

Dear Padre

Why do Catholics believe in Mary's assumption into heaven?

Mary's assumption to heaven is a belief shared by Eastern Christians and Roman Catholics, although the explanations of this dogma have different emphases in the two traditions. While there is no biblical or historical record of this event, the first explanation of this doctrine is found in a document from the late 300s.

Mary's assumption was considered a pious opinion until 1950, when Pius XII defined it as dogma (an official Church teaching). The Pope made the declaration after bishops and he found overwhelming consensus throughout the Church.

The definition of Mary's assumption—body and soul—to heaven reaffirmed that God had not only created humans, but also redeemed and claimed them. Mary's assumption reminded the world of the goodness of God's creation and that Christ redeems us from the evil around us (and in us) and made us a new creation.

Perhaps the best explanation can be found in St. John Paul II's 2004 homily at Lourdes. "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be," he said, quoting John 14:3. He explained that Mary's assumption is the pledge that Christ's promise will be fulfilled. The Pope's words echo the teaching of bishops at the Second Vatican Council, which described this dogma as "a sign of sure hope and solace" (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church *Lumen Gentium*], 68).

Abuse of Minors or Vulnerable Adults by Priests, Deacons or Others

To report allegations of sexual abuse of minors or vulnerable adults within the Diocese of Gaylord by priests, deacons or other employees or volunteers, regardless of when it occurred, individuals should:

Contact local law enforcement and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (855-444-3911). The Michigan Attorney General's Office has also set up a special phone line for people to share information that may be of help in their ongoing investigation of sexual misconduct by Catholic clergy. That number is 844-324-3374.

You may also contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Larry LaCross, at 989-705-9010.

In the State of Michigan many professionals, including clergy, teachers, doctors, counselors and named others are mandated reporters. This means such individuals are REQUIRED to make an oral or online report IMMEDIATELY to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services if they suspect a child is being neglected or abused in any way. Individuals may call the state report line at the number above, which is answered 24 hours a day, or submit a report online at [https:// www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73971_7119---00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73971_7119---00.html).

The Diocese of Gaylord encourages ANYONE who has reason to suspect a child is being abused or neglected in any way to report the matter to local authorities and the Michigan Attorney General Hotline at 844-324-3374.



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY— 15 AUGUST 2021

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Scripture readings for the week of Aug. 16—22

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Jgs 2:11-19	Jgs 6:11-24a	Jgs 9:6-15	Jgs 11:29-39a	Ru 1:1, 3-6,	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11	Jos 24:1-2a
Mt 19:16-22	Mt 19:23-30	Mt 20:1-16	Mt 22:1-14	14b-16, 22	4:13-17	15-17, 18b
				Mt 22:34-40	Mt 23:1-12	Eph 5:21-32
						Jn 6:60-69

DEARLY BELOVED,

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (B)
Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20–27; Lk 1:39–56


Today’s readings help us see why Mary should be called blessed. The first reading depicts a woman as gloriously “clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet” (Revelation 12:1). This image is captured in well-known Marian statues. However, this woman is wailing “aloud in pain as she labored to give birth” (12:2). In fact, here and in the Gospel, women are depicted as pregnant.


When a woman is in labor, she is both at her most vulnerable and her strongest. When giving birth she faces the real possibility of death. Yet, she places herself in such jeopardy to bring another to life. Her steely inner resolve is matched with remarkable physical strength when she is called upon to “Push!” The labor pains that precede birth became a striking metaphor, in both ancient Israel and the early Church, for the struggle experienced in bringing forth the reign of God (see Isaiah 21:3, Matthew 24:8, Mark 13:8, and Romans 8:22). Such suffering came to be known as “the birth pangs of the Messiah.”


Certainly, Mary is blessed because of her physical birthing of the Messiah. However, the Magnificat, her revolutionary prayer in the Gospel, describes the birthing of the reign of God when the powerful are brought down and the lowly uplifted, the hungry filled and the rich “sent away empty” (Luke 1:53). This is not a feast of a plastic statue but of a woman willing to give her life for the reign of God. She certainly deserves to be “clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet.”


