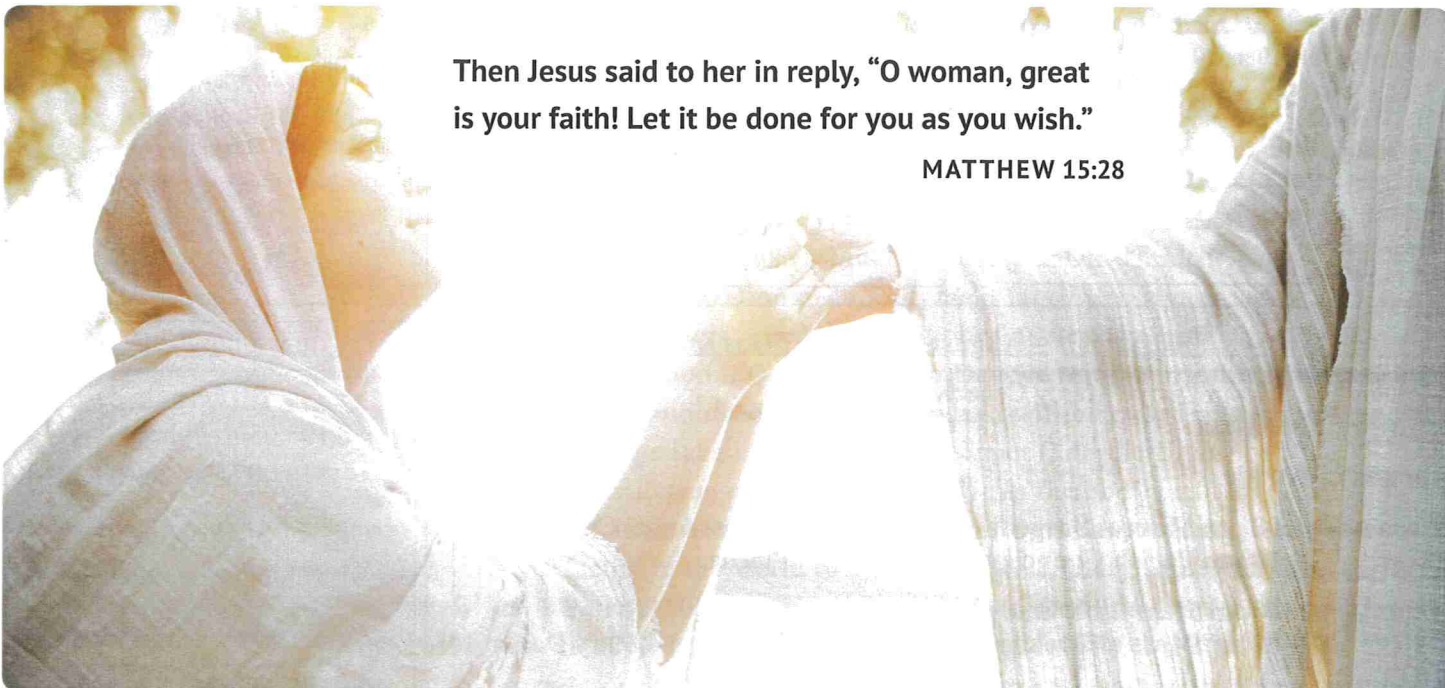




Then Jesus said to her in reply, “O woman, great
is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.”

MATTHEW 15:28

Still Redeemable?

ANN M. GARRIDO

Not once, not twice, but three times in today’s gospel, Jesus dismisses the Canaanite woman who comes to him for help. First, he refuses to speak to her. Then, he says he has come only for “the lost sheep” of Israel. Finally, he compares her to a dog. In ancient Judaism, dogs were considered unclean animals, and to call someone a dog was a harsh insult. How does it feel to hear Jesus speak to a woman in this way? We must admit that it does not sound like the Jesus we know and love.

With the trajectory of the encounter headed downhill (and picking up speed), it is hard to imagine that anything could be done at this point to change the outcome. If I were in her situation, I would have been so offended after the third dismissal that I would have simply slammed the door on the way out. But, remarkably, the story takes a 90-degree turn when the Canaanite woman enters into a verbal joust with Jesus and jolts him into taking her seriously. Very seriously. Jesus praises her for her faith.

“Faith in what?” one might ask. Perhaps faith that this relationship could still turn around. Faith that the antagonistic plotline of history between Jews and Canaanites could still change. Faith that Jesus could still be something other than a dismissive man. Faith that an ignored voice might still be worth hearing. Do we have the praiseworthy faith of the Canaanite woman? Do we still believe that troublesome interactions can yet be redeemed? ●



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Reflect

How strong is my faith? Strong enough to be persistent?

