



THE ALMIGHTY HAS DONE
GREAT THINGS FOR ME
AND HOLY IS HIS NAME.

LUKE 1:49

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

AUGUST 15, 2021

Elizabeth had waited a long time for the child she carried. She was beyond child-bearing age by the time she conceived the baby who would be known as John the Baptist. We can only imagine her joy and amazement when the baby leaped in her womb at Mary's arrival. Elizabeth was old and Mary young, yet both trusted in the goodness of the Lord; both relied on the Holy Spirit to be with them in the perplexing, exciting, and anxious time in which they found themselves. They show us what it means to put God at the center of our lives. Their story may inspire us to believe that God's loving mercy awaits in every moment of our lives. Elizabeth calls Mary and the child in her womb "blessed," holy. Mary's holiness is found in her belief in God and her willingness to carry out God's plan by carrying the child Jesus in her womb. How are you called to holiness? In what ways are you willing to carry out God's plan?

MY SOUL PROCLAIMS

Mary's response to Elizabeth, which we hear in today's Gospel, is known as the Magnificat. Mary "magnifies" the greatness of the Lord—through her, we see God's mercy clearly. Mary's canticle is a declaration that God cares for the lowly and vulnerable, for the humble and hungry. This, Mary says, is the God for whom the people of Israel had long waited. This is God in whom we believe. As with Mary, the Almighty has done great things for us. As followers of Mary's son, Jesus Christ, we are called to make this merciful, caring God known to those who are in need. How will you glorify, magnify, the Lord by your life?

Today's Readings: Rev 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

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Mass: Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM
Tues - Fri: 9:00 AM

Reconciliation:

Saturday & Sunday:
45 minutes before Mass

Marriage or Baptism:

Contact the parish office six
(6) months prior to the
anticipated date 903-769-3235

Welcome Visitors!

*We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us
and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home."*

*Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years,
you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!*

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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Miller Family. Rick Boultinghouse. Rheannon Dahm. Al & Evelyn Murfin. Aimee Mills. Rick & Teri Jackson. Ron Emma. Kate Serres. John Gillespie. Belinda Flowers. Dona Jordan. Jaye Anderson. Georgette March. Daniel Corrigan. Kyle Fabitz. Greg Mooney. Garry Fetsch. Karee Haney. Bollinger Family. Charlie Parker. Molly Dunn. Regina Davies. Tammy Johnson. Carolyn Simmons. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Shay Mikalonis. Wanda & George Duke. Fleming Family. Doris & Jo Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Jacob Stephens. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Komonis. Ester Coronel. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Judy Fazio. Joshua & Chase Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda & Mike Stephens. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month. **We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially: Valerie Branch (Niece of Jeanette Sterner), Ed & Diane Stanley, part-time parishioners. Tom Moroney, brother of Roger Moroney.**

Please pray for the men and women active military service from

our parish community: Dawn Quinn, US Army PVT 2nd Class (Granddaughter of Bob & Jean Quinn). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 2LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Lt. "JG" Gary Buchanan; 2nd Lt. Blake Gaughan; 2nd Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Emma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The vision concerning the woman clothed with the sun (Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab).

Psalm: The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold (Psalm 45).

Second Reading: Christ, the firstfruits; then those who belong to him (1 Corinthians 15:20-27).

Gospel: Mary praises God in the Magnificat (Luke 1:39-56).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

Mass—Intentions

Sat. 8/14 Shirley Bonicard+ (M/M Bonicard)

Sun 8/15 Rev. Jesus Arroyave (Daughters of Divine Hope)

Tue 8/17 Rev. Patrick Fenton (Daughters of Divine Hope)

Wed 8/18 Deacon Abelino Cordero (Daughters of Divine Hope)

Thurs 8/19 Jeremy Stephens (M/M Stephens)

Fri. 8/20 Deacon Juan Mijares (Daughters of Divine Hope)

Sat. 8/21 Laura Funk+ (M/M Bonicard)

PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts for the month of June, 2021

Expenditures \$ 3,882

Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 4,176

Attendance 8/07 Saturday 41 8/08 Sunday 82

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving.



