

St. Anthony Bulletin

August 15, 2021

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

Offertory

Received week of 8/1/21 to 8/8/21	\$ 2,652.00
Weekly Budget Amount	\$ 2,021.85
Over/ Under week of 8/1/21 and 8/8/21	\$ 630.85
Year to Date Received 7/1/21 to 8/8/21	\$ 16,346.15
Year to Date Budget Amount	\$ 12,131.10
Year to Date Over/Under Budget Amount	\$ 4,215.14

(Amounts include online Giving Donations)

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Announcements

- Our online bulletin is now available on our website; therefore, if we run out of paper bulletins, you will be able to access the information online: https://myemail.constantcontact.com/St--Anthony-Bulletin-18th-Week-in-OT--August-1--2021.html?soi=1135055377304&aid=BMKd_RqTd2M
- The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: celebrated this weekend, Saturday, August 14 at 4:00 and on Sunday, August 15 at 9:00 and 10:30 am. All readings are for the Mass during the day: <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/081521-Day.cfm>
- Due to the latest COVID mandates from Governor Brown, the following changes have been made at St. Anthony:
 1. Masks are mandatory for everyone during Mass.
 2. Regular Saturday Confessions have been cancelled, and an appointment must be made by contacting Father Joseph: fatherjoseph2405@gmail.com
 3. Sunday Breakfasts and Coffee and Pastries in the parish hall after Sunday Mass have been cancelled until further notice.
- Starting October 3rd, due to low attendance during the winter months, St. Anthony will offer only one Mass on Sundays. These Masses will be celebrated at 10:00 am. All other Masses during the week will remain unchanged.
- Religious Education begins September 19. If you have a school-age child, please sign-up in the vestibule or email our new director, Phyllis O'Boyle: phylliswald@aol.com.

- **Also, if you would like to volunteer as a Religious Educator, please let Phyllis know as soon as possible.** phylliswald@aol.com.
- **Paper bulletins are available after Mass.** **PLEASE**, only take one if you do not receive the online version.
- **Volunteers: We need help!!** If you would like to volunteer to usher at weekend Masses, please tell Father or email the office. We could also use back-up lectors and servers. **Thank you to all of our AWESOME volunteers!!**
- **Thanks to all parishioners for their patience at our recorded Masses.** Father realizes that it's an inconvenience and disturbs the normal silence of our church, but our recorded Masses reach hundreds of the Faithful who would otherwise not be able to hear the Word of the Lord. Thank you, Icie, for all your hard work and dedication!
- **Blood Bank:** Many thanks to Joshua Thaler for creating a team to represent Saint Anthony blood donors. If you would like to join his team and help American Red Cross save even more lives, please use this link: <https://3cu.be/blood>.
- **Monthly calendar** again available each month at church and in this bulletin.
- **Holy Rosary**, 30 minutes before all 9:00am Masses.
- **First Friday Mass**, Healing of the Sick: Adoration, and Benediction began on Friday: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eEaJ63_b_Ew
- **Would you like a Mass Intention for your wedding anniversary?** Please send us your wedding photo and a recent photo for the bulletin and our Wedding Board. Please include the date and place of your wedding and one funny or poignant memory. Whether you are celebrating with your spouse here on Earth or in Heaven, we would like to commemorate your special day. Your photos will remain on the board for the entire month (space permitting).
- **Guest Columnist.** Many thanks to Sheila Shiedler for agreeing to be our guest columnist this week. In the weeks to come, we will feature anyone who would like to share a special spiritual story or their faith journey with our parishioners. If you are interested, please email the office with your story and photo, and you may find it in a future issue of the bulletin. And, if you don't like to write, Lisa Hoffman has volunteered to take your dictation and write your story for you.