**St. Anselm
Anselmo, NE**

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sargent, NE**

**St. Joseph
Broken Bow, NE**

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Directors or Religious Education
Linly Schmidt - Anselmo
Jill Thompson - Anselmo
Laura Kipp - Sargent
Molly Ryan - Broken Bow

Weekend Schedule

Saturday
3:00-3:30 PM *Reconciliation*
Broken Bow or by appointment
4:00 PM Broken Bow
6:00 PM Sargent
Sunday
8:30 AM Anselmo
10:30 AM Broken Bow

Events This Week: August 17th - August 23rd

Mass Intentions

Monday	1:30 pm Divine Mercy Cenacle St. Joseph	
	No Mass	
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	5:00 pm Mass at Sargent	Miguel Angel Castellon
	7:00 pm Parish Council at Broken Bow	Pineda
Thursday	6:30 am Mens Bible Study Broken Bow	
	9:00 am Mass at Broken Bow	Frances and Mary Dolton †
Friday	10:30am Funeral Mass - Carol Christen	
Saturday	3:00-3:30 pm Reconciliation Broken Bow	
	4:00 pm Mass at Broken Bow	Ruth Fagan †
	<i>Servers: Jocelyn Wagner & Ben Jilg</i>	
	6:00 pm Mass at Sargent	People of the Parishes
Sunday	8:30 am Mass at Anselmo	Linda Kastens †
	<i>Servers: Bryce & Jackson Christen</i>	
	10:30 am Mass at Broken Bow	Gerald and Agnes Smith †
	<i>Servers: Adalyn & Regan Kaup</i>	

REMINDERS AND NOTICES

Please welcome Bishop Emeritus Dendinger
who will preside at Masses this weekend.

St. Joseph Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 19 @ 7:00 pm

Return to Regular Office Hours

Regular office hours will return August 17th.
Please welcome Keegan Clark home upon his return to work.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is a way of life, a way of thanking God
for all the divine blessings we have received by returning
a portion of the time, talent and treasure allotted to us.

August 8/9 Collection

St. Joseph
\$2,195.05 Regular
\$10.00 Mission COOP

St. Anselm
\$1,871.00 Regular
\$25.00 Building Fund
Dick Downey Memorial
\$2,110.00 Dale Cemetery
\$4,000.00 Rectory Roof
\$150.00 Sidewalk

**Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary.**
Regular: \$502.00

**Mission COOP July 25-26,
Fr. Linus Sarte, MF. preached.**

\$1,203.30 St. Joseph
\$865.00 St. Anselm
+ \$515.00 Assumption BVM
\$2,583.30 Total we will send
Missionaries of Faith

**Thank you very much
for your generosity!**

**Thank you to the
Dick Downey Family
for the Memorial Donations
to Dale Cemetery
and St. Anselm's Roof
and Sidewalk projects.**

August 15/16, 2026

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

HAPPY FEAST DAY TO ST. MARY'S IN SARGENT!

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Saturday, August 15th. When a Holy Day of Obligation falls on a Monday or Saturday, the obligation for the Solemnity is lifted. The two exceptions when the obligation is not lifted on a Saturday or Monday, are the Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord and the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (which is the patronal feast of the United States.)

Seventy-six years ago on November 1, 1950, Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "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 to heavenly glory."

Pope Pius XII defined this dogma five years after the use of nuclear bombs on Hiroshima (August 6, 1945) and Nagasaki (August 9, 1945). Referring to the declaration of this dogma, Mary Ellen Hynes writes, "After the horrors of the Second World War, after the death camps, after the first use of nuclear weapons; we Christians needed to remind ourselves of the holiness of creation....On Assumption Day we rejoice that this broken world will be made new again. The barren, the poor, the unloved and even the dead will be raised into glory" (pg. 122, Companion to the Calendar; LTP). (Entire passage taken from the 2010 Roman Catholic Liturgical Ordo).

Vatican II proclaimed in the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, (68) "In the bodily and spiritual glory which she possesses in heaven, the Mother of Jesus continues in this present world as the image and first flowering of the Church as she is to be perfected in the world to come. Likewise, Mary shines forth on earth, until the day of the Lord shall come (cf. 2 Peter 3:10), as a sign of certain hope and comfort for the pilgrim People of God" **May all the pilgrim people of God know this hope and comfort! Fr. Joe Hannappel**

**Contribution Envelope
Changes for 2027**

Starting in January 2027, we will begin a bi-monthly mailing for contribution envelopes.

