## **Everyone**

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

**No Masses at Christ of the Desert.**

**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 bodyand 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/)

## **2023 - Holy Days of Obligation In The United States**

[**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**](https://catholic-link.org/apparition-mary-mother-of-god/)**|** **January 1**

[**Ascension of Jesus**](https://catholic-link.org/what-the-ascension-can-teach-us-when-we-feel-abandoned-by-christ/)**|** **May 21 (moved in most dioceses from May 18 to the following Sunday)**

[**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**](https://catholic-link.org/feast-assumption-mary/)**|** **August 15**

[**All Saints Day**](https://catholic-link.org/all-souls-day-catholic-all-saints-day-explained/)**|** **November 1**

[**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**](https://catholic-link.org/breathtaking-image-immaculate-conception/)**|** **December 8**

[**Christmas Day**](https://catholic-link.org/christmas-prayers-of-the-saints/)**|** **December 25**

**ATTENTION: Ladies Guild Members**

**Next luncheon is September 13th at 11:30.**

**Message from Jay:**

**Thanks for the “happy birthday” song and birthday wishes after Mass on Sunday. Much appreciated.**

**FIND-Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program next distribution is, Thursday, August 3rd at 9:30.**

* + **To date we have distributed 20,800 pounds of food.**
  + **Our individual count is 24. God is helping us to reach out to those in need.**
  + **We need volunteers to assist with this program. See Jay or Cindy, if you wish to help us.**
    - **1 hour each month on the 1st Thursday of the month at 9:30.**

### **AUGUST 13TH, 2023**

### **Themes for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

### The readings for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time show us that God is Lord over all of the earth.

### In the first reading God tells us that he will provide for all of our needs and give us life.

### The psalm proclaims that God rules the world with kindness and justice

### The second reading explains that Christ is over all.

### And in the gospel Jesus walks on water to the disciples, whose boat is being tossed in a storm.

### **Mass Readings for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

* **First Reading** – [1 Kings 19:9A, 11-13A](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=5&rp=2858): Elijah finds shelter in a cave at Horeb. The LORD instructs him to stand outside. Amid powerful elements, God’s presence is found in a tiny whisper, prompting awe and reverence.
* **Responsorial Psalm** – [Psalm 85](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=6&rp=2858): God proclaims peace and salvation for the reverent. Kindness, truth, justice, and peace unite. The LORD grants benefits and prepares His path with justice.
* **Second Reading** – [Romans 9:1-5](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=7&rp=2858): In Christ’s truth, I bear witness to my great sorrow and anguish for my people. Despite their blessings, I’d sacrifice for their salvation. They are my own, and I long for their redemption.
* **Gospel** – [Matthew 14:22-33](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=8&rp=2858): After feeding thousands, Jesus goes to pray alone. Disciples cross the lake by boat, struggling in a storm. Jesus walks on water, calming their fears. Peter walks briefly but doubts, sinking until Jesus rescues him. Disciples worship Jesus, recognizing His divine power.

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

**AUGUST ACTIVITIES:**

* **August 3rd was the monthly (Thursday) FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30AM.**
* **August 9th was the final summer” Bingo night at Sacred Heart. Fall schedule tbd.**
* **August 12th is the next the K of C drive-through CRV recycle program. From 7:30AM to 11:30AM. Parking lot behind Salta Center.**
  + - **They have raised $31,200 through the recycling program and have provided support to many Charities throughout the valley.**
* **August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. Holy Day of Obligation.**
* **August: No Ladies Guild monthly luncheon.**

**THE POPE’S INTENTION FOR AUGUST: For World Youth Day:  
We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.**

**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????**

**AUGUST: BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Jay Mueller had 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.**

**Jack Gurr has a birthday on August 28th**

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

**AUGUST: BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**Elise Junga. Mother of Lee Junga – July 17th**

**Donald Junga, father of Lee Junga – August 30th**

**Joe Maldonado father of Joe Maldonado  – August 30th**

**AUGUST: HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

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

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

**Paul & Kathy Oliaro – August 23rd**

**AUGUST: REMEMBERING WEDDING ANNIVERSAY SECTION:**

**Robert & Enedina Sutton would have celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on August 6th However, we did celebrate our 50th.**

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

**Donald Zannotti, husband of Margaret (Peg), 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.**

**The Parish prays for the following parishioners:**

**Marie, Peggy Jones, Jim Carlo & Carol Lee Evans.**

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

**PAVER ORDERS:**

**Pavers can still be purchased. Installation will be within 30 days of your order. I have the tools to do the install myself now. Forms are available from the Parish Office or back of the church. If you are not sure what you want to say on the paver, let me assist you!!**

**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”.**

**REMINDER SECTION:**

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

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

**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.**

**We have done great this past year but remember this is an ongoing ANNUAL process. Thanks for your continued generosity.**

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

        **Our Monthly expenses are budgeted at $11,250 per month or $33,750 per quarter. $135,000 annually.**

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

        **Total Q1,Q2,Q3 & Q4 monies collected: $18,669. 13.8 % of annual budget.**

* **Total 1st quarter collections are: $14,001.** 
  + - * **July collections: $14,001.**
      * **August collections: $4,668.**
      * **September collections:**
* **Total 2nd  quarter collections: TBD**
* **Total 3rd quarter collections: TBD**
* **Total 4th quarter collections: TBD**

**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.**

**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 Parish Walk Coordinator

SHC East Valley Food Distribution Coordinator

SHC East Valley Outreach Program Coordinator

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