



And Mary said...

*"The Mighty One has done great  
things for me,  
and holy is his name."*

LUKE 1:46, 49



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## "All Generations Will Call Me Blessed"

**T**oday'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."

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### FOR *Reflection*

- ✧ Where does the Magnificat throw light on issues in our own society?
- ✧ Pray for the courage you need to be faithful to your calling in life.

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[stbrieuxparish.ca](http://stbrieuxparish.ca)**EVENTS THIS WEEK****Farewell Fr. George Canto! This is Fr. George's last week with us.****Aug. 17-20:** Weekday Mass at 10:00 a.m.**Aug. 21:** Mass at 7:00 p.m. St. Brieux**Aug. 22:** Mass at 9:00 a.m. St. Brieux We will be having a Coffee Sunday Farewell after Mass for Fr. George.**Aug. 22:** Mass at 4:00 p.m. in Kinistino**UPCOMING EVENTS****Welcome Fr. Tru Le! This is Fr. Tru Le's first week with us.****Aug. 24-27:** Weekday Mass at 10:00 a.m.**Aug. 28:** Mass at 7:00 p.m. St. Brieux**Aug. 29:** Mass at 9:00 a.m. St. Brieux**Aug. 29:** Mass at 4:00 p.m. in Kinistino**PILGRIMAGES AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES****SHRINE: Minor Pilgrimages - depending on whether or not these dates fall on the weekend,**

1. September 8 - 7:30 pm Eucharistic Celebration and Candlelight Procession

**Sacramental Class Preparation**

If it is your wish to enroll your child/ren in classes this fall, and you do not have baptism certificate/s, now is the time to contact the parish where your child/ren were baptized. Class registrations will be happening this fall.

**St. Brieux Parish Mass Intentions**

Tues. Aug. 17	10:00 a.m.	<b>For All Parishioners</b>
Wed. Aug. 18	10:00 a.m.	<b>For All Parishioners</b>
Thurs. Aug. 19	10:00 a.m.	<b>For Cheryl &amp; Trevor Beaton (Anniversary) by Terry</b>
Fri. Aug. 20	10:00 a.m.	<b>For All Parishioners</b>
Sat. Aug. 21	7:00 p.m.	<b>For All Parishioners</b>
Sun. Aug. 22	9:00 a.m.	<b>For All Parishioners</b>

**Mary, Mother of God Parish Mass Intentions**

Sun. Aug. 22	4:00 p.m.	<b>For All Parishioners</b>
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**Collections****St. Brieux:** Aug. 8: \$720.00**Mary, Mother of God:** Aug. 8: \$50.00**Liturgical Ministries****Have you a gift that you would be willing to share? Our Liturgical Ministries are looking for parishioners to share their gifts. Contact Darlyn Hunt or the parish office if you would like to help during our celebrations.**

## Looking for a Catholic Podcast to listen to?

**Word on Fire Show** This is a weekly podcast from Bishop Robert Barron on faith and culture. He has a new episode every week, with the average length of the podcast is 40 minutes.

Website: [wordonfireshow.com/podcast](http://wordonfireshow.com/podcast)

## **Stewardship: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

“And Mary said, “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior.” Luke 1: 46  
After Jesus, we look to Mary as our model of stewardship. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s will. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we too are called to reflect Christ to the world. We do this by living grateful and generous lives. We do this by putting other’s needs before our wants.

<http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>

## **Our Prayer for the Week:**

Blessed Mary, Mother of Jesus and ours, you received Our Lord in your ordinary life. Pray for us as we imitate your willingness to let God work in the smallest corners of the heart. May we learn from you in letting God do great things for us and others with our humble offerings. Amen.  
<https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/life-family/suggestions-for-homilies-intercessions/>

## **Prayer of the Faithful:**

For lives that lift up the lowly with Mary to Jesus, we pray to the Lord.

<https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/life-family/suggestions-for-homilies-intercessions/>

## **Vocation Corner: Not available for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Pray It Forward Prayer Group:** to join this ministry, or have an Intercessory Prayer Request contact Terry Valmont by text or call at 306-920-8771. Prayer requests can be submitted either anonymously or with information.

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### **Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary**

Father in heaven,  
all creation rightly gives you praise,  
for all life and all holiness come from you.  
In the plan of your wisdom  
she who bore the Christ in her womb  
was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven.  
May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness  
and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



# Dear Padre,

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

**M**ary'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).

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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY, PAVIA CATHEDRAL  
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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Mary is assumed into heaven: small and humble, she is the first to receive the highest glory. She, a human creature, one of us, attains eternity in soul and body. And there she awaits us as a mother waits for her children to come home. Indeed, the people of God invoke her as the Gate of Heaven.*

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION, AUGUST 15, 2019

## Calendar

### Monday

AUGUST 16

Weekday

Jgs 2:11–19

Mt 19:16–22

### Tuesday

AUGUST 17

Weekday

Jgs 6:11–24a

Mt 19:23–30

### Wednesday

AUGUST 18

Weekday

Jgs 9:6–15

Mt 20:1–16

### Thursday

AUGUST 19

Weekday

Jgs 11:29–39a

Mt 22:1–14

### Friday

AUGUST 20

St. Bernard, Abbot and  
Doctor of the Church

Ru 1:1, 3–6, 14b–16, 22

Mt 22:34–40

### Saturday

AUGUST 21

St. Pius X, Pope

Ru 2:1–3, 8–11; 4:13–17

Mt 23:1–12

### Sunday

AUGUST 22

Twenty-first Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b

Eph 5:21–32 or

Eph 5:2a, 25–32

Jn 6:60–69

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a question  
for the Padre?**

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