

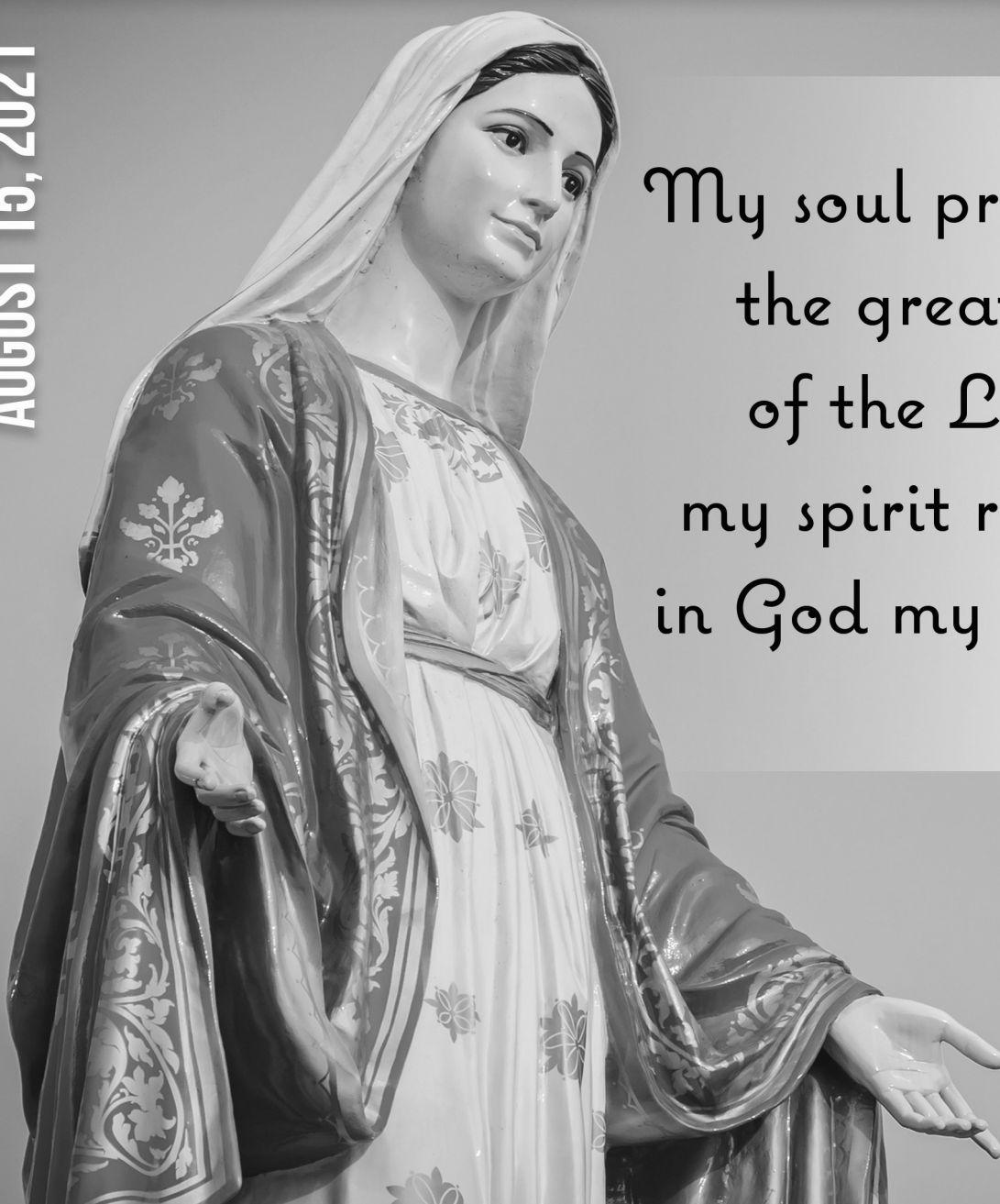


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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

AUGUST 15, 2021



My soul proclaims
the greatness
of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices
in God my Savior.

Luke 1:46

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*After we have poured forth prayers of supplication again and again to God, and have invoked the light of the Spirit of Truth, for the glory of Almighty God who has lavished his special affection upon the Virgin Mary, for the honor of her Son, the immortal King of the Ages and the Victor over sin and death, for the increase of the glory of that same august Mother, and for the joy and exultation of the entire Church; by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, **we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.***

Hence if anyone, which God forbid, should dare willfully to deny or to call into doubt that which we have defined, let him know that he has fallen away completely from the divine and Catholic Faith.

Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, in the year of the great Jubilee, 1950, on the first day of the month of November, on the Feast of All Saints, in the twelfth year of our pontificate.

