

ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH

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AUGUST 15, 2021 – ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



PARISH OFFICE and HOURS:

Julia Di Paolo — Parish Secretary

Mon to Thurs: 9:15 AM — 12:00 PM

1:00 PM — 4:00 PM

Friday: 9:15 AM — 1:00 PM

Sunday: 9:15 AM — 1:00 PM

Closed on Saturday and Holidays

PASTORAL TEAM:

Rev. Fr. Roy Farrell, *Pastor*

Rev. Fr. Jimmy Joseph, *Associate Pastor*

Rev. Fr. Russell Asch, *Chaplain to the Faithful participating in the Extraordinary Rite of the Latin Mass*

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm (English)

Sunday Mass : 8:30 am (English)

10:00 am (Italian)

11:30 am (English)

1:00 pm (Latin)

5:00 pm (English)

DAILY MASSES:

English: 8:30 am Monday to Saturday

Latin: 11:00 am Monday to Wednesday

7:00 am Thursday

7:00 pm Friday

10:00 am Saturday

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays following the 8:30 am Mass

Saturdays 4:15 pm to 4:45 pm

Any time by request

PARISH GROUPS:

We invite you to consider joining a parish group.

For more information, call the parish office.

FOR SACRAMENTS (BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, ANNOINTING of the SICK, RCIA, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL):

Please contact the parish office Tel No. 416-759-9359

PARISH SCHOOL:

St. Lawrence Catholic School Tel No. 416-393-5264

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The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

GOSPEL SUMMARY:

Today's Gospel contains the account of the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth and of Mary's proclamation of the Magnificat. Joy runs through this Gospel reading—the joy as the cousins meet and embrace; the joy as the baby within Elizabeth's womb leaps at the sound of Mary's voice; and the joy expressed in the words of the Magnificat.

REFLECTION FOR PARENTS:

Family schedules are full. It may some days seem as if life is one endless carpool from one practice to the next, from one errand to another. In the middle of the stuff of everyday life, today's Gospel encourages us to find cause to rejoice. Sit still for a few moments today and consider where you have experienced joy in recent days. Think about how you can bring joy to others in the week to come. Consider if, in all the events on the family calendar, there is a need to make more room for joy.

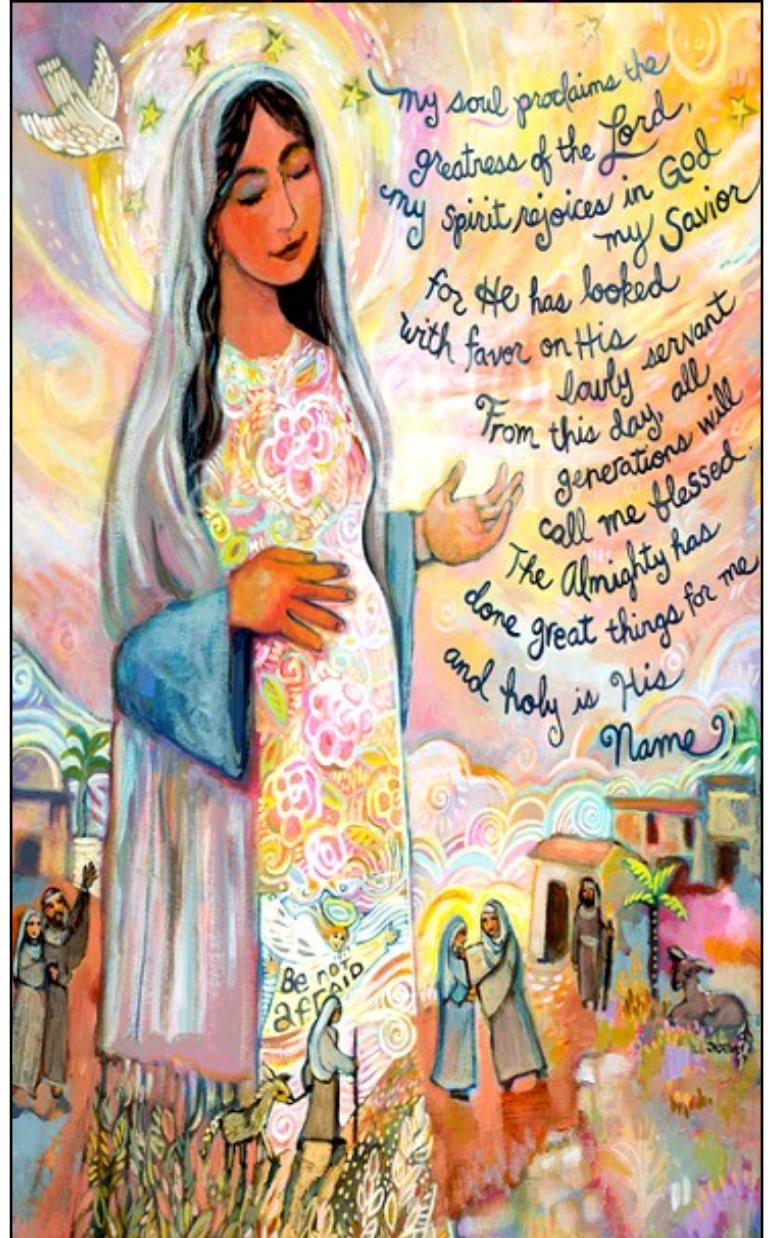
BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:

