

### SANTA CRUZ ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH DISCALCED CARMELITE FRIARS





#### Reflection on the Queenship of Mary

The Queenship of Mary is celebrated on August 22 making it the last day of an octave of days since the Church celebrated the glorious Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The queenship of Mary has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." Mary is intimately associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. In the Old Testament the mother of the king has enormous influence in court. Likewise, Mary has great influence with her Son in heaven.

We believe that in heaven Mary is our mother and queen who by her constant intercession cooperates with the birth and growth of divine life in our souls. By her maternal charity, she cares for the disciples of her Son, who still journey on earth surrounded by dangers until they are led into the happiness of their true home. In effect, Mary's mediation is intimately linked with her motherhood. It possesses a specifically maternal character. Mary's mediation is "a sharing in the one unique source that is the mediation of Christ himself." The maternal help of Mary brings us closer to the Mediator and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. The Blessed Virgin Mary's intercession is special and extraordinary, flowing as it does from her divine motherhood. Since Mary is the earthly Mother of God's only begotten Son and his "generous companion" in the work of redemption "she is a mother to us in the order of grace." This is why we also venerate Mary as the Mother of the Church.

We believe that as Queen Mother, the distribution of graces and favors has been entrusted to Mary by Jesus. It is with loving generosity that she bestows these graces on all her children. Although Queen, Mary is very approachable. As Saint Thérèse, the Little Flower, reminds us, "She is more Mother than Queen." Pope Pius XII who instituted the Memorial of the Queenship of Mary (originally observed on May 31 and changed to August 22 by Pope Paul VI) said, "the Virgin Mother of God reigns with a mother's solicitude over the entire world." We should pray to Mary with the confidence of children who know that their mother always hears their cry. Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy. To you do we cry, to you do we send up our sighs. Queen of the angels, pray for us. Queen of patriarchs and prophets, pray for us. Queen of apostles and martyrs, pray for us. Queen of confessors and virgins, and of all saints, pray for us. Queen of families, pray for us. Queen conceived without original sin and assumed into heaven, pray for us. Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us.

The Queen of the Rosary will help families to stay together by praying the rosary. As Pope St. Paul VI said in a beautiful teaching on devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, "The Rosary should be considered as one of the best and most efficacious prayers in common that the Christian family is invited to recite. We like to think, and sincerely hope, that when the family gathering becomes a time of prayer, the Rosary is a frequent and favored manner of praying. We understand the changed conditions of life today do not make family gatherings easy, and that even when such a gathering is possible many circumstances make it difficult to turn it into an occasion of prayer. There is no doubt of the difficulty. But it is characteristic of the Christian in his manner of life not to give in to circumstances but to overcome them, not to succumb but to make an effort," *Marialis Cultus*, 54. The next time we pray the Fifth Glorious Mystery of the Rosary, let us ask our Queen Mother to give us the grace to be closer to her Son the King of Kings.

How blessed we are to have such a Queen Mother like Mary, who when on earth lived by faith, to help us on our journey of faith. *Mientras recorres la vida tú nunca solo estás: contigo por el camino Santa María va. Ven con nosotros a caminar, Santa Maria ven.* ~Fr. Stephen F. Watson, O.C.D.

Sunday Mass Schedule Saturday 8/27/2022 5:30 p.m. Fr. Stephen 8/28/2022 Sunday 6:30 a.m. Fr. Stephen 8:00 a.m. Capilla Fr. Stephen Fr. Stephen 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. Fr. Showri



Fr. Bala

6:00 p.m.

Reachout Women's Center Baby Bottle Drive at **Santa Cruz Church** will begin on August 20th and 21st. The baby bottles will be available at the church for each family or individual member as you leave mass. Hopefully, you will be able to fill them during the next two weeks with any loose change found in pockets and/or around the house. Even a check (made out to Reachout Women's Center) or a dollar bill or two will fit and will be wonderful in helping to give loving ∎support to Walking with Moms in Need and their babies. The bottles will be collected in TWO WEEKS return on the weekend of September 3rd and 4th before and after each Mass. Thank you in advance for your very generous support in helping to Change the lives of the clients we serve at Reachout Women's Center.

Registration for Catechism Classes have begun. The Religious Office will be open:

Sunday, August 21st and Sunday, August, 28th after the 10 am Mass and the 12 noon Mass. You must call the Catechism Office (520) 882-9687, to make an appointment to register your child. Information regarding class times will be given to you when you call. Classes will begin Saturday, September 24th. The R.E. office is also open Tuesday to Friday from 8 am to 2 pm.

**ADULTS** needing to receive sacraments, please call the Religious Education office for registration information.





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Rev. Stephen Watson, O.C.D. Pastor: Rev. David Costello, O.C.D. In Residence:

# Cass Intention

#### Saturday, August 20th

8:00am Gloria Lopez/Happy Birthday

5:30pm Joshua Lyssard/R.I.P.

#### Sunday, August 21st

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners

8:00am Teresa Fallarme/R.I.P.

10:00am Martha Meza/R.I.P.

12:00pm In Honor of the Sacred heart of Jesus/

Int. Carlos & Lily Contreras/R.I.P.

6:00pm Paul Angulo & Juan Gonzalez/R.I.P.

#### Monday, August 22nd

In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe 8:00am George Nicolas Ortiz Yslava/R.I.P.

#### Tuesday, August 23rd

In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus/ Int. Nieves Ortiz & Family

8:00am Carlos Gonzales/R.I.P.

#### Wednesday, August 24th

I.C. Andersen/R.I.P.

8:00am Ignacio & Hilda Vega & Walter Vega/R.I.P.

#### Thursday, August 25th

Evangelina Lowe/R.I.P.

8:00am Jimmy, Sr. & Annie Vidal & Jimmy, Jr. & Linda Vidal/R.I.P.

#### Friday, August 26th

In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe 8:00am Jose & Beatrice Bustamante/R.I.P.

> Parish Collection August 14th, 2022 Collection: \$ 5,316.95 Solidarity Fund for the

Church in Africa: \$ 708.10

## Thanking You for Your Service to Our Parish

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) Confessions: 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. Por favor de llamar con seis meses de anticipación.

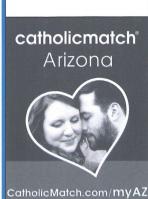
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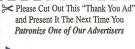


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