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CHURCH BULLETIN – August 14, 2016 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!

Readings: Jer 38.4-6, 8-10 Heb 12.1-4
 Lk 12.49-53

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 for holiness in families

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina Pál Margaret sikeres műtétjéért (Annyal Éva) Mátés Ervin felgyógyulásáért (testvére Miklós) Várfi és Laczkó családok élő és tagjaiért (Várfi család)

✠ Sándor Mózesért (Liz)
✠ Kovács Jánosért és Erzsébetért (családjai)
✠ Takács Gyuláért (családja)
✠ Nunez Etelvina (Kristóf Júlia)
✠ Vörös Jánosért (Baranyai Elizabeth)
✠ Gorzó Magdolnáért és családtagjaiért (Piroska G.)
✠ Gorzó Gyuláért és családtagjaiért (Piroska G.)
✠ Darabánt Ilonáért és családtagjaiért (Piroska G.) minden hívőért (Piroska G.)

11:00 Rosemary Rozinka Tallon felgyógyulásáért (szülei, nővére, és gyermekei)

Berden István felgyógyulásáért (családja)
✠ atyáért (Juhász Sándor és Márta)
✠ Barhács Mihályért és Juliskáért (Forrai család)
✠ Grofsics Jánosért (családja)
✠ Felkai Ferencért (Joan és David)
✠ Ernst-ért (felesége és családja)
✠ Nemedi és Varga szülőkért (szeretteik)
✠ Vörös Jánosért és élő feleségéért (Engyel család)
✠ Berger Andrásért 12. évf. (családja)
✠ Vörös Jánosért (Kusztos Matild)

Monday (15) The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 for the intention of the Jesuit General for holiness in families for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina for the complete healing of Gene Sazon in thanksgiving for the living and reposed Kristóf family members (Júlia) for the repose of the soul of Tav Bulaong for the repose of the soul of Fr. Békési (Piri)

Tuesday (16)

7:30 for our Jesuits for holiness in families for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina for Joey and Renith Faminial on their anniversary

Wednesday (17)

7:30 for Jesuit vocations for holiness in families for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina for the protection of the helpless unborn for the poor souls in purgatory for holy souls for the repose of the soul of Berzy Irén (Marika)

Thursday (18) Saint Albert Hurtado Cruchaga

7:30 for the conversion of non believers for holiness in families for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina for the repose of the souls of Malcolm Lai & Michael Ramgulam

Friday (19)

7:30 for our benefactors (the Jesuits) for holiness in families for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina for the protection of unborn for the repose of the souls of Pat and Kitty Quish for the repose of the souls of Varazsdi Anna & Alajos (Évi és Zoli)

Saturday (20) Saint Stephen of Hungary

7:30 for world peace for holiness in families for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina for Etelka and Pál for the special intentions of Gene and Linda

The Holy Father's prayer intentions for August

Universal: That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world.

Evangelization: That Christians may live the Gospel, giving witness to faith, honesty, and love of neighbor.

PARISH EVENTS

Today, August 14. collection on behalf of the Catholic Missions in Canada and Scarborough Missions
September 6. Married Couples Club at 1 PM **18.** Lángos sale. **25.** Luncheon to support the Caritas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **Fr. Kiss Ulrich** from Hungary is going to serve in our church from August 3 until September 5.

❖ There will be the shared collection on **August 14**. Funds are split equally between these two mission groups for the promotion of gospel values. **Catholic Missions In Canada**, founded in 1908, fosters and extends the blessings of the Catholic faith by supporting missions in regions of our country where the population is too small, or the economic situation of the community is too fragile for the people themselves to support their local Church and its ministry. **Scarboro Missions**, formerly the Scarboro Foreign Mission Society, founded in 1918, is involved in mission work overseas. Today, Scarboro priests and lay missionaries work side by side and in cooperation with other mission groups all over the world as they seek to serve in creative and new endeavours where the Gospel has not been heard, to encounter and celebrate God's presence in the life, history, culture and faiths of those they meet, to live simply and in solidarity with the poor and marginalized people of the world.

