

## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Aug 15, 2021

### ST. MARY PARISH

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue. Aug 17 - 7:00 p.m. Braedon Coburn Req'd by Adell Mueller  
Wed. Aug 18 - 9:00 a.m. Arthur, Mary & John McDonald Req'd by The Family  
Thur. Aug 19 - 9:00 a.m. Helen Theresa Gunning Req'd by Raymond Horrigan  
Fri. Aug 20 - 9:00 a.m. Jim Lehman Req'd by Dan & Doris Tone  
Sat. Aug 21 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish  
Sun. Aug 22 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

### LECTORS

Sat. Aug 21 - 4:00 p.m. Luis Arruda  
Sun. Aug 22 - 9:00 a.m. J. von Westerholt

**CONFESSION only by appointment, call Fr. Mike at: 519-323-1054 ext. 7**

### ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Aug 21 - 5:30 p.m. For the soul of Martin Pronk Req'd by Angela & Dan Seifried

### ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Aug 22 - 11:00 a.m. Repose of the souls of Loretta & Jim Muurray Req'd by Dot Bourgeois

**There are many things that can only be seen through eyes that have cried. – St. Oscar Romero**

### DIOCESAN CALENDAR

**Mon.** – Rev. M. McHugh      **Tue.** – Rev. Msgr. P. Boucher  
**Wed.** – Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother of Christ  
**Thurs.** – Rev. M. Myroniuk  
**Fri.** – R. Dunn      **Sat.** – Rev. M. Mikohovic

### Vocation

*It takes faith to hear God's call in our lives. If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, contact **Fr. Michael King**, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)*

**There are those who seek knowledge for the sake of knowledge- that is curiosity. There are those who seek knowledge to be known by others- that is vanity. There are those who seek knowledge in order to serve- that is love. – St. Bernard**

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My soul proclaims  
the greatness of the Lord,  
and my spirit exults  
in God my Savior,...

### This Sunday's Readings

**First Reading:** *Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab*

The sign of God's salvation will be a woman clothed with the sun.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalms 45:10-12,16*

The queen takes her place next to God.

**Second Reading:** *1 Corinthians 15:20-27*

Christ has redeemed Adam's sin.

**Gospel Reading:** *Luke 1:39-56*

Mary greets Elizabeth and sings God's praise.

### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today's feast celebrates Mary's Assumption into heaven. It is one of three feasts of Mary that are Holy Days of Obligation for Catholics in the United States and Canada.

January 1 is the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, and December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven has long been held as an important Catholic belief. The belief was not defined as dogma, however, until 1950 by Pope Pius XII. The dogma teaches that Mary, who was without sin, was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven.

The Gospel for this holy day recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the Angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. Mary responds to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel. Mary's Magnificat, in particular, echoes the song of praise offered by Hannah, the mother of Samuel.

The Gospel for this day reminds us that Mary's Assumption into heaven is best understood with regard for the full spectrum of Catholic beliefs about the person of Christ and the person of Mary. Only Mary, who was born without stain of original sin—the Immaculate Conception—could give birth to Christ, who is fully God and fully human. This is called the Immaculate Conception. Because of Mary's role in God's plan of salvation, she does not suffer from the effects of sin, which are death and decay. Mary is the first to receive the fullness of the redemption that her son has won for all of humanity. The Church, therefore, recognizes Mary as the sign of the salvation promised to all.

Today's Gospel highlights Mary's faith. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation. <https://www.loyolapress.com>

### Liturgical calendar

Aug 16- **St. Stephen of Hungary** and his father, the third duke of govern the Magyars were baptized when Stephen was 10.

Aug 20- **St. Bernard-** in his Apologia, he wrote that it was because of his unruly nature that he chose the newly founded Cistercians.

Aug 21- **St. Pius X-** advocated frequent communion for adults, sacramental preparation for children and instruction in catechism.

### PRINCIPLES OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING:

Number 4: SOLIDARITY

Pope John Paul stated: "God has created us to live in solidarity. This means to live in union with one another, supporting one another, committed to the common good, the good of all and each individual, because we are all responsible for all."

We are all our brothers and sisters' keepers. We are one family. This leads to choices that promote and protect the good of all.

There is an intimate bond between solidarity and the common good, between solidarity and the universal sharing of goods, between solidarity and peace in the world. Pope John Paul's description of solidarity tells us what a family, parish, school or any organization should be like: the members supportive of one another, concerned for the needs and good of all. They will have a feeling of belonging together, of being "all for one, one for all."

Divine Love and Solidarity Should Permeate All Our Activity as Catholics.

This concludes the Four Fundamental Principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

### The Magnificat

The Prayer Of Mary:

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
and my spirit exults in God my Savior,  
For he has looked upon his handmaid in her  
lowliness;  
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.  
For the Almighty has done great things for me.  
And holy is his name.  
His loving mercy is from age to age  
for those who fear him.  
He has made known the strength of his arm,  
and has scattered the proud of heart.  
He has put down the mighty from their thrones  
and has exalted those who are lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and has sent the rich away empty.  
He has always helped Israel his servant, mindful  
of his loving mercy.  
Even as he promised our fathers, to Abraham and  
his descendants forever.