# **August 11th, 2024 - Issue #228 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

# **Did you know this about Mary’s Assumption into heaven? – It’s a  Holy Day of Obligation.**

**Mass at Christ of the Desert will be on Thursday, August 15th at 12 PM (noon). Please join us. Father Marlin will be celebrating Mass.**

**Masses at Sacred Heart are:**

**August 14th - Vigil Mass at 5:30PM.**

**August 15th - 7:45AM, 9:00AM, 12:10PM, 5:30 PM & 7:00PM (Spanish)**

**Every year on August 15 we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, body and soul into heaven. Our belief in the Assumption stretches back to the dawn of Christian history, it was dogmatically defined fairly recently, in 1950, by Pope Pius XII in the apostolic constitution *[Munificentissumus Deus](http://w2.vatican.va/content/pius-xii/en/apost_constitutions/documents/hf_p-xii_apc_19501101_munificentissimus-deus.html" \t "_blank)*.**

**Pope Pius’ definition leaves open the question of whether Mary merely fell asleep or died and was immediately taken up into heaven, but clearly states that Mary was spared from the usual separation of body and soul. She, with Christ, already enjoys the full measure of body/soul resurrection that awaits all of the redeemed on the last day.**

### **Mary’s assumption reaffirms the goodness, meaning, and destiny of the body.**

**The dogma of the Assumption reminds us that we believe in the resurrection of the body and in a heaven that is a face to face encounter with God:**

**“Beloved, we are God’s children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is”**

**(1 John 3:2).**

**“For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood.” (1 Corinthians 13:12).**

**Mary, assumed body and soul into heaven, has a face, a fully human and fully realized face with which she looks into the eyes of God. Mary, assumed body and soul into heaven, did not become an angel, but rather the fully human, body and soul, queen of heaven. She, with Christ, prepares a place in heaven that is the ultimate destiny of all the faithful.**

#### **Heavenly Imagination**

**Mary’s assumption points us toward a robust sacramentality; the idea that the body, here and now, is an effective and sensible sign that points beyond itself, to heaven. What we see, hear, touch, taste and smell can and should communicate to us about God and the true destiny of our humanity.**

**Think about the earthly life of Mary and about the gritty bodily reality of life in Nazareth. Mary, like Jesus, toiled, sweated, touched, ate, drank, and rested in real time and space. She lived her day to day life in perfect harmony with God’s will and was a perfect sign of things to come, a sign that pointed beyond herself. Now, in heaven, she lives out the bodily destiny that awaits us all.**

### **Mary’s assumption is a preview of coming attractions**.

**Finally, Mary’s body and soul assumption is a preview and first installment of our heavenly destiny. We will also be resurrected … body and soul. We will not be angels in eternity, but fully realized human beings. The corruption, shame, and limitation of bodily life will be healed. We will see God face to face because, like Mary, we will have faces.**

**As we go about our day to day life, this perspective changes things. If we soak in this realization, especially if we do so with devotion to and in relationship with Mary, we will lead a more rewarding life here on Earth. We might just open our eyes to the deeper reality of daily tasks and especially to the great dignity of every person we encounter.**

**Mary is the Star of the Sea, a lighthouse, beaconing all of us to the shores of a promised eternal home for humanity.**

**Mary, assumed body and soul into heaven, pray for us!** Source: [*media.ascensionpress.com*](http://media.ascensionpress.com/2019/08/15/3-things-to-consider-about-marys-assumption/)

**REMEMBRANCE WALK – PAVER ORDER INFORMATION FOR NEW PARISHIONERS:**

**The “REMEMBRANCE WALK” IS LOCATED IS LOCATED TO THE RIGHT OF THE MAIN ENTR**

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**Forms are available from the Parish Office or back of the church. Installation will be within 30 days of your order. If you are not sure what you want to say on the paver, let me assist you!!**

**Christ of the Desert Women’s Guild:**

**The next gathering will be on Wednesday, September 11th at 11:30. Menu: Trio of salads.  Cost is $5 and if you are unable to afford the lunch, please see Crys Mueller or Cindy privately and we will take care of the cost for you. We don’t want anyone to miss out! Cindy will be taking signups starting August 25th after Mass. You can also make a reservation by calling the office (760-346-0089) or emailing Cindy at** [**chayward@sacredheartpalmdesert.com**](mailto:chayward@sacredheartpalmdesert.com)

**AUGUST UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:**

* **August 1ST is the monthly (Thursday) FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30AM.**
* **August 10th is the next the K of C drive-through CRV recycle program. From 7:30AM to 11:30AM. Parking lot behind Salta Center.**
* **August 11th Mission Appeals Sunday. Second collection.**
* **August 14TH is the next Bingo night at Sacred Heart 6 to 9 PM in the Salta Center.**
  + **September 10th is Bingo night at Sacred Heart 6 to 9 PM in the Salta Center.**
* **August 15TH (Thursday) – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
* **August: No Ladies Guild monthly luncheon.**

