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ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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FIRST DISCIPLE

The Assumption of Mary was officially proclaimed as a doctrine of the Church in 1950, but it was believed by generations of faithful before that date. In her willingness to be the mother of Jesus, God made flesh, she has a unique role in our salvation. No one knows for certain how Mary spent the rest of her life after the end of her son's earthly ministry. She was given by Jesus into the care of John, the beloved disciple, but we know almost nothing about her final days. The Church's long tradition has been that when she died God raised her, body and soul, into heaven. The Assumption defies anyone who wants to nail down details. On this feast we are confronted by pure mystery. Mary is not only the mother of Jesus and Mother of God, she is also the first disciple of the Good News. In today's Gospel she hurries to visit her cousin Elizabeth, pregnant with John the Baptist. Mary's arrival causes Elizabeth, under the influence of the child in her womb, to praise Mary as "*the mother of my Lord*" (Luke 1:43). Mary then shows us discipleship to the fullest by blessing God in the Magnificat. In this hymn Mary interprets the good news that she has brought to Elizabeth. The angel told Mary who Jesus is, the Savior and Son of God; but Mary translates this identity in terms of what His arrival means. Pope Paul VI said that Mary is an example to all of us because of the way in which she fully and responsibly accepted the Word of God, and did God's will without question. She is worthy of imitation because she was the first and the most perfect of Christ's disciples. She is worthy of any honor we give her.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

Put a copy of the Magnificat on your bathroom mirror or on your computer's start-up screen. Pray Mary's hymn to start your day.

REFLECTIONS *on the word*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading—The vision concerning the woman clothed with the sun (*Rev. 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab*).

Psalm—The Queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold (*Psalms 45*).

Second Reading—Christ, the firstfruits; then those who belong to Him (*1 Corinthians 15:20-27*).

Gospel—Mary praises God in the Magnificat (*Luke 1:39-56*).



GIVEN MUCH

The celebration of today's feast on a Sunday is unusual on our Roman Catholic calendar. Our observance of the Lord's Day is held in such high esteem that few other feasts replace it. Occasionally there is a feast—usually of one of the saints—in which the saving power of God in Christ is so uniquely focused that the Roman rite deems it worthy of celebration on the Lord's Day. Today is such a feast. Yet some are surprised at the brevity of the dogma in its entirety: *"We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory."*

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EXECUTIVE BOARD *elections*

On *Sunday, September 19th*, elections will be held for four of the eight positions of our Executive Board. The positions open for your consideration are **Co-Director, Secretary, Director of Spiritual Life, and Director of Social Life.**

Information on the elections, positions information and nomination forms were sent to all members by US Mail and email. If you have not received the information, please see Secretary Ted Wiecek or email him at twiecek@aglochicago.org.

If you would like to nominate yourself or another member, please complete a nomination form and return it before *Sunday, September 5th* (Labor Day weekend). Anyone who is a registered member as of August 20th is eligible to vote. You can become a member or update your membership by completing the membership form in *The Blaze*.

PRAYING *with the community*

PRAYER INTENTIONS

If you or someone you know in the community is ill or has lost a loved one, let us remember them in our prayers. Write your intentions in the prayer book located in the center of the church before Mass.



Prayers for the Sick

Ken S. Dennis L. Adeline C.

Prayers for the Deceased

†Sr. Claude V. †John B. †George T.
†Geraldine M. †Matt L. ^{AO}
^{AO} Anniversaries

The Roman Catholic Church never defined any specifics or particulars about the event itself. It is not in the scriptures. There are no verifiable eyewitness accounts. At its core, the dogma reveals in Mary the destiny of all mortal flesh, and reinforces our creedal belief in resurrection of the body. This feast strengthens our faith, defined last week in Hebrews as the realization of things hoped for. We find, in Mary, that realization of what we all hope for, what Paul today affirms: *"In Christ shall all be brought to life"* (*1 Corinthians 15:22*).

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord



GIVING BACK

The Virgin received salvation so that she may give it back to the centuries.

—Peter Chrysologus

EUCCHARISTIC *celebration*

Today (08/15)

Fr. Richard Prendergast
Brian D., Joe Vitek
Alan S.
Gerald H., Steve M.
Joseph J., Jim Lux
Tony H., James R.
Dan Weitendorf

Celebrant
Ushers
Cross Bearer
Acolytes
Lectors
Eucharistic Ministers
Announcements
Social Hour

Next Week (08/22)

Fr. Dennis O'Neill
Ed G., Joe Q.
Mike L.
Tom A., Steve E.
Roman S., Bobby O.
Michael R., Jake S.
Jerry McEnany

ACTIVITIES *with aglo*

THE SPIRITUAL WORLD MEETS THE PSYCHOLOGICAL WORLD —PART 2

If you did not attend Part 1, now is the time to join us! If you attended sessions during Part 1, you will not want to miss Part 2! All are welcome to attend.