Pope's Intention for August:

The Church. Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

LOVE THEM BOTH

We must love them both—those whose opinions we share and those whose opinions we reject. For both have labored in the search for truth, and both have helped us in the finding of it. —Thomas Aquinas

GIVING BACK

The Virgin received salvation so that she may give it back to the centuries.—Peter Chrysologus

THE DESTINY OF ALL MORTAL FLESH

The celebration of today's feast on a Sunday is unusual on our Roman Catholic calendar. Our observance of the Lord's Day is held in such high esteem that few other feasts replace it. Occasionally there is a feast—usually of one of the saints—in which the saving power of God in Christ is so uniquely focused that the Roman rite deems it worthy of celebration on the Lord's Day. Today is such a feast. Yet some are surprised at the brevity of the dogma in its entirety: "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 Roman Catholic Church never defined any specifics or particulars about the event itself. It is not in the scriptures. There are no verifiable eyewitness accounts. At its core, the dogma reveals in Mary the destiny of all mortal flesh, and reinforces our creedal belief in resurrection of the body. This feast strengthens our faith, defined last week in Hebrews as the realization of things hoped for. We find, in Mary, that realization of what we all hope for, what Paul today affirms: "In Christ shall all be brought to life" (1 Corinthians 15:22).

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Would you be interested in spending an hour with our Lord in adoration?



Please contact Cathy Ellis at cathy.ellis@gmail.com. Cathy will need your name, and a one hour time slot on Tuesdays that you would be willing to come to the church and adore our Lord.



Patriotic Rosary for Peace in America
 Due to conflicting summer schedules there will be no Patriotic Rosary Sept. We will start back on Saturday, October 2nd at 9:00am.



Reminders for Lectors, EM's, Ushers and Altar Servers.

- ◆ Arrive 20 minutes before Mass.
- ◆ If you have a conflict with the schedule, please call another person in that ministry to switch or sub for you.
- ◆ Lectors, EM's and Altar Servers gather in the Sacristy 10 minutes before the start of Mass for prayer.
- ◆ EM's before Mass check with Fr. Mike to see if he needs assistance with the distribution of the Body of Christ.
- ◆ EM's after Mass retrieve the vessels on the credence table to the sacristy and clean thoroughly. Place tabernacle key where it belongs.

We are in desperate need of children & adult altar servers. Please let Fr. Mike know if you're interested.

Thank you for your ministry. Fr. Mike Snider

Are you ready for some coffee and donuts after Sun., 9:00am Mass? Looking to start back **Sunday, Sept. 12th**, if we can get volunteers to help with the following:



1st Sunday of each month (when no K of C breakfast), 2nd Sunday, 3rd, 4th and when there is a 5th Sunday. Also, needed alternates. Volunteers needed for picking up donuts & delivering to church, serve coffee, juice and donuts. Clean-up the kitchen. Additionally, need someone to purchase donuts on a monthly basis (estimate cost of donuts on a weekly basis is \$33.00) this was the cost before covid. Sign-up sheet located outside my office.

Questions, call 903-769-3235 or email holy.spirit2@yahoo.com

Thank You, Bridget

August Second Collections:
 8/14 & 8/15 "Holy Spirit Faith Formation."
 8/21 & 8/22 "Black & Indian Missions."

Cenacle of Life: Cenacle of Life devotion each **Wed. from 3:30—4:30pm**. Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki Hauck 817-637-9382**

Legion of Mary—Pilgrim Statue: Our Lady of Fatima Statue is now ready to visit your home. **There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749 or Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953.** The Statue will be delivered to your home on the day of your choice and picked up at the end of one week. If scheduling permits, the Statue may be kept for two weeks.

The Holy Spirit Food Ministry would like to thank all our parishioners for their food donations. The large plastic bin is located by in the hallway by Bridget's office. **We are in the need of pasta; canned vegetables and sauce.**

Looking for volunteers to get involved with the Food Ministry. Call or email Bob Mailliard at 903-769-3963 or theduckdude@att.net



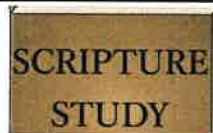
Thank you,
 Bob Mailliard; Bryan & Dolly Todd;
 Stan & Terry Evans; Al & Evelyn Murfin
 Holy Spirit Food Ministry Team

HELP NEEDED

1. **Choir practice every Thursday at Noon in the Church, come and join us.**
2. **We are in need of an organist, do you know of anyone that would be interested?**
3. **Help needed in maintaining our meditation garden?**

Did you know that our **Rosary Group repairs broken rosaries?** Also, if you have **old jewelry** that you don't want any longer, they will be glad to take it off your hands. They use old jewelry to make rosaries. What a precious gift to have from your mother's or grandmother's jewelry made into a rosary. Call Jean Kelly 903-857-9868

So, do you ever wish God would just talk to you sometimes?



You do? Great! Let's get together and talk about it. (He already talks to you, you know. One way is through our Bibles.)