The Gospel today also speaks of the power of friendship. Mary and Elizabeth were not only cousins; they were friends. Invite family members to think of friends they haven't seen or spoken with in awhile. Encourage each person to decide on a random act of kindness he or she can do for that friend—something he or she can make, say, or do to let that friend know the he or she is remembered and appreciated.

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

1. When I have good news to share, the person I want to tell first is . . . because . . .
2. Something that brings me great joy is . . .
3. I want to praise God today because . . .

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Mary's Magnificat

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Special Prayers
For Those In Need



FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Please remember in your prayers: those who are sick and for those who love and minister to them – John Miceli, Gianna Ramzi, Francisco William, Stephanie Solomon, Antonio Sorbera, Bill Matthews,

Vanessa Melone, Rosemarie Sorbera, Amelia Barroso, Joey Bagnato, Alicia Alvares, Charlie Abreu, Domingo Catolos, Marylou Gaerlan, Eileen and Mary Nicol.

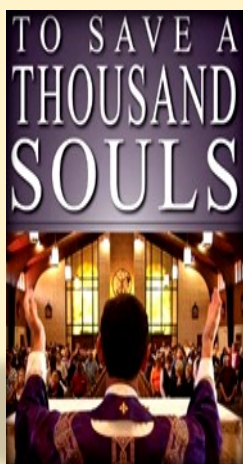
VOCATION REFLECTION:

Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour". Perhaps the way Christ has called you to magnify the Lord is through the priesthood or religious life. If you think this might be the case, call Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto.

Tel No. 416-968-0997

Email vocations@archtoronto.org

Website <https://www.vocationstoronto.ca>



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Begins in September

Becoming a Catholic

If you or a loved one would like to consider becoming a Roman Catholic, please have them speak to Fr. Roy after Mass or contact the parish by e-mail or telephone to arrange for an interview.

Completing the process of Initiation

If you or someone you know wishes to complete the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation or increase your knowledge and understanding of our Catholic Faith, call the parish office.

Requirements to be a sponsor/godparent

Anyone who wishes to be a sponsor for Confirmation or a godparent for Baptism must have received all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) and be a Catholic in good standing to qualify for sponsorship.

Dear Padre

August 15, 2021

Why do Catholics believe in Mary's assumption into heaven?



Mary's assumption to heaven is a belief shared by Eastern Christians and Roman Catholics, although the explanations of this dogma have different emphases in the two traditions. While there is no biblical or historical record of this event, the first explanation of this doctrine is found in a document from the late 300s.

Mary's assumption was considered a pious opinion until 1950, when Pius XII defined it as dogma (an official Church teaching). The Pope made the declaration after bishops and he found overwhelming consensus throughout the Church.

The definition of Mary's assumption— body and soul— to heaven reaffirmed that God had not only created humans, but also redeemed and claimed them.

Mary's assumption reminded the world of the goodness of God's creation and that Christ redeems us from the evil around us (and in us) and made us a new creation.

Perhaps the best explanation can be found in St. John Paul M's 2004 homily at Lourdes. "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be," he said, quoting John 14:3. He explained that Mary's assumption is the pledge that Christ's promise will be fulfilled.

The Pope's words echo the teaching of bishops at the Second Vatican Council, which described this dogma as "a sign of sure hope and solace" (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [Lumen Gentium], 68).

