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Most Rev. Gerard P. Bergie D.D. Mass Schedule Diocesan Bishop Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m. **Pastor** Fr. Greg Schmidt frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com Saturday 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy of the Word) Sunday **Deacons** Deacon George Newman

11:00 a.m. **Deacon Brian Jeynes**

Director of Music Dr. David Holler 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment Saturday

Confessions

Maintenance Jim Salmon Office Hours Administration **Christine Buckley**

Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cheryl Wood



August 15th, 2021 Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

Today we celebrate the Assumption of Mary — the moment she was taken up, body and soul, into heaven. This day reveals much about our Holy Mother. Next to her Divine Son, Mary truly is the model steward for us as we journey through this life.



Our Gospel recounts the story of Mary visiting her cousin Elizabeth who was soon to deliver John the Baptist. Mary truly is a dwelling place for Christ. Even baby John the Baptist noticed as he leaped in his mother's womb upon Mary's greeting! We too are called to be a dwelling place for the Lord. Yet for Christ to dwell in us, we must prepare our hearts for Him. Mary was prepared for Christ to reside in her, and her Magnificat expresses how we can imitate her and prepare a place for Christ in ourselves: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord..."

How can we proclaim the 'greatness of the Lord?' It is simply by how we choose to live our lives. Each day is an opportunity to grow as a disciple of Christ. We can choose to rise each day in prayer, respond to those around us in kindness, serve in our vocations and occupations from a place of love and selflessness, and use our gifts and talents for the glory of God.

As we reflect on the life of Mary today, let us strive to imitate her in proclaiming the greatness of God by how we live our lives. Let us celebrate her as our Mother, our Queen, and a Model Steward. She is not distant or out of reach, rather, she is as close to us as a mother to her baby — constantly watching, interceding, and guiding us to be with her Divine Son in eternal life.

- Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

Parish Calendar

Monday, August 16

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Joseph Galliera†
Special Intention

Tuesday, August 17

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Tom Critelli \dagger

Wednesday, August 18

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Claudio Zorzetto † Michael Beckerman †

Thursday, August 19 - No Mass

Friday, August 20

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Special Intention

Saturday, August 21

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Bernie Bodogh † Pawel Wrobel †

Sunday, August 22

9:00 a.m. - Mass for the People 11:00 a.m. - Joan Fremont † | Marlene DeRose † Lydia Repa † Are you Being Called?

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; ..."

Are you discerning a vocation to proclaim the greatness of the Lord as a priest or consecrated religious? Contact Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

Prayer for the Feast of the Assumption August 15th

O Immaculate Virgin,
Mother of God and Mother of humanity,
we believe with all the fervor of our
faith in your triumphal Assumption,
both body and soul, into heaven,
where you are acclaimed as Queen
by all the choirs of angels and all the
legions of the saints. And we unite with
them to praise and bless the Lord who
has exalted you above all other pure
creatures, and to offer you the tribute
of our devotion and our love.

Pope Pius XII