

# Church of the Ascension

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August 14, 2022 — TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern  
(Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

**Psalm** — Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** — Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter  
of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

**Gospel** — I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already  
blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

## PROPHETS

We reflect upon the voice of the prophet in this Sunday's readings. We hear of the suffering and the rescue of Jeremiah. We hear how Jesus anticipates his suffering and death. As with Jeremiah and Jesus, the prophets were sent by God to the leaders and people of Israel. A prophet is one who speaks truth to the powerful, exposing their darker hidden motives and injustices. The prophet presents a way forward that aligns with God's purposes.

A prophet can force people away from a comfortable neutrality or indifference. The prophet creates an urgency to make a choice: Are we content with the status quo, or are we to change our ways and pursue a new and better path? Today, we may also ask, how do we identify and respond to prophets of our time? How might we provide a prophetic voice in our Church and in our world?

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## Catechetical Ministry

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Youth Faith Formation  
Coordinator  
RCIA Rev. Hao Dinh,  
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## Masses

### Saturday

9:00 a.m.  
5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

### Sunday

7:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  
5:00 p.m.

### Weekday

M—F 8:00 a.m.

### Holy Days

Mass times as announced

## Reconciliation

Saturday  
4:00 pm—4:45 pm

## Church of the Ascension: Youth Faith Formation Program

We look forward to working with you and with all children and youth in our parish, sharing and growing together in our faith and in our relationship with the Lord. To enroll your child/ren, please complete the registration form (found on our website, home page) for the program (September 2022 through May 2023).



### Youth Faith Formation includes sacramental preparation:

**First Reconciliation and First Eucharist** - typically 2nd graders or older

**Sacrament of Confirmation** - typically 8th graders or older

For information, please contact: Loy Oppus-Moe (408) 621-1587  
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## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

On 1 November 1950, in the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*, Pope Pius XII declared the **Assumption of Mary** as a dogma: “... 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.”

**Monday, August 15th, Feast of the Assumption**  
**Masses : 8:00 am and 12:00 noon**

## What is a Dogma?

This week we are celebrating the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, one of four Marian dogmas. The term “dogma” describes a central, foundational or essential belief, believed to be divinely communicated and is defined by the Church’s authoritarian body, the Roman Curia.

The core beliefs (“dogmata”) of the Catholic Church are contained in the Nicene Creed and the Canon Laws established during many ecumenical councils (councils of bishops). A dogma is one of a smaller number of decrees affirmed by a council of given by popes exercising “papal infallibility,” and are considered part of the Catholic Church’s sacred body of doctrine.

There are four Marian dogmas. Each one affirms Mary’s personal relationship with God and her role in human salvation. They are as follows:

- 1) Mary’s Divine Motherhood—confirmed at the Council of Ephesus in 431 attributed to Mary, the title “Mother of God.”
- 2) Mary’s Perpetual Virginitly—confirmed at the Council of the Lateran in 649.
- 3) Mary’s Immaculate Conception—papal proclamation of Pope Pius IX in 1854.
- 4) Mary’s Assumption of Body and Soul—paper proclamation of Pope Pius XII in 1950.

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

<b>Monday</b>	<b>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> (upon death, Mary’s body was assumed into heaven)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>St. Stephen of Hungary</b> (10th cent. Hungarian, first king of Hungary; patron of Hungary & protector of kings, masons & children suffering severe illness)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>St. John Eudes</b> (17th cent. French priest & religious founder of Eudists & Order of Our Lady of Charity; patron of both Orders)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b> (12th cent. French abbot, Doctor of the Church & reformer of Benedictine monasticism; patron of Cistercians, beekeepers, candle makers)

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Aug 13	Sat	9 a.m.	Greg Borromeo & Family
		5 p.m.	Angelina Suares +
Aug 14	Sun	7 a.m.	All Parishioners
		9 a.m.	Jerome & Anna Dao +
		11 a.m.	Mark Anthony Baylon +
		5 p.m.	All Parishioners
Aug 15	Mon	8 a.m.	All Parishioners
		12 p.m.	All Parishioners
Aug 16	Tue	8 a.m.	All Parishioners
Aug 17	Wed	8 a.m.	All Parishioners
Aug 18	Thu	8 a.m.	All Parishioners
Aug 19	Fri	8 a.m.	All Parishioners
Aug 20	Sat	9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		5 p.m.	Jerome Desilva +
Aug 21	Sun	7 a.m.	All Parishioners
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	Dave Frederick +
		5 p.m.	Francisco & Rosa Barican +

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

We are forming our next RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) group which will begin later this month, i.e. late August.

If you would like to learn more about the Catholic faith or wish to complete the Sacraments of Holy Communion and/or Confirmation, please call the office at (408) 725-3939 and speak to Fr. Hao for more information.



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## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Youth Faith Formation program. There are many roles besides teaching for volunteering (free lending library, set-up/clean-up, special projects and events). You can also think about co-facilitating a class with another adult. It’s a unique way to serve, while also growing in your faith! If called to this ministry, please call Loy at the office or email her at [loy.oppusmoe@dsj.org](mailto:loy.oppusmoe@dsj.org).

## THANK YOU

Aug. 07, 2022	Our Weekly Offering
NEEDED	\$5,400
COLLECTED	\$3,748
WESHARE	\$2,953
TOTAL	\$6.701

**The Virgin received salvation so that she may give it back to the centuries.**  
—Peter Chrysologus

## SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN AFRICA

Catholics across the US offer hope and help to our sisters and brothers in Africa through the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. We will take up this special collection **this weekend**. Thank you for your generosity.

**Do not be disturbed by the clamor of this world, which passes like a shadow. Do not let the false delights of a deceptive world deceive you.**  
—St. Clare