend Masses in the parishes. However, morning Masses will be on Tuesdays only in Isidore’s and Fridays only in St. John’s.

Thanks to all of you for your sympathies, support, and prayers for my family.

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3. Parish Secretary:

Wendy Swan has been hired as the Sacred Heart parish secretary starting August 1, 2021. We congratulate Wendy and pray for her as she starts this novel job for our parish. Here are some of her job responsibilities we need to know to help us work effectively with her:

Major areas of responsibility:

- Prepares accurate labels, envelopes, correspondence, and emails as needed/ requested
- Opens, distributes, and processes mail.
- Checks parish emails, responds, and processes.
- Assists Pastor, Parish Council, Finance Council, Liturgy Committee, DRE, and volunteer staff in parish and completes work as requested.
- Answers the phone during work hours (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10-11am)
- Coordinates the parish calendar with other staff, committees, and volunteers for weddings, baptisms, Masses, and parish events.
- Maintains sacramental records, notifications, and certificates for baptisms, weddings, and funerals.
- Maintains computer entries.
- Maintains up to date parish list with change of address corrections, new registrations processed, and deceased removed.
- Records Mass intentions and related correspondence.
- Prepares envelope boxes to be distributed to parishioners for tithing each year.
- Is the contact parish representative for parish contact and communication.
- Provides the DRE with support in record keeping, communication, and registration of RE students.
- Communicates Prayer Chain requests.

- Annual Polka Mass & Festival is September 19th. Letters are on the way to let everyone know work assignments, donations of food for dinner and other important information. Mass on that day only, will be at 10:00am. We hope our whole parish family will be able to help with this money-making project. Stay tuned for more information.



- September is quickly approaching, which means CCD will be here before you know it. Interested in teaching? Talk to Sarah Rissler!
- We have a shirt for the festival this year! Price per shirt is \$8 and is due at time of delivery. Order forms are in the hallway of the church and orders are due by September 1st.

← Here is what the shirts will look like. Design is on the back of the shirt.