

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

### SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30pm Adoration  
6:00pm Mass

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30pm – 4:50pm  
Sunday 8:00am – 8:20am  
Also by Appointment

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Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment  
Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm  
Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm  
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Donation	\$2,991.00
Donation Online	\$1,767.00
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Debt Reduction	\$0
Children's Donation	\$0
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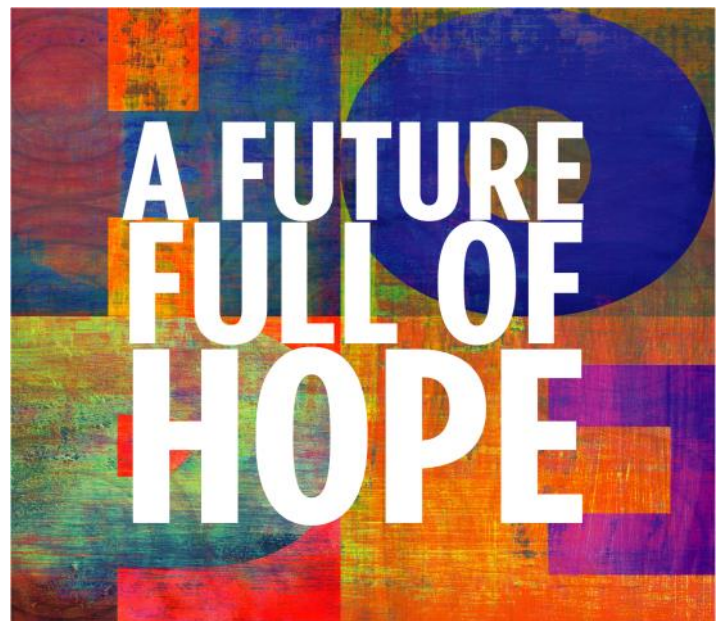
#### Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

2021 Appeal Goal: \$23,246

Received as of 8/12/21: \$35,995  
\*please note this total includes cash, pledges received & pledges still to be collected)  
Actual Collected: \$33,960

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#### Sunday Readings

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Revelation 11: 19, & 12: 1-10; 1 Corinthians 15: 20-27; Luke 1: 39-56



**“Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple.”**

## **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary** **By Fr. Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp.**

Today we celebrate one of the oldest feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In his *Munificentissimus Deus* of November 1, 1950, Pius XII solemnly declared that: “The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.” Pope Pius XII cited various Church Fathers to trace the longstanding tradition of the belief of the Assumption.

Although the solemn definition may have been at the midpoint of the twentieth century, the belief in the Assumption of our Blessed Mother exemplifies the dynamism of revelation and the Church’s ongoing understanding of it as guided by the Holy Spirit.

Our first reading from the book of Revelation recounts the vision of the ark of the covenant in heaven and the Woman clothed with the sun. After delivering her baby, she suffered a great tribulation from which God protected her and her offspring. Right from the Patristic era, the Blessed Virgin Mary has been associated with the ark of the covenant. That is, bearing Christ the fullness of God’s new covenant.

In the second reading, Paul recalls the resurrection of Christ and its importance for all believers. Our hope lies in the fact that Christ, who himself was resurrected by the Father, will also facilitate our resurrection at his appointed time. Did he leave his mother and first disciple behind? Indeed not, for he promised: “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am” (Jn 14:3). So, what we celebrate today is a promise fulfilled in its most excellent, honorable, and adorable fashion. Christ protected not only the soul of His mother conceived without sin but also her incorruptible body.

Therefore, today’s Gospel reminds us that the Assumption can be best understood with a good understanding of Catholic beliefs about Christ’s person and the person of Mary. Only Mary, born without the stain of original sin, could give birth to Christ, fully God and fully human. Due to her role in God’s salvation plan, she does not suffer from the effects of sin, which are death and decay. Mary is the first to receive the fullness of redemption that her son has won for all humanity. The Church, therefore, recognizes Mary as the sign of the salvation promised to all.

Today’s Solemnity gives us great hope as we contemplate this outstanding aspect of this great woman and faith of our faith, the Blessed Virgin, and the Mother of God. She motivates us by example and prayer to grow in God’s grace, to be receptive to His will, to convert our lives through sacrifice and penance. Above all, she motivates us to seek and fix our eyes on that everlasting union in the kingdom of heaven.



*Blessed are you  
among women*

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
August 15, 2021

**Mary's assumption provides a sign of hope. It is a sign of the home God plans for us in heaven through the redemption of the Son.**

On the Solemnity of the Assumption in 2018, Pope Francis prayed, "To Mary, consoler of the afflicted, who we contemplate today in the glory of heaven, I want to entrust the anguish and torment of those who, in many parts of the world, suffer in body and spirit. . . . Let us pray that Mary, with her maternal intercession, will help us live our daily journey in the sure hope of joining her one day with all the saints and our loved ones in heaven."

Let us find strength and hope in the knowledge that we are connected to each other through faith. May that faith inspire us to glorify God with our whole lives, just as our Mary did with hers.

## Read

**Take time to read and reflect on the Scriptures for this day**

**1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2**

David leads the Israelites in making offerings to God.

**Psalm 132**

Let us enter his dwelling, let us worship at his footstool.

**1 Corinthians 15:54b-57**

Death is swallowed up in victory.

**Luke 11:27-28**

Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.

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