Mass Intentions

Sat. Aug. 14 In Thanksgiving for Angie & Denny Bourgerie's 47 years of marriage

Sun. Aug. 15 (9am)  Sharon Fitzgerald

Sun. Aug. 15 (10:30am)  John Stern

Tues. Aug. 17 All fire victims in the western states

Wed. Aug. 18  The Surfside Apartment Building disaster victims

Thurs. Aug. 19 All Seminarians

Fri. Aug. 20 Jerry Raveling

Sat. Aug. 21  Richard Frame and  Ed Fagalde (fuh-GAL-dee).

Sun. Aug. 15 (9am) Larry Prantl

Sun. Aug. 15 (10:30am)  Father Joseph's Parents

Just send a message to the office to schedule a date and time to meet with Lisa...either in person or over the phone.

- **Word Among Us and the Catholic Sentinel:** available in front of the church and at Mai's Asian Market in Newport.
- **Bible Study:** Wednesday, Aug. 18, in the Parish Hall (with social distancing...masks required) after the 9:00 am Mass. Scripture to study: <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/082221.cfm>
- **Please subscribe to St. Anthony's YouTube Channel...we need 1,000 subscribers before we can Livestream to YouTube. Thank you.**

Calling All Stitchers & Crafters



The **Ladies of Stitching for A Cause** is having their annual Quilters Quality Fabric Bazaar on the last Saturday of August (28th), from 10am-2pm, at the St. Anthony Catholic Church Hall

Cash Only, Please
See you there!



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Explained



By Adelaide Mena

Vatican, 15 August, 2020 / 11:01 pm (ACI Africa).

On Aug. 15, Catholics around the world mark the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, commemorating the end of her earthly life and assumption into Heaven.

But while the feast day is a relatively new one, the history of the holiday—and the mystery behind it—has its roots in the earliest centuries of Christian belief.

The Catholic Church teaches that when Mary ended her earthly life, God assumed her, body and soul into heaven.

The dogma of the Assumption of Mary—also called the “Dormition of Mary” in the Eastern Churches—has its roots in the early centuries of the Church.

While a site outside of Jerusalem was recognized as the tomb of Mary, the earliest Christians maintained that “no one was there,” theologian and EWTN senior contributor Matthew Bunson told CNA.

According to St. John of Damascus, the Roman emperor Marcian requested the body of Mary, Mother of God at the Council of Chalcedon, in 451.

St. Juvenal, who was Bishop of Jerusalem told the emperor “that Mary died in the presence of all the Apostles, but that her tomb, when opened upon the request of St. Thomas, was found empty; wherefrom the Apostles concluded that the body was taken up to heaven,” the saint recorded.

By the 8th century, around the time of Pope Adrian, the Church began to change its terminology, renaming the feast day of the Memorial of Mary to the Assumption of Mary, Bunson noted.

The belief in the Assumption of Mary was a widely-held tradition, and a frequent meditation in the writings of saints throughout the centuries. However, it was not defined officially until the past century.

In 1950, Pope Pius XII made an infallible, ex-cathedra statement in the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus deus* officially defining the dogma of the Assumption.

“By the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, 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 into heavenly glory,” the pope wrote.

The decree was seen as the formalizing of long-held Christian teaching.

“We have throughout the history of the Church an almost universal attestation of this,” Bunson said of the Assumption.

“We have this thread that runs throughout the whole of the history of the Church in support of the dogma. That’s significant because it supports the tradition of the Church, but it also supports a coming to a deeper understanding of the teachings of the Church of how we rely upon the reflections of some of the greatest minds of our Church.”