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MASSES - MESSE

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY AUGUST 14TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. – + Lionel & Roy Jardine

SUNDAY AUGUST 15TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. – + Luigi & Angela Di Serio

10:00 A.M. – Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Rosario Vella

Francesco Ferrante

Mike e Vito Cuoppolo

Maria Romagnuolo e defunti famiglia

Giovanni Colangelo e defunti famiglia

11:30 A.M. – Cedric & Lilian de Souza

1:00 P.M. – Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. – + Gloria & Lily Tranquada

MONDAY AUGUST 16TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Aurea & Epifanio Ilag

11:00 A.M. – + Holy Souls In Purgatory

TUESDAY AUGUST 17TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. – Christian Amizola

11:00 A.M. – + Pablo I. De Jesus

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 18TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. – Malcolm Persaud

11:00 A.M. – + Joe De Mello

THURSDAY AUGUST 19TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. – + William Cook

8:30 A.M. – + Remedios Di Pasupil

FRIDAY AUGUST 20TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. – + Carmela Scarano

7:00 P.M. – + Paul & Pauline Lam

SATURDAY AUGUST 21ST – SABATO

8:30 A.M. – + Gordon Burlton

10:00 A.M. – - Liberto Yap & Family



Worship Through Giving

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

6 But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all-sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES:

A set of offering envelopes will be prepared for you to pick up at the parish office.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING:

This new way of supporting the church is now being offered in our parish and many of our parishioners may find this method practical and convenient.

Please call the parish office (416-759-9359) for the way of giving that is right for you.

TO DONATE ON-LINE:

Alternately to donate online to St. Lawrence Martyr Parish, please [click here Archdiocese of Toronto](#) and select St. Lawrence Martyr Parish from the drop list.

REGISTRATION OF NEW PARISHIONER:

Please [click here](#).

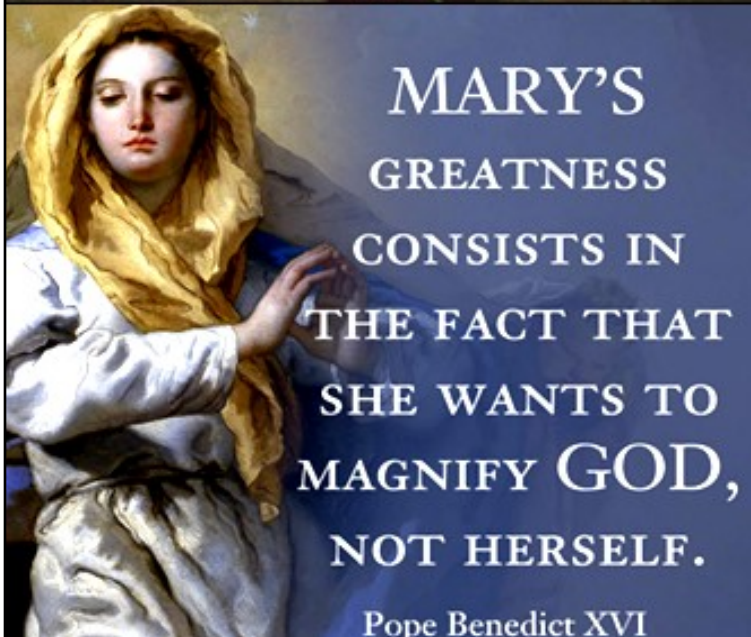


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Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary Into Heaven



MARY'S
GREATNESS
CONSISTS IN
THE FACT THAT
SHE WANTS TO
MAGNIFY GOD,
NOT HERSELF.

Pope Benedict XVI

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

My Soul Proclaims the Greatness of the Lord: Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, one of the four Marian dogmas. In this feast day, we celebrate as Pope Pius XII in the Apostolic Constitution of “*Munificentissimus Deus*” declares – “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. The Blessed Mother was assumed into heaven because of the life she lived, and being the Mother of God who was without sin and avoided it her whole life. Only Mary, who was born without original sin could have given birth to Christ and raise him. Mary’s total openness and docility to God’s plan of salvation earned her the special privilege we celebrate today. Mary didn’t just say yes at the conception of Jesus, but at every moment of her life until the end, and she continues to do the will of God by interceding for us from heaven. As we celebrate this great solemnity, let us strive to imitate the openness and docility of Mary. Let us spend some time to reflect on how we too can be an instrument in the hands of God. Mary’s yes to Gods will brought salvation to the world, and in the same way God wants to use our yes to bring salvation to our life and to those around us. How is God calling us to serve the Church through the giving of our time and talent? Do we hesitate to give of ourselves in the way that God calls us to? Are we like Mary in allowing God to have authority in every aspect of our life, or do we try to remain in control, wanting our will to be done instead of God’s will? Let us look to our blessed mother and ask for her prayers in a special way this week, for she showed us in her life that the life worth living is one which is totally united to God’s will.