❖ Living Mercy: A Pilgrimage **Retreat for Young Adults** on Friday, **August 26**, 4:30 to Sunday, August 28, 1:30 at the Hamilton home of the Sisters of St. Joseph. In this Year of Mercy, Faith Connections and the Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to join other young adults (men and women, 18-39). Cost: \$150, including meals/accommodation, \$65 if you do not require accommodation. To register, call Vanessa Nicholas-Schmidt at 416-467-2645.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Assumption is the oldest feast day of Our Lady... Its origin is lost in those days when Jerusalem was restored as a sacred city, at the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine (c. 285-337). By then it had been a pagan city for two centuries, ever since Emperor Hadrian (76-138) had leveled it around the year 135 and rebuilt it as <Aelia Capitolina> in honor of Jupiter.

For 200 years, every memory of Jesus was obliterated from the city, and the sites made holy by His life, death and Resurrection became pagan temples.

After the building of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 336, the sacred sites began to be restored and memories of the life of Our Lord began to be celebrated by the people of Jerusalem. One of the memories about his mother centered around the "Tomb of Mary," close to Mount Zion, where the early Christian community had lived.

On the hill itself was the "Place of Dormition," the spot of Mary's "falling asleep," where she had died. The "Tomb of Mary" was where she was buried.

At this time, the "Memory of Mary" was being celebrated. Later it was to become our feast of the Assumption.

For a time, the "Memory of Mary" was marked only in Palestine, but then it was extended by the emperor to all the churches of the East. In the seventh century, it began to be celebrated in Rome under the title of the "Falling Asleep" ("Dormitio") of the Mother of God.

Soon the name was changed to the "Assumption of Mary," since there was more to the feast than her dying. It also proclaimed that she had been taken up, body and soul, into heaven.

That belief was ancient, dating back to the apostles

themselves. What was clear from the beginning was that there were no relics of Mary to be venerated, and that an empty tomb stood on the edge of Jerusalem near the site of her death. That location also soon became a place of pilgrimage. (Today, the Benedictine Abbey of the Dormition of Mary stands on the spot.)

At the Council of Chalcedon in 451, when bishops from throughout the Mediterranean world gathered in Constantinople, Emperor Marcian asked the Patriarch of Jerusalem to bring the relics of Mary to Constantinople to be enshrined in the capitol. The patriarch explained to the emperor that there were no relics of Mary in Jerusalem, that "Mary had died in the presence of the apostles; but her tomb, when opened later . . . was found empty and so the apostles concluded that the body was taken up into heaven."

In the eighth century, St. John Damascene was known for giving sermons at the holy places in Jerusalem. At the Tomb of Mary, he expressed the belief of the Church on the meaning of the feast: "Although the body was duly buried, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay. . . . You were transferred to your heavenly home, O Lady, Queen and Mother of God in truth."

All the feast days of Mary mark the great mysteries of her life and her part in the work of redemption. The central mystery of her life and person is her divine motherhood, celebrated both at Christmas and a week later (Jan. 1) on the feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) marks the preparation for that motherhood, so that she had the fullness of grace from the first moment of her existence, completely untouched by sin. Her whole being throbbed with divine life from the very beginning, readying her for the exalted role of mother of the Savior.

The Assumption completes God's work in her since it was not fitting that the flesh that had given life to God himself should ever undergo corruption. The Assumption is God's crowning of His work as Mary ends her earthly life and enters eternity. The feast turns our eyes in that direction, where we will follow when our earthly life is over.

The feast days of the Church are not just the commemoration of historical events; they do not look only to the past. They look to the present and to the future and give us an insight into our own relationship with God. The Assumption looks to eternity and gives us hope that we, too, will follow Our Lady when our life is ended.

The prayer for the feast reads: "All-powerful and ever-living God: You raised the sinless Virgin Mary, mother of your Son, body and soul, to the glory of heaven. May we see heaven as our final goal and come to share her glory."

In 1950, in the Apostolic Constitution <Munificentissimus Deus>, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Assumption of Mary a dogma of the Catholic Church in these words: "The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven."

With that, an ancient belief became Catholic doctrine and the Assumption was declared a truth revealed by God. *By: Fr. Clifford Stevens*