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August 16 , 2020
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Welcoming New Parishioners:

We warmly welcome all new members to our parish family. We would like to get to know and serve you. In order to do so please fill out a registration form available in the church foyer or contact the parish office.

Sunday Masses:

Sat. 5:00 pm English
Sun. 9:00 am English
11:00 am Bilingual

Weekday Liturgies:

Please refer to a recent bulletin for updates for the current week.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat. 4:30 - 4:50 pm
Sun. 8:30 - 8:50 am
10:30 - 10:50 am
or upon appointment

Baptism:

Call the parish office for more info and registration.

Marriage/Wedding:

Please call the parish office At least SIX months in advance of your chosen date and before any other arrangement is made.

Sacrament of the Sick:

Please contact the Parish Office After Hours for **Emergencies Only**
780-645-9749.

The Story of the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary

On November 1, 1950, Pope 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.” The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names—Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption—from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary’s Assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God’s people. Since Mary best embodies the people of Old and New Testaments, her Assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman’s victory.

Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ’s resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus’ life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary’s share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven. (Franciscan Media)

Saint Roch **Saint Roch of Montpellier** (**Saint Roch de Montpellier**)

Feast Day – August 16

Saint Roch was the only son of a wealthy nobleman in France, who seems to have been governor of the town of Montpellier. In answer to the persevering prayers of the parents, this child was granted to them. His future career was indicated by a birthmark in the form of a red cross that was deeply marked on his breast.

The parents raised St Roch in a devout manner. Proof was given when, at the age of 20, he lost both parents. He did not use the immense fortune he inherited for his personal benefit, but he sold all the personal property and distributed the proceeds among the poor while he transferred the ownership of the real estate to his uncle. This done, he joined the Third Order of St Francis, put on a pilgrim's garb, and journeyed to Rome to visit the tombs of the Apostles.



When he arrived at Acquapendente in northern Italy about the year 1315, he found that an epidemic had broken out there and was making fearful ravages. Saint Roch did not hasten on, as many another person, fearful for his life, would have done, but according to the example of Christ and the admonition of the beloved disciple (1 John 3:16), he offered his life in the service of his brethren in Christ.

Saint Roch went to the hospital of St John, which was filled with the plague stricken, and offered his services to the brothers there. He also went to individual homes and sought out the sick, serving them without rest by day and by night. God rewarded his heroic charity by causing many to be cured at the mere Sign of the Cross which Saint Roch made over them. When the plague abated, Roch proceeded on his journey to Rome.

In Rome, too, an epidemic had broken out. Besides visiting the holy places, Saint Roch again devoted himself to the care of the sick, many of

whom were miraculously cured by him. He performed the same services in many other towns of Italy until he arrived in Piacenza and was himself stricken with the dread disease. In the very hospital where he had cured so many sick, he was now looked upon as an intruder, who as an outsider had no right to claim a place there. (Wikipedia)

O Blessed San Roch,
Patron of the sick,
Have pity on those
Who lie upon a bed of suffering. Your power was so great
When you were in this world,
That by the sign of the Cross,
Many were healed of their diseases.
Now that you are in heaven, Your power is not less. Offer, then, to God
Our sighs and tears
And obtain for us that health we seek Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
San Roch, pray for us,
That we may be preserved
From all diseases of body and soul.

Pope Francis Intention for the Month of August:

The Maritime World We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

We would like to express our gratitude to all our volunteers in helping the Church as readers, ushers, coordinators and sanitizers. The ministry that you extend to the Church is the reason why we can continue to celebrate Liturgy. May the Good Lord continue to bless you and your family.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Aug 15 Saturday	5:00 pm	RIP Roseanne Longpre – Roland & Lorraine Blackburn	20 th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Aug 16 Sunday	9:00 am	RIP Sue Johnston - Family	
	11:00 am	For Parishioners	
Aug 18 Tuesday	8:30 am	NO MASS	
Aug 19 Wed	6:00 pm	RIP Robert LeBlanc – Lorraine & Henry Lamoureux	
Aug 20 Thursday	6:00 pm	RIP Roger VanHecke – Judy & Family	
Aug 21 Friday	8:30 am	Deceased Boissonnault & Brenneis Family - Shirley	

PLEASE PRAY FOR... Emilienne Dostie, Braden Rowland, Colette Klein. All those who are sick or struggling and who are going through any medical procedures and treatments.

First Friday Adoration

On the **First Friday of September** we will have a day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The church will be open between 9:00 am to **11:00 am** and everyone will be able to come for longer or shorter period of time to spend with Eucharistic Jesus. We begin with Mass at 8:30 am, then the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration and prayer. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church so that at least 2 people sign for each hour to make sure there is always someone present in the church with Blessed Sacrament exposed.



We invite everyone to come during a day to spend some time with our Lord.

COLLECTIONS – QUÊTES	August 9 th \$ 3312.00 Restoration \$ 600.00 vocations \$ 100.00	THANK YOU! MERCI!
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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