

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity: August 15)

The Assumption is the oldest feast day of Our Lady, but we don't know how it first came to be celebrated. Its origin is lost in those days when Jerusalem was restored as a sacred city, at the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine (c. 285-337). By then it had been a pagan city for two centuries, ever since Emperor Hadrian (76-138) had leveled it around the year 135 and rebuilt it as <Aelia Capitolina> in honor of Jupiter. For 200 years, every memory of Jesus was obliterated from the city, and the sites made holy by His life, death and Resurrection became pagan temples. After the building of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 336, the sacred sites began to be restored and memories of the life of Our Lord began to be celebrated by the people of Jerusalem. One of the memories about his mother centered around the "Tomb of Mary," close to Mount Zion, where the early Christian community had lived. On the hill itself was the "Place of Dormition," the spot of Mary's "falling asleep," where she had died. The "Tomb of Mary" was where she was buried. At this time, the "Memory of Mary" was being celebrated. Later it was to become our feast of the Assumption. For a time, the "Memory of Mary" was marked only in Palestine, but then it was extended by the emperor to all the churches of the East. In the seventh century, it began to be celebrated in Rome under the title of the "Falling Asleep" ("Dormitio") of the Mother of God. Soon the name was changed to the "Assumption of Mary," since there was more to the feast than her dying. It also proclaimed that she had been taken up, body and soul, into heaven. That belief was ancient, dating back to the apostles themselves. What was clear from the beginning was that there were no relics of Mary to be venerated, and that an empty tomb stood on the edge of Jerusalem near the site of her death. That location also soon became a place of pilgrimage. (Today, the Benedictine Abbey of the Dormition of Mary stands on the spot.) At the Council of Chalcedon in 451, when bishops from throughout the Mediterranean world gathered in Constantinople, Emperor Marcian asked the Patriarch of Jerusalem to bring the

relics of Mary to Constantinople to be enshrined in the capitol. The patriarch explained to the emperor that there were no relics of Mary in Jerusalem, that "Mary had died in the presence of the apostles; but her tomb, when opened later . . . was found empty and so the apostles concluded that the body was taken up into heaven." In the eighth century, St. John Damascene was known for giving sermons at the holy places in Jerusalem. At the Tomb of Mary, he expressed the belief of the Church on the meaning of the feast: "Although the body was duly buried, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay. . . . You were transferred to your heavenly home, O Lady, Queen and Mother of God in truth." All the feast days of Mary mark the great mysteries of her life and her part in the work of redemption. The central mystery of her life and person is her divine motherhood, celebrated both at Christmas and a week later (Jan. 1) on the feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) marks the preparation for that motherhood, so that she had the fullness of grace from the first moment of her existence, completely untouched by sin. Her whole being throbbed with divine life from the very beginning, readying her for the exalted role of mother of the Savior. The Assumption completes God's work in her since it was not fitting that the flesh that had given life to God himself should ever undergo corruption. The Assumption is God's crowning of His work as Mary ends her earthly life and enters eternity. The feast turns our eyes in that direction, where we will follow when our earthly life is over. The prayer for the feast reads: "**All-powerful and ever-living God: You raised the sinless Virgin Mary, mother of your Son, body and soul, to the glory of heaven. May we see heaven as our final goal and come to share her glory.**" In 1950, in the Apostolic Constitution <Munificentissimus Deus>, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Assumption of Mary a dogma of the Catholic Church in these words: "**The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven.**" With that, an ancient belief became Catholic doctrine and the Assumption was declared a truth revealed by God.

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 12, 2018

MONDAY/LUNEDI AUGUST 13

8:00am Mass Pro Provincia

7:30pm Messa Iolanda Aloia

8:15pm Messa Carolina Sarivano

TUESDAY/MARTEDI AUGUST 14

8:00am Mass Mario De Filippis
Anthony Vella

7:30pm Messa Renzo Catalano

WEDNESDAY/MERCOLEDI AUGUST 15

8:00am Messa Pro Populo

7:30pm Mass Assumption of the Blessed

Virgin Mary – No Intentions

THURSDAY/GIOVEDI AUGUST 16

8:00am Mass Michele & Concetta Marinelli

7:30pm Mass Marc Marcoccia

FRIDAY/VENERDI AUGUST 17

8:00am Mass Pietro La Selva

Concetta, Filippo & Giuseppe

Famiglie Gallo & Montana

Nino & Gaspare Lampasona

7:30pm Messa Pietro Murru

SATURDAY/SABATO AUGUST 18

5:00pm Mass Annunziato Perri

SUNDAY/DOMENICA AUGUST 19

9:00am Messa Maria Rosa Galati

Vito Martino, Teresa Costa, Michele Marcello

Elisa & Giacomo Scolieri

11:00am Mass Francesco Larizza

Alessandrina De Bellis, Pasquale Abbruzzese

Pietro, Luigi & Antonino Gallo

Giovanna & Alfonso Nardiello

Fernando Di Fiore, Harry Persaud Mahedeo

Miriam Julie Lowe

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Throughout the months of
July and August, the parish office will be
open Monday – Friday from
9:00am to 7:00pm.

Regular office hours will commence in
September.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

*A promise of marriage has
been made between:*

**CHARLES MACCARONE &
CHRISTINA CIAMPA
STEPHEN PATULLO &
ROCHELLE BILOW**



BAPTISMS

The community welcomes:

SIENNA LILLY DI GIROLAMO

OLYMPIA CIRILLO

ADDISON EVERLY BUDA

SOFIA ROSE CECCHINI

NICOLAS JONATHAN DE GIORGIO

FRANCESCO DYMOND

GEMMA AMANDA ESPENES

LEIA LUNA FALLICO

SARA ANNA MALFARA

ROAN WILLIAM MARCHESE

GIULIANA MARTINO

May our Lord bless you always.

