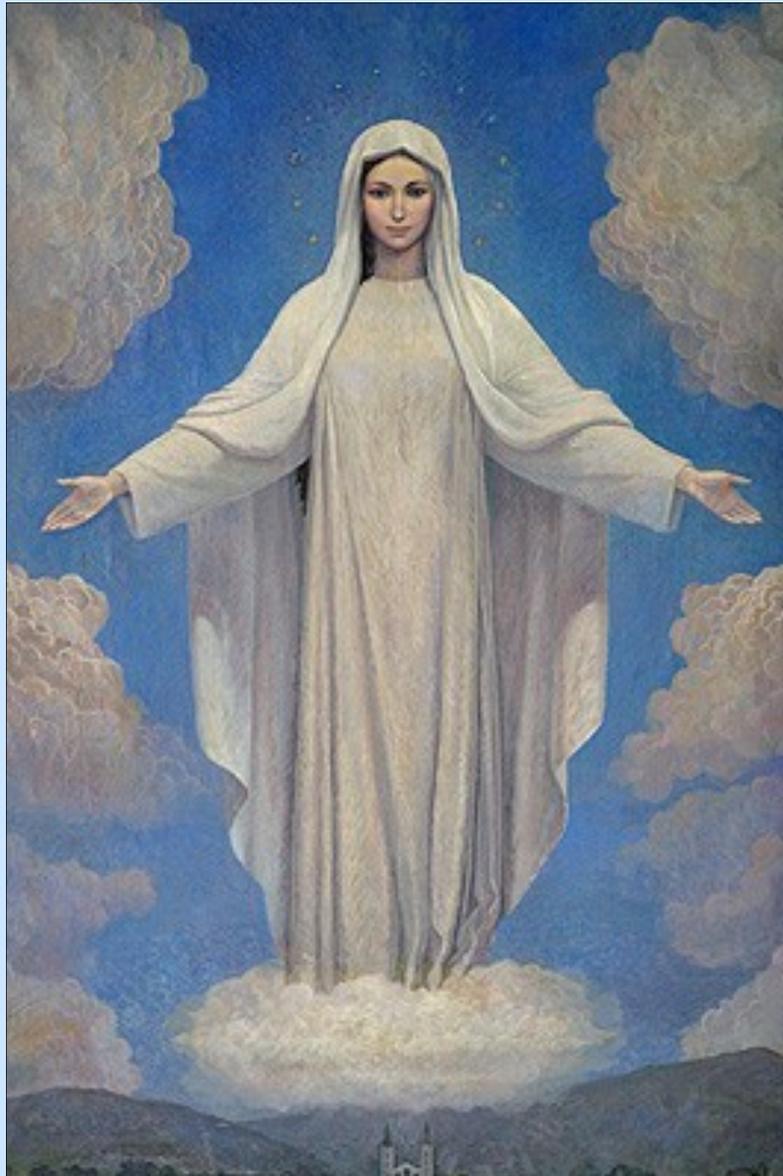


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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 5 PM
Sundays 7AM, 9AM, & 11AM
Monday - Saturday . 7AM & 9AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays..... 3:30 - 4:30 PM

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST 16-21

Mon	7AM	Tom Whitty
	9AM	Russian Sisters, <i>living</i>
Tue	7AM	Stan & Fran Conway
	9AM	Victor, <i>living</i>
Wed	7AM	Souls in Purgatory
	9AM	Alice Preisinger
Thu	7AM	Dr. Mark Lowry, <i>living</i>
	9AM	Bell & Tarrant Families, <i>living</i>
Fri	7AM	Jim & Diane Lang, <i>living</i>
	9AM	Max Letizi
Sat	7AM	Emma & Bud Bradley
	9AM	Joe & Mary Reilly

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Albert, Andrew, Angela, Bertha, Charles, Doug, Ed, Elizabeth, Erica, Kim, John, Joseph, Kristen, Michael, Patrick, Tony, Stephanie, Tim, Lorenzo Acciai, Sally Arango, Nicholas Arenas, Marco Balistreri, Ivy Batmale, Charles Bellia, Chip Block, Madison Bostow, Nicole & Sean Burke, Joseph Calleja, Patricia Cane, Cary Chiappone, Lori Cohen, Yondellan Coleman, Elizabeth Crowley, Vladia Cutler, Doris Doty, Nanette Duffy, Luke Duval, Faith Gillis, Tom & Eileen Harriman, Taro Hart, Rosemarie Hayes, Chiara Iulucci, Germaine Khohayting, Jeanne Killian, Karla Kincade, Joe Lazor, Manda Masse, Gino Mazzenatto, Warren McGuire, Richard Mogas, Monte Maroevich, Valerie Milroy, Gary Parlapiano, Mark Piatti, Bertha Ponce de Leon, Joe Popovich, Peggy Roth, Steve Schlesselmann, Mary Lou Smith, Ted Taheny, Rose Tannlund, Larry Ulin, Elizabeth Ward, Sibeal Whitty, & Camilla Wolfe.

STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

In today's second reading, St. Paul encourages us not to grow weary or lose heart, but to persevere in following Jesus. Our willingness to give of ourselves, even in the face of conflict and division, is one way to measure our discipleship.

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ASSUMPTION. The doctrine of Mary's entrance into heaven, body and soul. As defined by Pope Pius XII in 1950, the dogma declares that "Mary, the immaculate perpetually Virgin Mother of God, after the completion of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into the glory of heaven." While there is no direct evidence of the Assumption in the Bible, implicitly the Church argues from Mary's fullness of grace (Luke 1 :28). Since she was full of grace, she remained preserved from the consequence of sin, namely corruption of the body after death and postponement of bodily happiness in heaven until the last day. The Church does not rely on the Scriptures for belief in Mary's Assumption. The doctrine is rather part of the oral tradition, handed down over the centuries. It was therefore certainly revealed because, in reply to the questions, the Catholic bishops of the world all but unanimously expressed the belief that this was part of the divine revelations. In explaining the grounds for the Church's belief, Pius XII singled out the fact that Mary was the Mother of God; as the body of Christ originated from the body of Mary (*cara Jesu est caro Mariae*); that her body was preserved unimpaired in virginal integrity, and therefore it was fitting that it should not be subject to destruction after death; and that since Mary so closely shared in Christ's redemptive mission on earth, she deserved to join him also in bodily glorification.

—*from Pocket Catholic Dictionary,*
edited by John A. Hardon, S.J.



RCIA

Adults interested in becoming Catholics, or Catholics who want to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and/or Confirmation are urged to inquire about the R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Adult Catholics who want to know more about their religion may also inquire. Call the Parish Office or ask Fr. Mark or Fr. Paul after Mass, and perhaps you can celebrate those Sacraments in the Easter Season!

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sharing the heart of the Christian faith

CHOOSE LIFE!

“Citizens of this nation have uniformly voted to uphold the understanding of marriage as a union of one man and one woman in every jurisdiction where the issue has been on the ballot. This understanding is neither irrational nor unlawful. Marriage is more fundamental and essential to the well being of society than perhaps any other institution. It is simply unimaginable that the court could now claim a conflict between marriage and the Constitution.”

—Archbishop Joseph Kurtz of Louisville,
chairman of the United States Bishops’
Committee for the Defense of Marriage.

“It is tragic that a federal judge would overturn the clear and expressed will of the people in their support for the institution of marriage. No court of civil law has the authority to reach into areas of human experience that nature itself has defined.”

—Cardinal Francis George of Chicago, president of the
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

NEWLY RESURFACED PARKING LOT

Our parking lot has been sealed and painted, and we ask your co-operation in observing all red “no parking” zones which must be kept clear for emergencies, and “handicapped” zones for those who need them.

EASTERN RITE MASS AUGUST 28, 10 AM HERE AT ST. SEBASTIAN

Father David Anderson, the pastor of St. Peter Eastern Catholic Church in Ukiah, has given classes on Thursday evenings, at Marin Catholic, for the past several years.

Once again, Fr. David, a group of his parishioners, and many of his devoted students and friends will celebrate the Divine Liturgy here at St. Sebastian’s according to the beautiful Byzantine tradition.

It is a soul-expanding experience to participate in this very different form of Catholic worship. The Divine Liturgy will take about an hour and a half, after which Fr. Anderson will give a short talk in the Parish Hall about Saint Augustine whose feast day is that day.

A pot-luck luncheon will follow.

For more information:
contact Paul Haddad at 385-1720.



Icon of the Dormition of the Virgin Mary

(As her earthly life ends, Jesus holds her heavenly body & soul.)