**In 2024 the following will be observed as Holy Days of Obligation:**

1. **Sunday, May 12, 2024 - Solemnity of the Ascension. The Solemnity replaces the Seventh Sunday of Easter.**
2. **Thursday, August 15 – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
3. **Friday, November 1 – Solemnity of All Saints**
4. **Please Note: In 2024, December 8 occurs on a Sunday and will be observed in the Roman Calendar as the Second Sunday of Advent. The liturgical observance of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, Dec. 9, 2024. However, the obligation to participate in Mass for the Immaculate Conception is not transferred.**
5. **Wednesday, December 25 – Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord**
6. **Wednesday, January 1, 2025 – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**August 11th, 2024 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**This week we hear Jesus say, “He that believes in me, has eternal life” (John 6:47). These straightforward words, uttered by human lips, sound — how to put this? — insane. Who could possibly say such a thing? Jesus says things that are so high, so demanding, so beyond our capacity to fathom, we hardly know what to do with them and (if you’re like me), they usually go in one ear and out the other. So, let us ask: how can believing in him lead to eternal life?**

**To believe in something means not just to acknowledge its existence, but also to orient yourself entirely to it. If a football player believes in his team, it means he puts his life totally at the service of that goal. If a student believes in her dream to become a doctor, she gives everything she has to her studies and preparation for her MCAT test. Belief means to move boldly toward something we love, and trust is possible to attain.**

**What is the highest possible good at which we can aim? It is God himself, the gift of eternal life without end. Jesus has made this “good” possible in and through his human nature. To believe in him means to have him as our ultimate goal. This week let’s believe the truth of these words and make practical decisions to orient ourselves toward what we see available in him: eternal life.***— Father John Muir*

**August 11th – Themes for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

The readings for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time demonstrate that God sustains us.

In the first reading Elijah wants to give up, but the Lord gives him strength to continue.

And in the gospel, people are doubting Jesus, but he declares that he is the bread of life.

**Mass Readings for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

* **First Reading** – [1 Kings 19:4-8](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/elijahs-fortified-journey-to-horeb/): Elijah, overwhelmed, sought death in the wilderness but was sustained by an angel with food and water, enabling his journey to Horeb.
* **Responsorial Psalm** – [Psalm 34](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/discover-the-lords-gracious-protection/): I continually praise the Lord, who delivers me from fear and shame. The Lord’s angel protects those who respect Him, and those who seek refuge in Him are blessed.
* **Second Reading** – [Ephesians 4:30-5:2](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/live-as-imitators-of-god/): Avoid behaviors that upset the Holy Spirit. Instead, be kind, compassionate, and forgiving, just as God forgave us. Lead lives of love, following Christ’s example.
* **Gospel** – [John 6:41-51](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/jesus-the-bread-of-life/): Jesus tells the doubting Jews that no one can come to him unless drawn by the Father. He declares himself the living bread from heaven, offering eternal life through belief.

**Themes are gleaned from**[**www.young-catholics.com**](http://www.young-catholics.com/)

**FINANCIAL SECTION:**

**AUGUST HAS 4 SUNDAYS FOR THOSE THAT GIVE MONTHLY.**

**Please make all checks payable to “Christ of the Desert” not Sacred Heart.**

**Total monies collected to date: $13791 or 9.2% of annual budget. Last week’s collection was: $3870\*.**

**\*Monies collected each week reflect the Friday & Sunday Mass plus rental income from offices in the Courtyard, Weddings & Funerals.**

**This information is important for our community in order to understand where are financially throughout the year.**

        **Our Monthly expenses are budgeted at $12,500 per month or $37,500 per quarter. $150,000 annually.**

**Thanks for your continued generosity.**

**See instructions at end of Bulletin for ways to continue giving via your bank on-line service, there is likely a “setting” that will say “Autopay” or some other “Bill Pay” service.**

**THE POPE’S INTENTION FOR AUGUST: For political leaders:**  
**We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs**.