Summary: In today’s feast, we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, when she was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. Mary was assumed into heaven by God because of the nature of her life. Mary was always open to God’s will and never failed to fulfil it, and it was through her yes that God came into the world and brought it salvation. Let us strive to be like Mary, to say yes to the ways that God is calling us to be stewards in the Church, and to give of our time and talent for the sake of others in gratitude to God and his gifts.

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Thanks to parishioners who helped sanitize our church

We thank them for your dedication and commitment to maintaining a safe environment for worship here at St. Lawrence Church over the past months. While the updated guidelines no longer require this service at the present time...

We also thank them in advance for remaining available if needed again in the upcoming months. Thanks again to all of you!

Annual Cemeteries Mass for the Faithful Departed - Livestreamed Wednesday, August 18 at 7 p.m.

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, on site celebrations for the 2021 Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed have been cancelled at the seven locations of Catholic Cemeteries and Funeral Services – Archdiocese of Toronto. Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, will celebrate a special livestreamed Mass in honour of our faithful departed on Wednesday, August 18, at 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. The Mass can be [viewed on the cathedral's website](#).

We hope you can join us in prayer for the faithful departed. Thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic Cemeteries and Funeral Services.

ShareLife 2021:

Living the Gospel by putting faith into action

"ShareLife is the way the rubber hits the road. This is how we validate the legitimacy and integrity of our Christian life: not by the words we speak, but by the love we share, in practical ways. That's what we do with ShareLife." – Cardinal Thomas Collins

As Catholics, we are called to care for one another. One of the ways we do this is through our support of ShareLife. We express this love and care by supporting the work of ShareLife-funded agencies. Through their programs and services, we are able to fulfill this commandment.

Thank you for "living the Gospel" through our parish ShareLife campaign. Thus far we have raised just over **\$24,516.53** toward our goal of **\$42,000**. Thank you to those who have contributed to our annual appeal. If you have not yet done so, you are invited to reflect on your ability to help those in need and make a sacrificial gift to help those who turn to our agencies for help.



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE ON THE PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL:

Members of the Parish Finance Council shall serve a three-year term and may be appointed to a second or third three-year term.

Responsibilities:

Members of the Parish Finance Council are expected to

- 1-Maintain discretion and confidentiality.
- 2-Attend all Parish Finance Council meetings.
- 3-Serve on at least one committee and attend all committee meetings.
- 4-Actively participate in the Parish stewardship program.
- 5-Participate in the Bishop's Annual Appeal.
- 6-Assist with parish social activities involving fund raising.
- 7-Learn all duties of membership.
- 8-Have a good understanding of all aspects of parish life .
- 9-Be a goodwill ambassador of the parish.
- 10-Be active in decision making.
- 11-Be willing to assume leadership positions.
- 12-Continue their development and education in the Catholic faith.
- 13-Be prepared to discuss the agenda.

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SEEKING HELP? If you need help with manual labor, gardening, cleaning your home, etc., there will be a group of young men between 15-17 years of age willing to help for free on *August 16th to 19th from 9 am to 2 pm.*

The parish will complete the screening and assign supervisors. Transportation to your home is available.

If you wish to receive help, please email Fr. Roy fr.roy@rogers.com.



SPECIAL APPEAL: Several weeks ago, repairs were made to our church's air-conditioning system. Thankfully, all three chillers are working. The total cost was \$12,000. With the support of all our parish families I am confident we will reach our fundraising goal to pay for the project!

If you wish to donate, mark on your envelope, "*Church Repairs.*" No gift is too small to give nor too simple to receive, which is wrapped in thoughtfulness and tied with love. Thanks, Fr. Roy



RELAXED MEASURES

NEW-Online registration to attend weekend Mass will not be required at present. Parishioners from the same family or live at the same address may sit together. Our seating capacity will be slightly higher than 84 since in the past each person was counted regardless if they were from the same family. Proper distancing of 6 feet must still be maintained. *There are 60 available spots in the parish hall.*

NEW - Baptisms of more than one child outside of Mass are now permitted. However, the presider must bless the holy water in a pitcher or other vessel that can be poured on the candidate's head, rather than baptizing each candidate with the same water. Also, the presider should sanitize his hands after making direct contact with each child.

NEW - Cleaning procedures for pews, washrooms, confessionals, reconciliation rooms are relaxed so as to require only regular cleaning in accordance with routines prior to Covid-19 restrictions. The only exception is where someone attending church has a suspected case or tested positive for Covid-19, in which case the space should be disinfected as per pandemic related protocols.

NEW - Missals and prayer books may be replaced in pews. Please do not return hymnals to pews at this time as congregational singing is not yet permitted.