Sr. Dianne Bergant,


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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

Sunday, August 15, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rosary is prayed half an hour before each Mass.

4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael

Dominic Cosenza

6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Gabriel

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St. Gabriel & St. Raphael

9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine

Leone Duncan

11:00 am Mass, St. Anne

The sick and the suffering

Monday, August 16, St. Stephen of Hungary
NO MASS

Tuesday, August 17,
NO MASS

Wednesday, August 18,
NO MASS

Thursday, August 19, St. John Eudes
NO MASS

Friday, August 20, St. Bernard
NO MASS

Saturday, August 21, St. Pius X
3:30 pm Confession St. Raphael

Sunday, August 22, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rosary is prayed half an hour before each Mass.

4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael

For all who are returning to school

6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Gabriel

Gerald Ludwiczak

9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine

Willis Wilmont

11:00 am Mass, St. Anne

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP
“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Pt 4:10). Thanks you for all the sacrifices you make as we all labor in God’s vineyard to bring the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our neighbors. 10% of everything received is donated to support charities near and far.

	St. Anne	St. Catherine	St. Gabriel	St. Raphael
Needed each week	\$2,242.45	\$2,548.08	\$508.62	\$800.60
Needed year-to-date	\$13,454.70	\$15,288.48	\$3,051.72	\$4,803.60
Actual year-to-date	\$12,434.49	\$18,366.73	\$3,922.30	\$5,538.26
August 8	\$1,194.00	\$2,405.59	\$1,086.00	\$701.90
Other Collections:	\$1,391.00	\$152.00	\$150.00	\$193.00

Pray for Our Priests & Religious

Sunday—Rev. Bernard Tyler

Monday—Rev. Michael Verschaeve

Tuesday—Rev. Duane Wachowiak

Wednesday—Rev. Matthew Wigton

Thursday—Rev. Peter Wigton

Friday— All Deacons

Saturday— Rev. John William

St. Anne Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers: Anyone who would like to be added or removed from the upcoming ministry schedule at St. Anne’s please contact Beth Brege at 989-736-0926.

St. Catherine: 8 ft. buffet tables for sale. \$25.00 per table and we have 13 tables left. Call 471-5121 if interested.

Seminarian Education Fund Collection: August 28 & 29, 2021: Last August this collection was temporarily suspended due to the financial burdens and the uncertainty of COVID-19. As we continue to return to a more normal state of operation the Diocese of Gaylord has reinstated this special collection on the weekend of August 28 & 29, 2021. All active parishioners will be receiving a letter from the Diocese of Gaylord the week of August 23-27. This mailing will include a return envelope for gift processing. There is also an “Seminarian Education Fund” envelope in your parish boxed envelopes if you would rather us that and just drop it in the collection or mail it to your parish. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our young men in the seminary and all those discerning their vocation.

Parish Secretary Needed

St. Anne/St. Raphael

Employment Type: Part Time

Location: Harrisville, MI

St. Anne Parish is looking for a part-time Parish Secretary; the position will assist with the ministry of St. Anne by supporting the various administrative functions of the parish. Employee is expected to work at the parish office, Mon., Wed. and Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This position may require minimal travel. Applications are available on the Diocese of Gaylord website under Office of Ministries then click on Human Resources.

St. Catherine Lectors: If there are any dates you are not available for the upcoming lector schedule please contact Shelby at the parish office at 471-5121 by August 30th.

Saint of the Week-St. John Eudes-Feast Day August 19.

For 20 years, this Oratorian priest preached the basics of the faith to unschooled Catholics across northern France, distinguishing himself especially by serving the sick during epidemics of the plague. But in 1643 he left the French Oratory and with companions founded a new congregation of priests whose charism was the training of priests. The Congregation of Jesus and Mary, also called Eudists, was reconstituted after the French Revolution and today specializes in secondary education. John, devout from childhood, helped spread devotion to the Sacred Heart and was the first to call for an official feast day. He also organized an order of nuns to care for former prostitutes. He was canonized in 1925.