

St. John's Newsletter



Feast of the Assumption of Mary

The Christian feast day of the Assumption of Mary celebrates the belief that God assumed the Virgin Mary into Heaven following her death. The Solemnity of the Assumption is celebrated on or around August 15. Like the dogma of Mary's Immaculate Conception, the dogma of the Assumption is not explicitly stated in the Bible. The teaching that at the end of her earthly life, Mary was assumed into heavenly glory, body and soul was dogmatically defined by Pius XII in 1950 in *Munificentissimus Deus*.

Join us for Mass celebrating the Feast at St. John the Evangelist chapel at noon on Monday, August 15.

The difference between Mary assuming into heaven and Christ ascending into heaven is that of Christ's divinity. Christ did not need anyone else's power to assume Him back to heaven; rather He ascended on His own.

RCIA

Please pray for anyone considering joining in full communion with the Catholic Church. If you know of anyone considering joining the Church and/or receiving sacraments to make them full members of the Church, encourage them to call RCIA Coordinator Mary Jo Peters at 830-426-1181 or contact the parish office.

If you are the one seeking information about full membership in the Church, please call even if you just have questions. Know that we are already praying for you.

In his August 15, 2004 homily given at Lourdes, Pope John Paul II quoted John 14:3 as a scriptural basis for understanding the dogma of the Assumption of Mary. In this verse, Jesus tells his disciples at the Last Supper, "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and will receive you to myself; that where I am, you may be there also." Mary is the pledge of the fulfillment of Christ's promise.

We can point out that Our Blessed Virgin Mary was not the only one to be assumed to heaven. The Bible tells us of two others: Enoch in the Old Testament as described in Hebrews 11:5, and the prophet Elijah in 2 Kings 2:11. So if Enoch and Elijah were taken up to heaven, what would God not do for His Mother?

Sources:

<https://lovingwithallmyheartandsoul.com/what-is-the-assumption-of-mary/>
<https://www.catholicprofiles.org/post/feast-of-the-assumption-mary-mass-day-august-15>
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Improving Communications

We have a lot of amazing things going on here at St. John the Evangelist Church. We have so many ministries and events to help you meet people, share your talents, improve your relationships, answer life's toughest questions, discern the plan and purpose for your life, and to grow closer to God.



We are in the process of adding easy-to-use communications tools to help you stay connected. Look for more information to come as we update email and phone records for the parish.

We have a tremendous community here. And we want to make sure it's as easy as possible for everyone to be involved and connected to it all. Watch for more information to come in the next few weeks.