

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrated on August 15th. It commemorates the belief that **Mary, the mother of Jesus, was taken body and soul into heavenly glory at the end of her earthly life.** This event is rich in theological significance and offers deep spiritual insights for contemplation.

Mary's Assumption is closely linked to her unique role in the story of salvation. From the moment of the Annunciation, where **she said "yes" to God's plan,** to her presence at the foot of the cross, Mary's life was marked by an unwavering faith and profound humility. The Assumption is seen as the crowning moment of this life of grace.

The Assumption reminds us that Mary's journey is not just about her, but also about what God desires for all humanity. The dogma teaches us that **death is not the end, but rather a transition into a new form of life.** In Mary's Assumption, we see the beginning of the fulfilment of Christ's promise of resurrection. It serves as a powerful reminder that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, destined not for decay but for transformation and glorification.

The Assumption also highlights **Mary's role as an advocate and intercessor.** As she is assumed into heaven, she takes her place beside her Son, Jesus Christ. From this position, she continues to pray for the Church and for all of us.

This feast invites us to **renew our hope in the resurrection and to live with our eyes set on the eternal.** It encourages us to consider our own journey towards heaven and to live in a way that reflects our belief in this profound truth.

Please remember St. Andrew's Parish in your will and when you think about memorial donations! Thank you.

Weekend Confession Time

Saturday 4:15pm - 4:45pm

Sunday 10:10am - 10:40am

Weekday Evening Confessions (Please see front page for exceptions)

Tuesday to Friday 8:00 - 9:00pm