Fr. Angel Sierra, who currently serves as a senior lecturer at Loyola University, Chicago in the field of Psychology and who is a seasoned Pastor and

Spiritual Director, will offer a two-hour session each Monday evening **July 19 through August 16th at 7:30 pm** in the OLMC Ministry Center. Tomorrow is the final session! For info, see Director of Spiritual Life, Larry Cubalchini or email him at lcubalchini@aglochicago.org.

SUMMER DAY OF REFLECTION

Next **Sunday, August 22nd**, you are invited to our summer retreat, to be held at the OLMC Ministry Center from 10:30am to 6:30pm. The day will be lead by Fr. Angel Sierra. Fr. Sierra, who currently serves as a senior lecturer at Loyola University, Chicago in the field of Psychology in addition to being a seasoned Pastor and a Spiritual Director. The day will include reflection on scripture, meditation and discussion. We ask that you RSVP to the Spiritual Life Committee by e-mail or after Mass on **8/15/2010**. The day will be open to any AGLO Member or guest. We ask attendees make a \$5 donation to help cover food expenses for the day. For more information (or to RSVP) e-mail Larry Cubalchini the AGLO Spiritual Life Director at lcubalchini@aglochicago.org or call him at 312-307-3147.

SOCIAL ON THE STEPS



Join us after Mass tonight for our summer social—friendship and cool beverages—on the steps of the church. Our after Mass social in Casey Hall will resume the after Labor Day on Sunday, September 12th.

HELP BRING ABOUT AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE IN LAKEVIEW & UPTOWN

The Lakeview Action Coalition (LAC), along with graduate nursing students at DePaul University, is working to identify barriers to healthcare in the Lakeview and Uptown neighborhoods. This summer, LAC is distributing a survey and in the fall we will be conducting focus groups. If you are over 18-years-old, uninsured or under-insured, on Medicaid, Medicare, we want to hear from you! A link to the survey can be found at www.lakeviewaction.org. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes. Paper copies of the survey are also available at the back of the church tonight. This information will help create change in your community. Be a part of the solution! If you want to know more about this campaign, please contact Hannah at 773-549-1947 x387.

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COMMUNITY *news & events*

TIMING IS EVERYTHING: BENEFITS OF TESTING AND EARLY HIV TREATMENT

You are invited to join James F. Sullivan, M.D., specialist in Infectious Disease and Internal Medicine at Saint Joseph Hospital, as he discusses the importance and benefits of testing and early HIV treatment.

Tuesday, August 24, 2010

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Center on Halsted (SAGE Room, second floor)
3656 North Halsted | Chicago

This seminar is produced by The Community Health and Education Department at Saint Joseph Hospital and Center on Halsted. This free event is open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend. Registration is not required.

LIVE TODAY WELL

Today well lived makes every
yesterday a dream of happiness
and tomorrow a vision of hope.

—Kalidasa

STEWARDSHIP *of treasure*

DELIGHT IN THE HOUSE OF GOD

We rely on your generosity for operating expenses that average **\$1,000 per week**. Please make checks payable to AGLOChicago. Checks and envelopes addressed to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel must be given to our host parish for its programs and operation.



Offering for August:

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- YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE USED TO FUND OUR MINISTRY, AND THAT OUR LARGEST EXPENSE IS OUR WEEKLY SUNDAY LITURGY
- AGLOCHICAGO DOES SUPPORT NON-PROFIT CHARITIES IN OUR LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD, THE GLBT COMMUNITY AND FELLOW CATHOLIC MISSIONS
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Aug. 15



Aug. 16



Aug. 20

CALENDAR *reminders*

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

- » *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
- Mass - 7:00 pm
- Lemonade Social After Mass - Church Steps

MONDAY, AUGUST 16

- Human Development - 7:30 pm OLMC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

- » *Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*
- Retreat - Day of Reflection 10:30am-6:30pm
- Mass - 7:00 pm
- Lemonade Social After Mass - Church Steps

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

- » *Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*
- Mass - 7:00 pm
- Lemonade Social After Mass - Church Steps



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We, the members of the Archdiocesan Gay and Lesbian Outreach, as people of God, create a sense of community for those who wish to reconcile their sexual orientation with their faith; provide an accepting and affirming atmosphere in which to worship in the Catholic tradition; provide opportunities for integration of personal experience through spiritual growth; share our distinctive gifts with each other and the Church at large, and witness our Catholic faith to the gay and lesbian community.

AGLO Chicago is a supra-parochial organization begun in June 1988 to extend the Church's pastoral outreach to gay and lesbian Catholics throughout the Archdiocese.

AGLO LITURGY

Every Sunday at 7:00 pm at our host parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
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How did you learn about AGLO Chicago? _____

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- Ministries Committee Social Committee Outreach Committee
- Women's Outreach Choir Faith Sharing Group
- Altar Server Cross Bearer Eucharistic Minister
- Lector/Commentator Greeter/Usher

Signature _____ Date _____

(Required to become a member of AGLOChicago)