FUNERALE

E ritornata alla casa del padre:

MARIA FILOMENA DIODATI

Condoglianze piu' sentite alla famiglia



POSITIONS AVAILABLE

CALLING ALL TEACHERS!!!

We are currently seeking volunteers to teach the Confirmation Preparation Program and / or the Children's Liturgy Program commencing in the fall. The preparation programs are a great opportunity to gain teaching experience for future teachers. For further information, please contact the parish office at 905-851-3600.

CANADIAN MISSIONS SHARED COLLECTION

Please be reminded that the special collection for Canadian Missions **will take place on the weekend of August 11 and 12, 2018**. If you recall from last year, this special collection used to be distributed between Catholic Missions in Canada (CMIC) and Scarborough Foreign Missions (SFM) for their mission work. SFM has indicated that they no longer require funds from the collection and have encouraged re-distribution to needy partners. In light of that, the Archdiocese of Toronto has reallocated SFM's portion of the collection towards selected Dioceses in remote areas in Northern Canada. This is in line with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops call for southern dioceses of the country to assist the northern dioceses, not only to compensate for their financial loss, but also to help them rise out of their poverty. The beneficiaries are:

Dioceses in Northern Canada – Half of the total proceeds raised in the collection will go towards supporting the remote Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith in Yellow Knife, NWT as well as the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan in Grand Prairie, AB.

Catholic Missions In Canada (CMIC) – CMIC supports many missions in regions of our country where the population is too small, or the economic situation of the community is too fragile for the people themselves to support their local Church and its ministry.

SPIRITUAL RETREAT (IN ENGLISH)

TEOPOLI – “CITY OF GOD”

This pilgrimage has three strong moments of common prayer: the Mass, the stations of the cross, and the rosary with Eucharistic benediction. This is a day of prayer. All who come must participate in all the religious functions of the day.

Sunday, Aug. 19th, 2018 – \$30 per person

Departing at 7:15a.m. SHARP from St. Peter's parish and returning by 5:00 p.m. Please contact the St. Peter's parish office 905-851-3600 for registration and tickets.

Please note: bring your own lunch!

Seating is first come first serve!

RITIRO SPIRITUALE

Un invito al ritiro per il PREZIOSISSIMO

SANGUE mercoledì, 15 agosto

\$30.00 a persona Per informazioni,

chiamate Tina Quiquero al 905-851-1833.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUMMER

REGISTRATION PROGRAM

The York Catholic District School Board Admissions Office will facilitate elementary school registrations for the academic year 2018-2019. Registrations will take place at the Catholic Education Centre, located at 320 Bloomington Road West, in Aurora during the months of July and August.

HELP FOR SENIORS

We are a group of ladies Personal Support workers (PSW). - **companions, house cleaners, nannies** We can also do your shopping and take you to doctor's appointments. We speak Italian & Spanish. Please call Paola at 416-912-8314.

VILLA COLOMBO VAUGHAN

Every Volunteer makes a difference at Villa Colombo Vaughan. There is always a need for a friendly smile and a helping hand. Opportunities include friendly visits, coffee socials, baking, card playing and special fundraising events. If you would like to generously offer your time, contact

Jessica Fabbro, at **289-202-2222 ext. 333**

VCVvolunteercoordi@universalcareine.ca

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the annual Mass for the faithful departed on

Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 7pm.

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| Queen of Heaven, Woodbridge | His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins |
| Holy Cross, Thornhill | Most Rev. Robert Kasun, CSB |
| Assumption, Mississauga | Most Reverend John A. Boissonneau |
| Christ The King, Markham | Rev. Msgr. Vid Vlastic |
| Mount Hope, Toronto | Rev. Fr. Michael Busch |
| Resurrection, Whitby | Most. Rev. Vincent Nguyen |
| St. Mary's, Barrie | Most Rev. Wayne Kirkpatrick |

IN THE EVENT OF RAIN... Mass will be held in the mausoleum at Assumption, Holy Cross, Resurrection and Queen of Heaven Cemeteries. Christ the King Cemetery will celebrate Mass on site in the Reception Centre. Mount Hope Cemetery to St. Monica's Parish, 44 Broadway Avenue, Toronto. St. Mary's Cemetery to St. John Vianney Parish, 13 Baldwin Lane, Barrie.

PARLIAMENT OF WORLD RELIGIONS

Coming to Toronto this November ... Toronto will host the Parliament of the World's Religions, November 1-7, 2018, expected to gather more than 10,000 people of faith from around the world. Considered the world's most diverse interfaith event, delegates from more than 80 nations and 200 unique spiritual traditions will gather at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.



There will be a number of Catholic events among the more than 500 programs, workshops and dialogues scheduled through the week, including a presentation by Cardinal Collins, Jesuit scientist Fr. Rob Allore, and a performance from St. Michael's Choir School. There will also be music, dance, art and photography exhibitions presented by the world's religious communities and cultural institutions. It is stated in the Vatican II document, *Nostra Aetate* ("In Our Time"), that all religions have their ultimate roots in one God and hence Catholics can learn from their religious perspectives. Such learning can enhance our appreciation of the core values of the Catholic faith. The Parliament of World Religions helps to build bridges among people of differing faiths perspectives and addresses central social issues of our day – this year's themes explore the dignity of women, countering violence and hate, climate action, indigenous issues, youth issues and justice.

You can find more information online at:
<https://www.parliamentofreligions.org/parliament/2018-toronto>

(You can also use promo code: C2C2C for a 20% discount on registration)