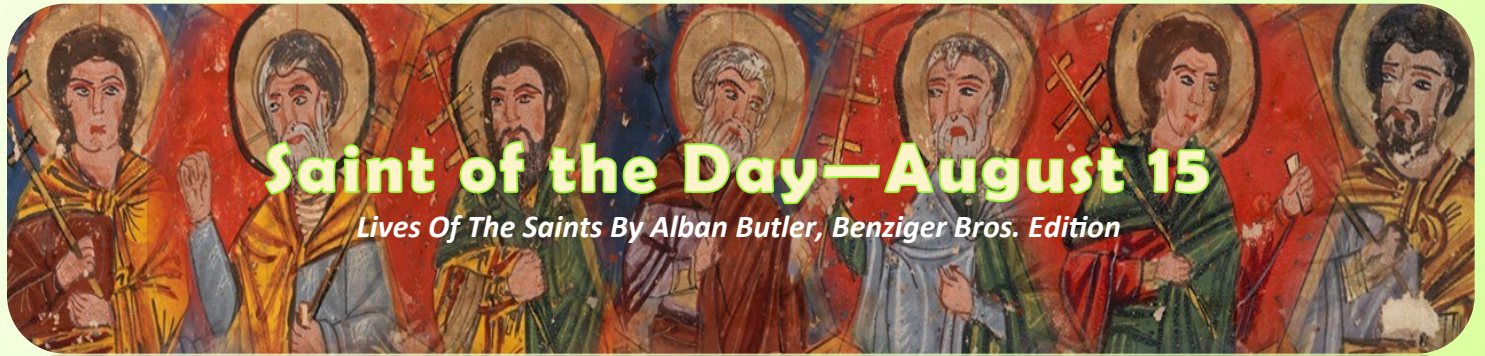
NEW - Bulletins, envelopes, pamphlets, and newspapers may again be distributed as per pre- COVID-19 practices. *(This will happen at St. Lawrence's in September)*

NEW - Small Chapel may be used again as long as proper distancing is maintained. *(This will happen at St. Lawrence's in September)*

NEW - Collections may again be taken up using baskets in the traditional fashion. All Ushers involved in the collection should ensure that they wear masks while undertaking this task and make every effort to ensure physical distancing of two meters (six feet). *(This will happen at St. Lawrence's in September)*

NEW - Hand Sanitizing - it is no longer mandatory for all entering a church to use hand sanitizer, though churches, especially as we move into the fall and winter months, are encouraged to provide hand sanitizers as a best practice. Clergy and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should continue to use hand-sanitizers before and after the distribution of the Eucharist.

NEW - Altar servers may resume serving on the altar (wearing masks) and maintaining two meters (six feet) distance between each other and the priest as much as possible. Altar servers from the same household do not need to maintain physical distancing. *(This will happen at St. Lawrence's in September)*



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

IN this festival the Church commemorates the happy departure from life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and her translation into the kingdom of her Son, in which she received from Him a crown of immortal glory, and a throne above all the other Saints and heavenly spirits. After Christ, as the triumphant Conqueror of death and hell, ascended into heaven, His blessed Mother remained at Jerusalem, persevering in prayer with the disciples, till, with them, she had received the Holy Ghost. She lived to a very advanced age, but finally paid the common debt of nature, none among the children of Adam being exempt from that rigorous law. But the death of the Saints is rather to be called a sweet sleep than death; much more that of the Queen of Saints, who had been exempt from all sin. It is a traditional pious belief, that the body of the Blessed Virgin was raised by God soon after her death, and taken up to glory, by a singular privilege, before the general resurrection of the dead. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is the greatest of all the festivals which the Church celebrates in her honor. It is the consummation of all the other great mysteries by which her life was rendered most wonderful; it is the birthday of her true greatness and glory, and the crowning of all the virtues of her whole life, which we admire single in her other festivals.

Reflection.—Whilst we contemplate, in profound sentiments of veneration, astonishment, and praise, the glory to which Mary is raised by her triumph on this day, we ought, for our own advantage, to consider by what means she arrived at this sublime degree of honor and happiness, that we may walk in her steps. No other way is open to us. The same path which conducted her to glory will also lead us thither; we shall be partners in her reward if we copy her virtues

Saints for the Week (August 15—21)

- 15. The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary
- 16. Saint Hyacinth
- 17. Saint Liberatus
- 18. Saint Helena; Saint Agapetus, Martyr
- 19. Saint Louis
- 20. Saint Bernard
- 21. Saint Jane Frances de Chantal