The envelopes will be similar to previous ones except for minor reformatting for mailing. Envelope numbers will not change unless requested.

The research from our provider Our Sunday Visitor "OSV," is that mailing the envelopes instead of using the boxed set has "**proven to increase collections 10% to 20%, and at the same time add to the number of contributors, if implemented properly.**" There is an explanation in the church entrance.

From a stewardship perspective, I have found that it does increase contact and giving. It costs less than \$2.00 per household to make the change. If it doesn't work we can return to the boxed set next year.

Thank you for your trust and understanding. Peace, Fr. Joe

8/16/2026

St. Anselm

Rectory Porch Roof and Masonry

- \$3,920 Roof Replacement
- + \$24,250 Masonry Repair
- \$28,170 Estimated Cost**
- \$4,000 Dick Downey Memorial
- \$24,170 Total Needed to Raise**

St. Anselm Sidewalk

- \$19,834 Sidewalk Cost
 - \$3,650 Donations
 - \$16,184 Building Funds/Donations**
- 8/3/2026 Decision by Parish Council**

St. Joseph

Sidewalk / Parking Lot Replacement

- \$25,914 Cost
- \$2,490 Donations
- \$23,424 Donations/Building Fund**

St. Joseph Playground

- \$30,338 Cost
- \$26,243 Donations
- \$4,095 Donations/Building Fund**

CATECHISTS NEEDED

Are you looking for a way to strengthen the faith of your Catholic Community?

Please prayerfully consider supporting the children of our parish as a faith formation catechist!

Catechists are need for
3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 11th
grade classes at St. Joseph!

Please contact Molly Ryan
for more information!

**First night of class will be held
September 9th**



Congratulations to
Julia Christen

daughter of Shaun and Tierney
Christen who was baptized at

St. Anselm's on
Sunday, August 16th, 2026.

We rejoice with you
and welcome you!!

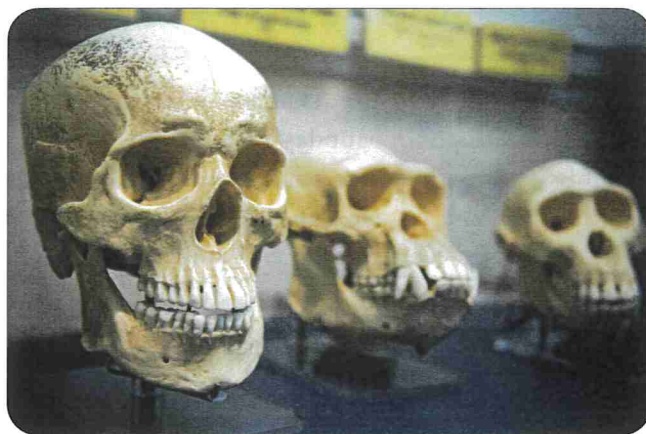
Dear Padre,

What does the Church teach about evolution?

In 1950, Pope Pius XII assured believers that there is no intrinsic opposition between Christianity and the theory of evolution, provided that God is affirmed as the Creator of all things and that the human soul is acknowledged a direct creation of God. (See *Humani Generis* [On the Human Person], 36.) In section 6 of his October 22, 1996, address to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, Pope St. John Paul

II sanctioned the acceptance of evolution theories but added that the nature of the soul and its relationship to God are beyond the realm of science. Thus, the Catholic Church maintains that while evolution explains the development of life, it is God who initiated and guided the evolutionary process, and that our providential God is ultimately responsible for creating the human soul.

Many people find Darwin's evolutionary theory (*On the Origin of Species*, 1859) hard to reconcile with their literal interpretation of the biblical account of origins in Genesis 1 and 2. But views on whether God created human beings in evolutionary stages that span millennia, or literally created human beings in an instant, can coexist for Catholics. Yet, regarding the latter view, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* discourages an overall literal interpretation of the Bible, encouraging readers instead to recognize its various literary genres. (See CCC 109–117.) Recall, too, that the Bible wasn't written for scientific information, nor was Darwinian biology written for theological revelation. ●



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Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 17	August 18	August 19	August 20	August 21	August 22	August 23
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church	St. Pius X, Pope	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 24:15–23	Ez 28:1–10	Ez 34:1–11	Ez 36:23–28	Ez 37:1–14	Ez 43:1–7ab	Is 22:19–23
Mt 19:16–22	Mt 19:23–30	Mt 20:1–16	Mt 22:1–14	Mt 22:34–40	Mt 23:1–12	Rom 11:33–36
						Mt 16:13–20



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

[T]he pain that moves us to compassion is not the pain of a stranger; it is the pain of a member of our own Body, to whom Christ our Head commands us attend, for the good of all. In this sense, our service is identified with Christ's own suffering and, when offered in a Christian spirit, hastens the fulfillment of the Savior's prayer for the unity of all.

