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Welcome and Registration

Welcome to all who worship with us today! May the Lord bless you! If you would like to register with our Parish, please fill out a registration form. These can be found at the main entrances. We ask you to inform our office if you are moving out of the parish.

Memorial Donations: Please keep our love for the parish alive: when recommending expressions of sympathy, please remember St. Ann Parish.

Prayer Network — 905-648-3341

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St. Vincent de Paul

Collection held first Sunday of the month.

Parish Schools

St. Ann's	905.523.2340
St. Joachim's	905.523.2341
Holy Name of Mary	905.523.2342
Immaculate Conception	905.523.2463
Bishop Tonnos Secondary	902.523.2331

The Lord's Day Masses

Saturday 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday—Friday 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
Saturday 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 8:30 a.m.—9:15 a.m.

Parish Office Hours

Monday 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Baptism

Please call the parish office. Six weeks notice is usually requested.

Marriage

You are asked to call the parish office to make wedding arrangements at least six months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick

Upon request. Please call the parish office.

Catholic Funeral Rites

When a death occurs in your family, please call the parish office and we will assist you in making the necessary liturgical arrangements.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 17, 2025

Tuesday, August 19th – **NO MASS**
Wednesday, August 20th – **NO MASS**

Thursday, August 21st
8:00 a.m. † Vyvyan Reilly
† Jamie Balardo
Intentions of Elizabeth, Matthew & Joshua

Friday, August 22nd
8:00 a.m. Intentions of Resina Kwon
Intentions of Derek Watts
Intentions of Margaret D’Arcey

Saturday, August 23rd
5:00 p.m. † Antonietta, Filippo & Dominic D’Avella
Intentions of Marian Rodrigues
Intentions of Francis & Jane
† Arokiaraj A.

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Week of August 17, 2025

This week we especially pray for:

Monday	Rev. Vernon Boyd, S.J.
Tuesday	Rev. Eric Jensen, S.J.
Wednesday	Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother of Christ, I.H.M.M.C.
Thursday	Rev. William Clarke, S.J.
Friday	<i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Saturday	Rev. Dirk Dunfee, S.J.

God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as married couples, priests, consecrated virgins, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give of themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.

St. Ann, Pray For Us!

PLEASE NOTE – NO MASSES ON:
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19TH
AND
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20TH

Fr. Peter is on vacation and Fr. Edward will be on retreat. Our prayers and blessings for both Fr. Peter and Fr. Edward.



From the desk of:

DAVID DAYLER

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF
MARY: A CELEBRATION OF
HOPE AND GLORY

Each year on August 15th, Catholics around the world celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—a solemnity that honors the belief that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory at the end of her earthly life. This feast is not only one of the most important Marian celebrations in the liturgical calendar, but it is also a powerful expression of Christian hope in the resurrection and the promise of eternal life.

Historical and Theological Background

The dogma of the Assumption was formally defined by Pope Pius XII in 1950 in the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*. The Pope 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.” While this dogma was officially defined in the 20th century, the belief itself dates back to the earliest centuries of Christianity and has deep roots in both Eastern and Western Christian traditions.

Early Christian writings and liturgical practices reflect a profound reverence for the final glorification of Mary. The Eastern Church had celebrated a feast known as the “Dormition of the Theotokos” (the falling asleep of the Mother of God) as early as the 5th or 6th century. The Western Church, influenced by these traditions, came to embrace the feast and gradually developed the theology that Mary’s assumption was a unique privilege granted to her as the sinless mother of the Redeemer.

The Assumption is not explicitly described in Sacred Scripture, but it is seen as a logical consequence of Mary's role in salvation history. Since Mary was preserved from original sin through the Immaculate Conception, it follows that she would not suffer bodily corruption after death. Her assumption is viewed as a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and a foretaste of the destiny promised to all the faithful.

Spiritual Significance

The Feast of the Assumption is rich in theological and spiritual meaning. First and foremost, it affirms the dignity of the human body and the ultimate destiny of every believer. In a world that often devalues the physical body or treats it as disposable, Mary's bodily assumption into heaven reminds us that our bodies, too, are temples of the Holy Spirit and destined for glorification.

Mary's Assumption is also a sign of hope. It reminds Christians that, just as Mary shared in her Son's victory over death, so too will we be raised on the last day. In this way, Mary becomes a symbol of the Church's eschatological hope—the longing for union with God and the fullness of life in His kingdom.

Furthermore, the Assumption highlights Mary's unique role as intercessor and Queen of Heaven. From her place in glory, she continues to intercede for the Church and all her children on earth. Many Catholics turn to her in prayer, especially on this feast day, seeking her maternal protection and guidance.

Liturgical Celebration

The liturgical celebration of the Assumption is marked by joyful praise and a sense of awe. It is a holy day of obligation in many countries, meaning Catholics are expected to attend Mass. The readings for the day focus on the themes of victory over death, the woman clothed with the sun (from Revelation 12), and Mary's Magnificat—her song of praise to God found in the Gospel of Luke.

Many communities hold special processions, Marian devotions, or rosary gatherings in honor of the Assumption. In some cultures, the day is celebrated with festivals, traditional food, and even pilgrimages to Marian shrines.

Relevance Today

In today's world, the Feast of the Assumption speaks to deep human concerns: the fear of death, the longing for immortality, and the desire for justice and peace.

Mary's assumption into heaven reminds us that God's promises are trustworthy and that our earthly struggles have eternal meaning. In a culture that often emphasizes material success or fleeting pleasures, Mary points to a deeper, lasting reality—the joy of being with God forever.

Moreover, the Assumption challenges us to live with our eyes fixed on heaven while fully engaging in the world. Mary, who said "yes" to God's plan with courage and humility, is a model of discipleship. Her life shows us that holiness is not an abstract ideal, but a real and attainable goal for every Christian.

Conclusion

The Feast of the Assumption of Mary is a celebration of glory, hope, and the promise of eternal life. It invites us to reflect on the mystery of God's love and the destiny that awaits all who follow Christ. As we honor Mary, assumed into heaven, we are encouraged to live our lives with faith, trust, and joyful anticipation of the resurrection. Mary's journey from earth to heaven reminds us that death is not the end, but the beginning of a new and everlasting life in God's presence.

— David Dayler —

ST. ANN'S YOUTH GROUP CALL FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

📣 We're bringing back our St. Ann's Youth Group
— and you're invited to the kickoff event!

📍 WHERE: St. Ann's Parish Hall, Ancaster

📅 WHEN: Sat., August 23rd @ 6:00 p.m.
(right after Mass!) Pizza & Hangout Night!

👥 WHO: All students going into Grades 9 –12
Questions? Contact saintannhsyg@gmail.com



Vacation Bible School started this week. Everyone is having a wonderful time! Thank you to all our volunteers for making this VBS extra special.