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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 14, 2022

The Assumption
of The *Blessed Virgin Mary*



**Monday (August 15th) School Mass at 8:00 am
& 6:00 pm Mass (bilingual)**

Please take note that since the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on a Monday this year, it is not a holy day of obligation in the U.S. dioceses. (Since 1993, whenever August 15, the solemnity of the Assumption, falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the precept to attend Mass is abrogated. This also applies to the solemnities of All Saints and Mary, the Mother of God.)

Reflection on the Glorious Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars, Revelations 12:1.

In many places, August 15th marks the high point of summer. When I was growing up my family would go on vacation at this time. In Italy, August 15th is known as Ferragosto. It is a national public holiday and the semi-official peak of Italy's summer holiday season. (The name comes from the Latin *Feriae Augusti* -the festivals of the Emperor Augustus.) Even though our children have gone back to school, I think we should do our best to make August 15th a festive time. The Assumption of Mary is such a beautiful thing to contemplate.

A famous French bishop (Bossuet) said, "Mary's sacred body, the throne of chastity, the temple of incarnate wisdom, the instrument of the Holy Spirit, and the seat of the power of the Most High, could not remain in the tomb. The triumph of Mary would have been imperfect if her body, which was in a way the source of her glory, had not been assumed into heaven."

We are a creature of God composed of body and soul, made in His image and likeness. We are not a whole person without our bodies. We say things like, "Is anybody here?" Or, "Nobody is home." And, "I am somebody." We speak like this because we identify ourselves with our body. This is only natural. We cannot see our soul. It is true that the soul is immortal and that our likeness to God is chiefly in the soul. But remember that St. Paul says our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, 1Cor. 6:19. We must have the utmost care and respect for it. Christ's body was the instrument of our salvation. His body was carried in Mary's body for nine months. We receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body in Holy Communion. The bodily assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven gives us hope for our own future place in heaven. Even though we are not divine we are meant to be in heaven body and soul with Our Savior and His Blessed Mother. St. Teresa of Jesus said that if there were nothing to provide delight for one's vision in heaven than the exalted beauty of glorified bodies, this vision would be very great glory, especially the vision of the humanity of Jesus Christ, our Lord [and the Blessed Virgin]. See The Book of Her Life, c 28.3.

Due to what is called *Original Sin* we suffer a lack of harmony between our body and soul. Our understanding is darkened, our will is weakened. We are inclined to sin. St. Paul teaches that the "wages of sin is death," Rom. 6:23. The Blessed Virgin Mary was freed from Original Sin through the merit of her divine Son. We call this the Immaculate Conception. We can think of Mary's Glorious Assumption as her birth into heaven for she is borne, i.e., transported, to heaven body and soul.

How we live in the body is important. Let us not take our bodies for granted. I worry that young people spend too much time in virtual reality wandering around in cyberspace. There is a real disconnect with the body, a body which occupies a physical space. Interaction in real space is necessary for the proper development of relationships, especially friendship. Social media is artificial and interferes with the need for social interaction. Social media has been called the empty calories of social interaction. Our bodies are an integral part of who we are as persons. May we merit to share in the glory of Our heavenly Mother, Mary. Let us journey together in hope.

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

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday	8/20/2022	
5:30 p.m.		Fr. Stephen
Sunday	8/21/2022	
6:30 a.m.		Fr. Stephen
8:00 a.m.	Capilla	Fr. Stephen
10:00 a.m.		Fr. Showri
12:00 p.m.		Fr. Showri
6:00 p.m.		Fr. Bala



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 will begin on **Tuesday, August 16th**. 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**. ~ *Martin Doe*

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





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Business Hours Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Closed for lunch 12:45pm - 1:45pm

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 13th

8:00am George Rivera/R.I.P.

5:30pm In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima/
Int. Souls of Infants, victims of abortion

Sunday, August 14th

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners

8:00am Grace Nuno/R.I.P.

10:00am Patricia Armenta & Gilbert Armenta/R.I.P.

12:00pm Annie Lopez/Happy Birthday

6:00pm Eva Cota/R.I.P.

Monday, August 15th

In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00am Charles Kelly/R.I.P.

Tuesday, August 16th

Marietta Okamoto/R.I.P.

8:00am Elaine M. Valenzuela, Maria R. Mankel &
Rosie M. Batriz/R.I.P.

Wednesday, August 17th

Special Int./The Aytona Family

8:00am Special Int./Piña Family

Thursday, August 18th

Nichelle Verdugo/Happy Birthday

8:00am Jose Angel Toro/Happy Birthday

Friday, August 19th

Special int./Denise Martinez & Family

8:00am Willy Bravo/R.I.P.

Parish Collection August 7th, 2022

Collection: \$ 5,399.41

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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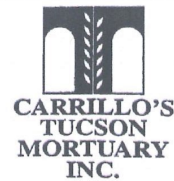
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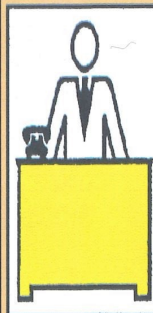
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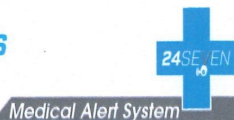
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