MESSAGE ON WORLD DAY OF THE SICK, ROME, FEBRUARY 11, 2026

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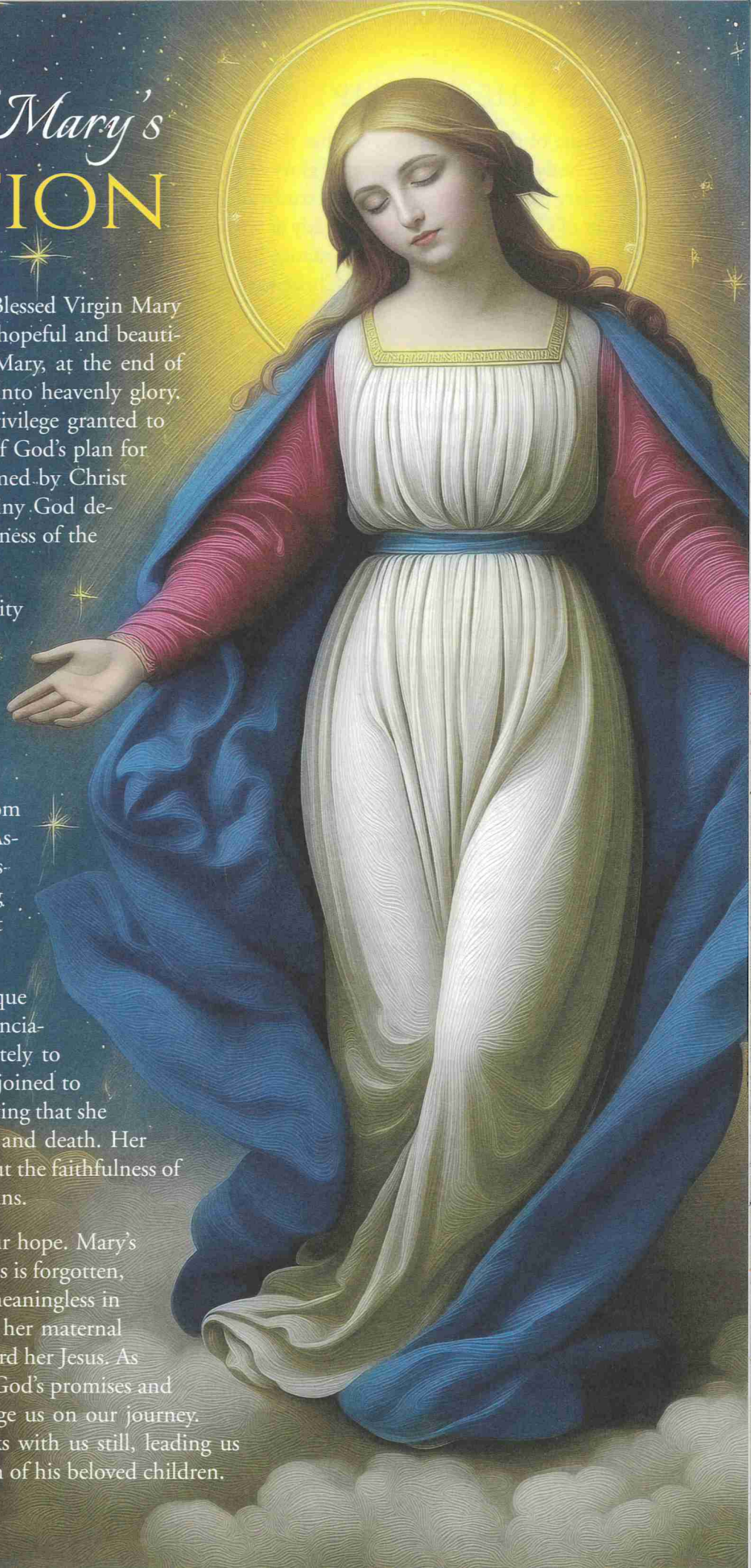
The Solemnity of Mary's **ASSUMPTION**

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary invites us to contemplate one of the most hopeful and beautiful mysteries of the Christian faith: that Mary, at the end of her earthly life, was taken body and soul into heavenly glory. This belief is not only an extraordinary privilege granted to the Mother of God; it is also a revelation of God's plan for every human person. In Mary, fully redeemed by Christ and filled with grace, we glimpse the destiny God desires for all his children—a share in the fullness of the Resurrection.