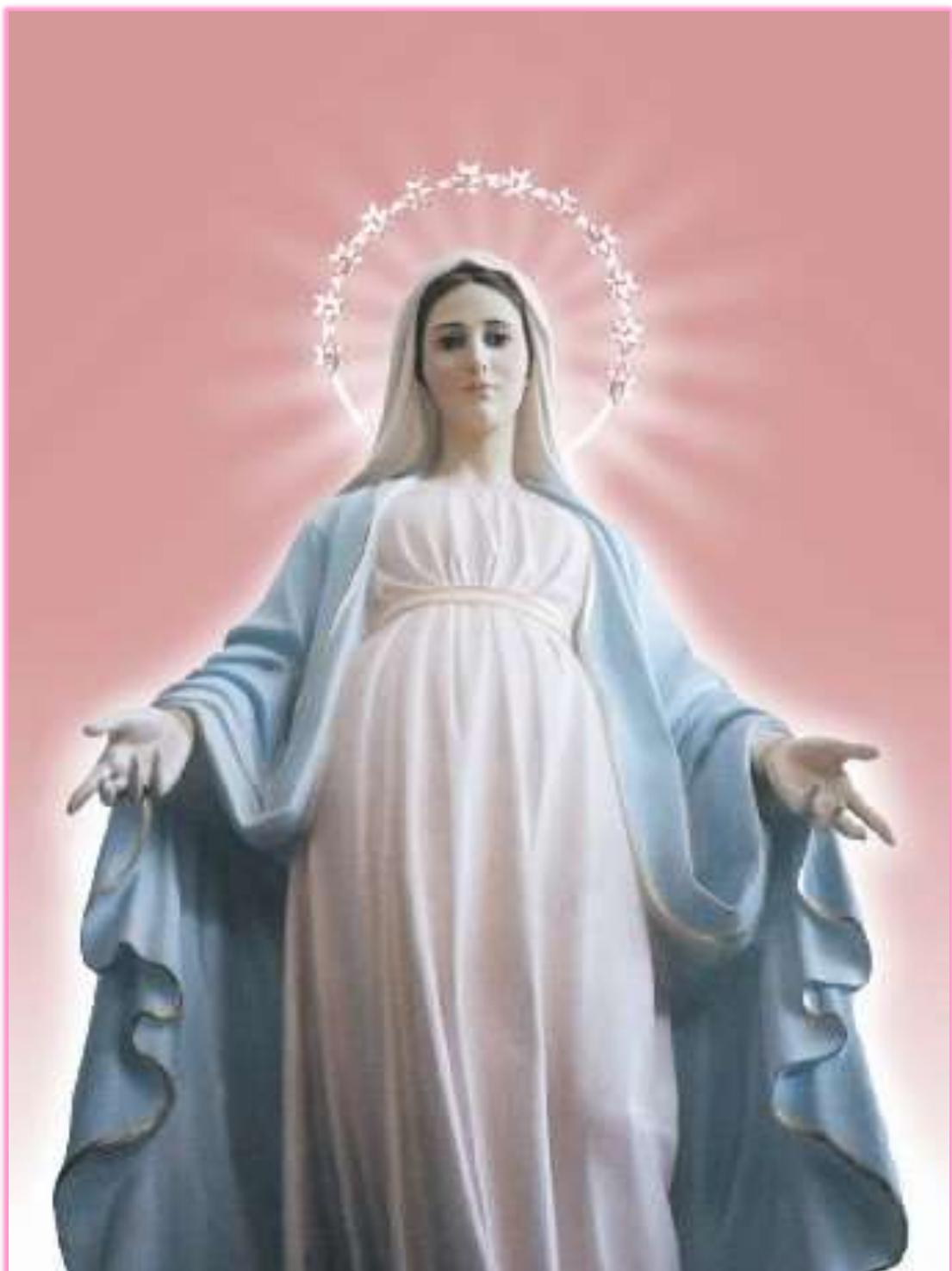
What’s also notable about the dogma, he added, is that it “uses the passive tense,” emphasizing that Mary did not ascend into heaven on her own power, as Christ did, but was raised into heaven by God’s grace.

Today, the Feast of the Assumption is marked as a major feast day and a public holiday in many countries. In most countries, including the United States, it is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Bunson explained that on major feast days, it’s fitting to mark the significance of the feast as especially vital by emphasizing the necessity of celebrating the Eucharist that day.

“What is more fitting than on the Assumption of the Blessed Mother to, once again, focus on her Son, on the Eucharist?” he asked.

*Blessed Mother,
we adore you.*



*Blessed Mother,
Pray for us.*