**The Christ of the Desert “Bulletin” now appears on**[**www.sacredheartpalmdesert.com**](http://www.sacredheartpalmdesert.com/)**website. Open up the site and click on “church”, look down on the bottom left for Christ of the Desert. Open up this site for the “bulletin” and other information about our community.**

**CELEBRATION SECTION:**

**There will be an information providing sheet on the table near the Chapel exit/entrance area.**

**You can always email the information to me as well.**

**You can sign up for any month NOW. I will keep a record of your special month and enter it when that month arrives.**

**WHO HAS A DATE IN AUGUST & YOU WANT ME TO ADD TO THE NOTICES BELOW????**

**DISCLAIMER: If information below is incorrect, please let me know and I will correct the error.**

**AUGUST: BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Jay Mueller has a birthday on August 8th.**

**Diane Silvas has a birthday on August 12th.**

**Sister Phyllis has a birthday on August 27th.**

**Charlie Ara has a birthday on August 27th.**

**Jean LaBaugh has a birthday on August 28th.**

**Sister Geneva has a birthday on August 29th.**

**AUGUST: BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**John Clay – August 12th  Husband of Carrie Clay.**

**Jack Gurr – August 28th.**

**AUGUST: HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**Dave & Connie Bannon – August 17th**

**Paul & Kathy Oliaro – August 23rd**

**AUGUST: REMEMBERING WEDDING ANNIVERSAY SECTION:**

**Robert & Enedina Sutton  - August 6th.**

**Bob & Joanne Dellovo – August 20th**

**AUGUST REMEMBRANCE SECTION: “May their souls rest in peace”, Amen**

**Donald Zannotti, husband of Margaret (Peg) Zannotti died on August 31, 2014.**

**Please provide Month, Date & Year & Relationship to family member being remembered.**

**“Who would you like to pray” for section:**

**Please send me your new updated petitions which will appear in green.**

**Many of you pray for special intentions at Sunday Mass. Please send me those intentions so the entire Parish can pray to the LORD with you.**

**Please pray for my daughter, Lisa Gruebel, who has been recently diagnosed with lung cancer, Suzanne Cummings.**

**Please pray for Bob Lee, Karen and Mira.  Roxanne Reed**

**THIS WE PRAY TO THE LORD!!!**

**Christ of the Desert office hours: 760-346-0089**

**Office hours are from 9:30 to 1:30 Monday- Friday. Please call first to be sure Cindy is available. When Cindy is in the office, the office door is locked. Please ring the doorbell “to get her attention”.**

**SUPPORT OUR PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE SMALL BUSINESSES SECTION:**

**If anyone else wants to advertise their business in the Bulletin, send me your information.**

**Thinking about selling your house or condo? Call Crys Mueller at 760 989 8732. I have been with BD Homes for the past 15 years.**

**John Maldonado is a Mortgage Loan Originator with First West Financial, Corp & a member of Christ of the Desert congregation.**

**"Your Home Loan Made Simple" We help you buy your dream home by simplifying the mortgage financing process with personalized loan options that save you time and money. If you need assistance with any type of loan, I am here to help.**

**For every loan that closes, I will make a donation to Christ of the Desert.**

**Contact: John A. Maldonado at** [**jam@firstwestfinancial.com**](mailto:jam@firstwestfinancial.com) **or call 760 636-8266. Mortgage Loan Originator,**

**NMLS #1995783,**[**WWW.firstwestfinancial.com**](http://www.firstwestfinancial.com/)

**Enedina Sutton, a Distributor of Nature Sunshine Products and a long time parishioner. Has Herbal Supplements, all kinds of Vitamins, ointments, essential Oils, disinfectant products and much more. I do the business from home. I can be reached at**[**760-345-3754**](tel:760-345-3754)**. I live in Sun City Palm Desert community.**

**Invented by NASA engineers, used on astronauts returning from space to rebuild muscle, bone and heal wounds “red light therapy” is now available. I am a new parishioner. Please call or email me: Rom Partyka 805-673-9235 or email at**[**rom1942@msn.com**](mailto:rom1942@msn.com)**for more information or to set up an appointment.**

**Need a good Catholic housekeeper? Call Elvia Pantoja at 760 698 6050. 20 years’ experience in the Indian Wells & Palm Desert area. References provided upon request.**

**ON GOING MESSAGE SECTION:**

**Please continue to consider supporting our community with the following options:**

**Mail your weekly or monthly offering to Christ of the Desert. All our regular mail goes to Sacred Heart so you would need to use that address. Make checks payable to Christ of the Desert.**

**CHRIST OF THE DESERT c/o.**

**SACRED HEART CHURCH 43-775 DEEP CANYON ROAD, PALM DESERT, CA 92260.**

**OR**

**Go to your bank on-line service, there is likely a “setting” that will say “Autopay” or some other “Bill Pay” service. You can set up an automatic payment directly from there. If you have any trouble doing this or don’t have a computer, just call your bank and they can help you.**

**Please make sure that you tell the bank to make the check payable to Christ of the Desert but send the check to Sacred Heart’s address:**

**43775 Deep Canyon Rd.  Palm Desert, CA  92260**

**Jay Mueller**

**Stay Healthy! Do good work! Keep in touch!!!**

SHC & COD Finance Council Member

SHC & COD Parish Council Member

COD Remembrance Walk Coordinator

SHC Remembrance Square Coordinator

SHC East Valley Outreach Program Coordinator

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