“YOUNG AT HEART” MEETS SEPTEMBER 7

“Young at Heart” has members from all parts of Marin, Southern Sonoma, and San Francisco. Lunch and entertainment are scheduled in St. Sebastian’s Parish Hall usually the first Tuesday of each month. Great day-trips are offered for your pleasure during the year, Anyone 55 years or older is hereby invited to become a member; the annual dues are only \$15/ year, July 1 to June 30.

**Young at Heart meets next month on Tuesday
September 7 in the Parish Hall.
Donna Boyd 453-3383 Denise Carrade 461-0689**

OCTOBER 10 PARISH RAFFLE & PICNIC

We hope that you’ve marked Sunday, October 10, on your calendar for our upcoming fund-raising raffle and a Parish Picnic with hamburgers, drinks, potato salad, macaroni salad, and fun. There’ll be games for the kids, too.

In addition to the tickets included in our recent mailing, others may be obtained either through the Parish Office during office hours, or when they’re sold outside Church after Masses next month.

Ticket returns show that this is already a popular event, and you’ll want to be part of this fun fundraiser with a chance to win one of the fabulous prizes!

We’ll keep you updated.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE
ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY
From the apostolic constitution
Munificentissimus Deus by Pope Pius XII

In their homilies and sermons on this feast, the holy fathers and great doctors spoke of the assumption of the Mother of God as something already familiar and accepted by the faithful. They gave it greater clarity in their preaching, and used more profound arguments in setting out its nature and meaning. Above all, they brought out more clearly the fact that what is commemorated in this feast is not simply the total absence of corruption from the dead body of the Blessed Virgin Mary but also her triumph over death and her glorification in heaven, after the pattern set by her only Son, Jesus Christ.

Thus St. John Damascene, preeminent as the great preacher of this truth of tradition, speaks with powerful eloquence when he relates the bodily assumption of the loving mother of God to her other gifts and privileges:

“It was necessary that she who had preserved her virginity inviolate in childbirth should also have her body kept free from all corruption after death. It was necessary that she who had carried the Creator as a child on her breast should dwell in the tabernacles of God. It was necessary that the bride espoused by the Father should make her home in the bridal chambers of heaven. It was necessary that she, who had gazed on her crucified Son and been pierced in the heart by the sword of sorrow which she had escaped in giving him birth, should contemplate him seated with the Father. It was necessary that the Mother of God should share the possessions of her Son, and be venerated by every creature as the Mother and handmaid of God.”

Saint Germanus of Constantinople considered that it was in keeping not only with her divine motherhood but also with the unique sanctity of her virginal body that it was incorrupt and carried up to heaven: “In the words of Scripture, you appear *in beauty*. Your virginal body is entirely holy, entirely chaste, entirely the house of God, so that for this reason also it is henceforth a stranger to decay: a body changed, because a human body, to a pre-eminent life of incorruptibility, but still a living body, excelling in splendor, a body inviolate and sharing in the perfection of life.”

Another early author declares: “Therefore, as the most glorious Mother of Christ, our God and Savior, giver of life and immortality, she is enlivened by him to share an eternal incorruptibility of body with him who raised her from the tomb and took her up to himself in a way he alone can tell.”

All these reasonings and considerations of the holy Fathers rest on Scripture as their ultimate foundation. Scripture portrays the loving Mother of God, almost before our very eyes, as most intimately united with her divine Son and always sharing in his destiny.

Above all, it must be noted that from the second century the holy Fathers present the Virgin Mary as the new Eve, most closely associated with the new Adam, though subject to him in the struggle against the enemy from the nether world. This struggle, as the first promise of a redeemer implies, was to end in perfect victory over sin and death, always linked together in the writings of the Apostle of the Gentiles. Therefore, just as the glorious resurrection of Christ was an essential part of this victory and its final trophy, so the struggle shared by the Blessed Virgin and her Son was to end in the glorification of her virginal body. As the same Apostle says: *When this mortal body has clothed itself in immortality, then will be fulfilled the word of Scripture: Death is swallowed up in victory.*

Hence, the august Mother of God, mysteriously united from all eternity with Jesus Christ in one and the same decree of predestination, immaculate in her conception, a virgin inviolate in her divine motherhood, the whole-hearted companion of the divine Redeemer who won complete victory over sin and its consequences, gained at last the supreme crown of her privileges—to be preserved immune from the corruption of the tomb, and, like her Son, when death had been conquered, to be carried up body and soul to the exalted glory of heaven, there to sit in splendor at the right hand of her Son, the immortal King of the ages.