

August 16, 2015

A Feast Thought

Today, in the feast of Mary's assumption, we celebrate Mary as a shining example for all who hear God's Word and believe in the divine promises. Mary now shares in the glory of the resurrection.

About Today's Bible Readings:

REVELATION 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

The woman clothed with the sun represents Mary and the church. Both are mothers who hear God's Word and give birth to faith.

PSALM 45:10, 11, 12, 16

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-27

Because of Christ, all who are his own inherit the promises of resurrection and glory.

LUKE 1:39-56

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Mary proclaims the greatness of God who is the source of her joy and blessedness.

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Solemnity – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

ENTRANCE RITE

- V. A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.
- R. Sing a new song to the Lord, Who has done marvelous deeds.
- V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen!

THE GOSPEL (Luke 1:39-56)

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

And Mary said:

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, and has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever."

Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

TODAY – August 16, 2015

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9:00 am – Deacon's Service of Worship and Reception of The Holy Eucharist.

Blessing of Herbs and Flowers after the Service

SUNDAY - August 23, 2015

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am – Deacon's Service of Worship and Reception of The Holy Eucharist.

Blessed Virgin Mary

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Our Lord and Savior. Jesus Christ. intercedes with the Father, God Almighty, each and every day. She prays constantly on our behalf and entreats her Son Jesus to have mercy on us and to forgive our sins. We should all try our very best to emulate the Holy and selfsacrificing life of Mary. We should all try to open our hearts and minds to the will of the Father and strive to fulfill it each and every day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

My Brothers and Sisters: Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish; For the health of Bishop Bernard Nowicki, Marie and Nunzie Sospetti, Stella Surma, Bernice Muha, Janet Caruso, John Rusnak, Walter Schilling, Kelly Ross, Rose Kubik, Bruce Sandt, Makayla Watkins, Berne Bloom, Robert Paterson and Gerry Brunson; For the repose of the soul of James Kishler; **Our Father...**

Today's Hymns

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Please, join with the choir to make a beautiful noise unto the Lord!

The Hymns listed below can be found in the Blue Hymnal Book.

Processional Hymn

#1 - PNCC Hymn of Faith (Verses 1 & 4)

Entrance Hymn

#249 – Mother of Our Lord in Heaven

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 - Come Thou Creator (Verses 1 & 4)

Offertory Hymn

Ave Maria - Solo

Communion Hymn

#255 - O Weep Not, My Child

Recessional Hymn

#263 – Serdeczna Matko (Mother Most Gracious)