

August 18th, 2024: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on the Gospel Reading:

Today's feast celebrates Mary's Assumption into heaven. It is one of three feasts of Mary that are Holy Days of Obligation for Catholics in the United States. January 1 is the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, and December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven has long been held as an important Catholic belief. The belief was not defined as dogma, however, until 1950 by Pope Pius XII. The dogma teaches that Mary, who was without sin, was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven.

The Gospel for this holy day recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the Angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. Mary responds to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel. Mary's Magnificat, in particular, echoes the song of praise offered by Hannah, the mother of Samuel.

The Gospel for this day reminds us that Mary's Assumption into heaven is best understood with regard for the full spectrum of Catholic beliefs about the person of Christ and the person of Mary. Only Mary, who was born without stain of original sin—the Immaculate Conception—could give birth to Christ, who is fully God and fully human. This is called the Immaculate Conception. Because of Mary's role in God's plan of salvation, she does not suffer from the effects of sin, which are death and decay. Mary is the first to receive the fullness of the redemption that her son has won for all of humanity. The Church, therefore, recognizes Mary as the sign of the salvation promised to all.

Today's Gospel highlights Mary's faith. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation.

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Sacred Heart Parish
A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



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Weekend Masses:
Weekday Mass:

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am.
Tuesday to Friday 10a.m.
Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

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First Friday of each month - 2 pm
***Note:** No mass at the church on this day.

Bible Study:
Holy Hour of Adoration:
Reconciliation:
Marriages:
Baptisms:
Family Connections:
St. Vincent de Paul:

To resume in September.
Postponed until further notice.
By request.
Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.
Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.
At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.
To assist those in need. Call 709-638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS
on August 10 & 11

Regular Sunday	1195.00
Loose Offering	255.55
Building Fund	65.00
Votive Candles	42.00
Mass Stipends	30.00
Wedding Fees	100.00

MASS INTENTIONS Aug. 20 – 25

Aug. 20-22	No Mass on these days.
Aug. 24	The Late Rita Josephine McGrath
Aug. 25	The Late Nellie & Joe Hayes (Sr.) The Late George, Gary & Gregory Musseau

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

August 24	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Jerome Dicks	Art Hall
August 25	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Calvin Gillis	Amelia Dicks
Communion to the sick – Barbara Neville	

NO MASS:

There will be no mass from August 20th to the 22nd as Father Lainey will be away.

CONDOLENCES:

The parish would like to offer our heartfelt condolences to John Hancock and family on the passing of his son Sean Michael Hancock. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

WALK-A-THON: September 21st, 2024

Keep those Shoes handy for our next Fundraiser for our Walkathon. Starting from Sacred Heart Church To the Rock Art Wall on Griffin Drive And Back to the Church for Hot Chocolate. Nothing is finalized yet, however we do have sponsor sheets at the back of the church. Come sign up for this walk in support of our parish.

KITCHEN PANTRY:

This year instead of filling the Kitchen Pantry at Sacred Heart Elementary School at Christmas time with Breakfast items, we will have it done come this September when school opens. Such items would be juice packs, breakfast bars that are peanut free (should have a nut free logo on pack), fruit cups, puddings, etc... We will have a better list the closer we get to September. The Ladies Group will be available if there are any questions regarding this.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:

Have you ever thought about being an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist? Eucharistic ministers, as they are usually called, assist the priest with the distribution of the element(s) of the Holy Communion during Mass. Due to the nature of the ministry, it should be approached with reverence and respect.

If you feel that you are willing of this ministry, please contact the parish office at 709-785-5025.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY: We are a group of people who compassionately perform various tasks related to funerals in our parish. The bereavement team and the presiding priest meet with the grieving family to plan a mass of Christian burial or a funeral home liturgy. The team supports the family by listening, lifting them up with prayer and encouragement. They coordinate the required set up for the funeral service and notify all involved such as musicians, readers, servers, gift bearers etc. They conduct a practice to ensure the family is comfortable with their role in the service. The team attends and assists at the funeral home vigil and the mass of Christian burial. After the funeral a member of the bereavement team would call or visit the family while maintaining boundaries and privacy of the grieving family. We are welcoming new members to our parish bereavement teams and invite you to join us. You will be provided with proper training and sufficient time to adjust to your new role. For more information, please call the parish office at 709-785-5025.

Joke of the Day

Early one morning the husband and wife were arguing over who should get out of the warm bed to make the coffee. Finally the wife folded her arms and said decidedly,
“You have to make the coffee. It’s in the Bible!”
The husband was shocked. “Is not! Show me!”
Pulling out her Bible, the wife opened it to one of the New Testament books and declared,
“It says right here — HEBREWS!”

LECTOR/READER:

Would you like to become a more active participant in Mass? Are you a good reader? Have you ever considered becoming a lector here in the parish? A good lector proclaims the Word of God in the first and second reading of the Mass. Effective proclamation of the Word involves the delivery of the message with clarity, conviction and at both an appropriate volume and pace. The lector also leads the general intercessions. If this sounds like something you could do and would like to try, please contact the parish office at 709-785-5025.

Reflection:

The presence of Christ

Christ be near at either hand,
Christ behind, before me stand.
Christ with me where e’er I go,
Christ around, above, below.

Christ be in my heart and mind,
Christ within my soul enshrined.
Christ control my wayward heart,
Christ abide and ne’er depart.

Christ my life and only way,
Christ my lantern night and day.
Christ be my unchanging friend,
Guide and Shepherd to the end.

Flor McCarthy, *New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies – Year B*,
Dominican Publications, Dublin (Ireland), 1999, p.274