The foregoing statement is from the Apostolic Constitution of Pope Pius the XII defining the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is her glorious Assumption that we celebrate this Sunday. The Solemnity of the Assumption is always on August 15th. It is a holy day of obligation. This year August 15th falls on a Sunday, and it takes precedence over what would be the 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time. This means we will not hear the last part of Our Lord's discourse on the Bread of Life which began two Sundays ago. We will not hear the Proclamation of the Gospel of John for the 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time where Jesus says, "Let me solemnly assure you, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. He who feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has life eternal, and I will raise him up on the last day." Keep this verse in mind, because next week the Gospel begins with many of the disciples of Jesus remarking, "This sort of talk is hard to endure! How can anyone take it seriously?"

There are important things we ought to consider as we celebrate the Assumption of Mary, body and soul into heavenly glory, keeping the Bread of Life in mind. We should consider how integral the body is to our person. We are not ourselves without our body. In fact, we are not really a whole person without our body. In English we have words and expressions that identify the person by the body. For instance, we may say, "I am somebody," or "Is anybody home?" or, "What's a body to do?" The old Baltimore catechism defined man as "a creature composed of body and soul and made in the image and likeness of God." Although it is true that the soul is spiritual and, therefore, immortal, we are not fully ourselves without our body. Our belief in the resurrection of the body inspires us with great hope and consolation. St Paul says, "If the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile," 1Cor. 15:16-17. In the Mass of the Assumption the Church gives thanks to God, through Christ Our Lord, because the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven as the beginning and image of the Church coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to God's pilgrim people. "Rightly you would not allow her to see the corruption of the tomb since from her own body she marvelously brought forth your incarnate Son, the Author of life."

We must realize how important our bodies are. They are not meant to be instruments of sin but destined to share in the glory of God. Mary nourished the body of Christ and is, therefore, the mother of the Bread of Life. Christ gave his body on the Cross for us as an offering to God, a gift of pleasing fragrance. He gives His body to us as the Bread of Life so that we may have eternal life. "The one who eats this bread will live forever." Mary's body gave life to Christ's body. Christ's body gives us life. Jesus and Mary are in the glory of heaven body and soul. It is our hope that we will enjoy eternal life with them, body and soul.

~ Fr. Stephen F. Watson, O.C.D.

PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF PADRE KINO

*Almighty and merciful Father, Lord of the Nations, You inspired Your servant, Eusebio Francisco Kino, with a love for the Peoples of the Americas, and filled him with selfless zeal for the Gospel. Your love for the desert Peoples of the Americas came to life in him, forming him into a bridge-builder between peoples and cultures – a prophet of justice in service of their lives and their dignity. We thank You for the celestial favors bestowed upon him in his lifetime of service and evangelization. Inspired by his example, we ask that You open our hearts to continue his legacy of peace-making and of loving service. With hope in his intercession before Your heavenly throne, we beg You to grant the petitions we now bring before You... Also, if it be in accord with Your will, we ask, too, that the holiness of his life may result in a declaration of sainthood so that his example might inspire peace, understanding, and justice among all peoples. We ask this through Christ our Lord, for the greater glory of Your Name. **Amen.***

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

We are planning a Parish Social Tardeada to celebrate our Patronal Feast Day of Santa Cruz Church. The date will be Sunday, September 12th, 2 to 6pm. The place will be Casino Ball Room. This event will be free.

**"As iron sharpens iron,
so one man sharpens another."**

-Proverbs 27:17

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 14th

8:00am In Honor of Santa Lucia

5:30pm Ramiro "Rammy" Loza/R.I.P.

Sunday, August 15th

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners

8:00am Joseph Rojel Valencia/R.I.P.

10:00am Michelle Carrizosa/R.I.P.

12:00pm Oscar & Frank Leon/R.I.P.

6:00pm Xavier & Maggie Rodriguez/Wedding
Anniversary & Maggie/Happy Birthday

Holy Souls in Purgatory, most in need
of our Prayers/R.I.P.

Fernando Pina/R.I.P.

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In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

In Honor of Saint Joseph

Jimmie & Annie Vidal/R.I.P.

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In Honor of Saint Joseph

Gilbert Shea/R.I.P.

Parish Collection August 8th, 2021

Collection: \$ 4,703.30

2nd Collection: \$ 700.67

Total: \$ 5,403.97

*Thank you and God bless your generosity!
¡Gracias y que Dios bendiga su generosidad!*

New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in the church.

***Please note that the 12 noon Mass is following full COVID protocols:
social distancing, masks required and distancing in pews**

Masses: Sun. 6:30 am, 10 am, *12 noon & 6 pm

8 am Spanish at Capilla de Guadalupe (409 E. 31st Street)

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am, Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

Confession: Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Baptisms: Call the parish office for more information / Llame a la oficina parroquial

Matrimony: Please call at least six months in advance.

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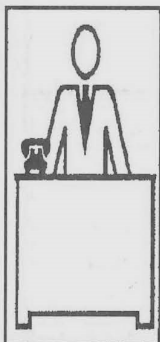
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