We would like to offer a weekly, on-ongoing course of Scripture Study for men only; women only or co-ed. And we need your input to determine exactly how, what, and when we will make this available to you. Please fill out the mini form below and drop it into the collection basket or email me (email address below). Please do not fill out the form unless you are serious about participating. After we tabulate and collate the information you provide for us, we will report our finding and offer suggestions for the "preferred" Scripture Study. The sooner we receive your input, the sooner we can announce your preferences and our plan to accommodate them. If you require any additional information please feel free to **contact randymunoz80@hotmail.com**. **Fill out the following info with your**

NAME: _____ **phone #** _____ **Place in collection basket or email Randy Munoz.**

When would you like to meet? (Check one day and one time)

Sunday _____ Monday _____ Tuesday _____ Wednesday _____ Thursday _____
 Morning _____ Evening _____ **When Would You Like To Start Scripture Study** In July 2021 _____ Aug. _____ Sept. _____

Men only _____ Women only _____ Co-Ed _____

What would you prefer for a format? Structured (specific scriptures and formal study guides – Little Rock, etc.) _____
 Unstructured (pick a book and go) _____

COVID-19 Update: August 2021

Aug 6, 2021 | COVID-19



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued updated guidance regarding the use of masks for protection against the spread of COVID-19. Specifically, to maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others, the CDC is recommending that individuals wear a mask indoors in public if they are in an area of substantial or high transmission.

For liturgies and activities at parishes in the Diocese of Tyler, pastors and parishioners should be aware of this guidance and apply it to their individual, family, and community circumstances as appropriate in order to keep everyone safe and healthy.

The transmission status in each country can be found here: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>

Article for the Big Sandy-Hawkins Journal. 18 August 2021 Edition
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Continuing the article by Sister Sue Paweski "Saint Mary of Magdala: Apostle to the Apostles", <https://spsmw.org/2020/07/22/st-mary-of-magdala-apostle-to-the-apostles/> ... What were Pope Gregory's (c. 590 – 605) motives for this confluence? There are conjectures regarding the tensions between the Western and Eastern Churches. The Eastern Church did and does to this day, recognize Mary of Magdala's important influence as a leader in the early church. In the Eastern Church, Mary's story remains intact. ... During his papacy, Pope Gregory was consolidating the governing system in the Western Church and might have considered the prominence of women as a deterrent to his vision. Whatever the motive, the model of Mary Magdalene as a prostitute and reformed sinner took hold and became a favorite subject for artists for millennia. ... In 1969, Pope Paul VI untangled the "Mary web." He distinguished between Mary of Magdala, Mary of Bethany and the unnamed "sinful woman." That began an unremarkable acknowledgement that Mary of Magdala was an important follower of Jesus. She was again referred to as the "Apostle of the Apostles" recognizing her distinctive role as the bearer of the news of Jesus' resurrection to the other apostles. However, not until Pope Francis elevated her memorial status in the Liturgy to an official feast day on July 22 did the entire Roman Church acknowledge the canonical recognition of St. Mary of Magdala. The collect for her July 22 feast day reads: "The importance of this (Mary of Magdala's announcement of the Resurrection) continues today in the Church, as is evident in the new evangelization, which seeks to welcome all men and women "of every race, people, language and nation" (Rev 5: 9), without any distinction, to announce to them the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ while accompanying them on their earthly pilgrimage, and offering them the wonders of God's salvation. Saint Mary Magdalene is an example of a true and authentic evangelizer, that is, an evangelist who announces the central joyful message of Easter."

... First century Jews were not apt to regard women's presence as important, and certainly not Gentile women. Yet in the Gospels, Jesus has some of his most significant conversations and encounters with women: the woman at the well; the woman healed from hemorrhaging; the Gentile woman who chides Jesus that even dogs are fed crumbs from the table; conversations with Mary and Martha; the woman caught in adultery. Could Mary's presence as a prominent follower have given Jesus an insight lost on the men of his time? Mary's presence surely encouraged other women to follow Jesus and the Way. She is described in Luke 8: "... as a woman of means ..." which implies that she could have provided for some of the needs of the group. Was she widowed? Did she come from a wealthy family? We don't know. What we do know is that she is mentioned by name 12 times in the canonical Gospels.

What is Mary Magdalene to us today? Her single dedication was to Jesus and his message. Her belief led her to Jesus who healed her. Mary of Magdala's suffering must have been so great that from that moment on, she joins the apostles and others who follow Jesus from town to town to bring the good news. So great is her love and devotion, that even after witnessing the gruesome torture and crucifixion, she goes bravely to his tomb to anoint him. Faithful in any and all circumstances, she is a model of resolve, dedication and compassion. She is a model for women leaders and those young women who look for female models of faith leaders. Nothing deterred her from her commitment to the Way that Jesus and his followers forged for all. We all continue that legacy of faith. Let us celebrate the feast day of Mary of Magdala, saint of God.


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