The Assumption affirms the profound dignity of the human body. In a world that often reduces the body to something merely functional or disposable, Mary's glorification reminds us that our bodies, like our souls, are fashioned by God for eternal life. What happened to Mary foreshadows what God intends for us: not escape from our humanity, but its transformation. Her Assumption reveals the victory of Christ's Resurrection at work in a human life, showing that God's promise of new life is not abstract but deeply personal.

This solemnity also highlights Mary's unique relationship with her son. From the Annunciation to Calvary, she united herself completely to his mission. Because her life was so closely joined to Jesus in faith, obedience, and love, it was fitting that she should share fully in his triumph over sin and death. Her Assumption reflects not only her holiness but the faithfulness of God, who completes the good work he begins.

Celebrating the Assumption strengthens our hope. Mary's destiny reminds us that no act of faithfulness is forgotten, no sacrifice is wasted, and no suffering is meaningless in God's plan. From heaven, Mary continues her maternal care, interceding for us and guiding us toward her Jesus. As we honor her today, we renew our trust in God's promises and allow Mary's glorified presence to encourage us on our journey. The God who lifted Mary into glory walks with us still, leading us toward the fullness of life he desires for each of his beloved children.



WHAT THE ASSUMPTION TEACHES US

The doctrine of the Assumption teaches that Mary, the Mother of God, was taken body and soul into heavenly glory at the end of her earthly life. This mystery expresses several essential truths of our faith. First, it reveals the power of Christ's Resurrection already at work in one of his disciples. Mary's Assumption is not meant to distance her from us; rather, it shows what God desires for all who follow Christ with faith and perseverance.

The Assumption also reaffirms Mary's unique role in salvation history. Preserved from sin and filled with grace from her conception, Mary remained completely receptive to God's will throughout her life. Because she was so closely united to Jesus in love, obedience, and mission, it is fitting that she should share fully in his triumph over sin and death.

For the Church today, the Assumption strengthens hope. Mary's destiny reminds us that the path of discipleship—its sacrifices, joys, and daily acts of faithfulness—leads toward the fullness of eternal life. Her glorification affirms the dignity of our bodies and assures us that God's plan for humanity involves not only spiritual renewal but the transformation of our whole person. In Mary, we see the future God desires for all his children.

WHY THE ASSUMPTION MATTERS TODAY

The Assumption offers a message of hope especially needed in today's world. At a time when many struggle to understand their worth or to see meaning in suffering, Mary's glorification reminds us that every human life is precious to God. Her Assumption affirms the goodness of both body and soul, challenging cultural extremes that either idolize the body or dismiss it as unimportant to spiritual life. Mary shows that our entire humanity is meant for transformation in God.

The Assumption also speaks to our deepest longings. In moments of discouragement or fear, Mary's entry into glory assures us that God's promises are trustworthy. Her destiny reveals that Christ's victory over death is not abstract but already bearing fruit in a human life. What God has done for Mary, he intends for all who follow Christ.

This feast invites us to renewed faith and perseverance. Mary, now in heavenly glory, intercedes for us as a loving mother who understands our struggles and desires our good. Reflecting on her Assumption helps us see our own journey with greater clarity: God calls us to hope, to holiness, and to trust that our lives are moving toward the fullness of life he longs to share with us.

THE HISTORY OF THE SOLEMNITY

The Solemnity of the Assumption has deep and ancient roots in Christian belief, even though the New Testament does not describe the moment of Mary's passing or glorification. By the 4th and 5th centuries, Christian

communities were already commemorating the end of Mary's earthly life, convinced that the Mother of God was taken into heavenly glory. Early sermons, liturgical texts, and apocryphal writings consistently reflect the conviction that Mary's body—having

borne the Incarnate Word—would not undergo decay.

In the Eastern Church, this celebration developed under the title *Dormition of the Theotokos*, highlighting Mary's peaceful "falling asleep" and her being received into glory by her son. The Western Church adopted the title *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, stressing her being taken up into heaven by God's power. Despite different emphases, both traditions celebrated the same core belief: Mary,

uniquely graced and intimately united with Christ, shared fully in his victory over death.

Over centuries, the feast grew in prominence and devotion, eventually becoming one of the most beloved Marian celebrations in the Church. Its

formal doctrinal definition came on November 1, 1950, when Pope Pius XII issued *Munificentissimus Deus* declaring the Assumption a dogma—affirming a faith cherished by Christians since the earliest generations.

