



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 14th & 15th, 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS- August 14th – 22nd, 2021

Sat. Aug. 14 4pm Robert Raymond Doucette and Intentions of Russel & Rebecca Frotten
Sun. Aug. 15 9am Corrine D'Eon and William Hersey
Sun. Aug. 15 10am (Melbourne) Larry DeViller
Sun. Aug. 15 11am Parishioners
Wed. Aug. 18 9am Intentions Neil & Janice Bourque and Marjorie LeBlanc
Sat. Aug. 21 4pm Frederick LeBlanc and Dora Jacquard
Sun. Aug. 22 9am Parishioners
Sun. Aug. 22 10am (Melbourne) Celeste Muisse
Sun. Aug. 22 11am Myrna Adams and Martha Surette

Please note we will not be carrying the gifts for the offertory until further notice.

Please note: The weekday Mass will be cancelled in the event of a funeral Mass. The Mass intention scheduled for that day will be offered at a later date.

LIVE STREAM MASS AT ST. AMBROSE: We live stream mass every Wednesday at 9:00 am and on the weekend at the Saturday 4:00 pm, Sunday at

9:00 am or 11:00 am mass on a rotating basis. The next scheduled mass is always posted on our website's main page. If you want to watch, go to our web site at www.stambroseparish.ca or go to our YouTube channel www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?view=57

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REFLECTIONS: The Assumption of the Mother of God "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name." Today we celebrate one of seventeen different memorials, feasts and solemnities in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary that are found on the Roman Liturgical Calendar. Today's celebration is one of the four great Solemnities by which our Blessed Mother is honored. Obviously, no other person other than our Lord is honored and celebrated with as much solemnity as the Mother of God. The Solemnity of the Assumption honors the fact that when the Blessed Virgin Mary completed her life on earth, she never experienced death. Instead, at that glorious moment, she was singly privileged to be taken body and soul into Heaven to be with her resurrected Son so as to adore the Most Holy Trinity forever. It's an amazing fact to consider that she is the only person, other than Jesus, who retains her body and soul, united as one in Heaven, in anticipation of that glorious day when the new Heavens and Earth will be created and when all the faithful will rise so as to live in a new bodily form forever with God. Though this dogma of our faith had been held and believed by the faithful from the earliest times of our Church, especially since it was witnessed by those closest to our Blessed Mother at the time of her glorious Assumption, it wasn't until November 1, 1950, that Pope Pius XII solemnly proclaimed it to be so, raising this teaching of our faith to the level of a dogma, meaning, it must be held and believed by all. In part, the Holy Father declared, "...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 into heavenly glory. "This Dogma of the Assumption reveals to us many things worth prayerfully pondering. First and foremost, Mary's Assumption was a result of her Immaculate Conception and the fact that she remained sinless throughout her life. That Dogma was also believed throughout the centuries and was solemnly defined by Pope Pius IX in 1854. The Assumption follows from the Immaculate Conception because death follows from sin. It was not the original plan of God that we experience the death of our bodies and the separation of our bodies and souls. Again, this is a consequence of sin. But since the Blessed Virgin Mary was preserved from all sin from the moment of her conception by the future grace won by her Son on the Cross, and because she freely remained free from sin throughout her life by her ongoing cooperation with that grace, then she not only did not experience death, she could not. Death had no power over one who was without sin. The Gospel passage quoted above comes from the beginning of Mary's song of praise, her *Magnificat*, by which she not only gives the greatest glory to God but also reveals who she is. She is the one whom "all generations" will call "blessed." She is the one for whom "the Almighty has done great things." She is the one who will eternally proclaim "the greatness of the Lord" and whose spirit will forever rejoice in God her Savior. And she is that lowliest of servants whom God has raised up to the greatest glory. Reflect, today, with the whole Church, upon the Most Glorious Ever-Virgin Mary who was conceived without sin, remained sinless throughout her life, never experienced death, and was taken body and soul into Heaven where she now adores the Most Holy Trinity and intercedes for you and for the whole Church. This is a Solemnity of great rejoicing! Share in this joy with the whole Church and with all the saints in Heaven! *Most glorious and Ever-Virgin Mary, I rejoice today with you and with the whole Church for the most glorious things that God has done for you. You are beauty beyond beauty, Immaculate in every way, and worthy of our deepest love. As you now share body and soul in the glories of Heaven, please pray for me and for all your dear*

children on earth. Cover us with your mantle of love and pour forth the mercy of God upon us always. Mother Mary, assumed into Heaven, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Jesus, I trust in You.

~My Catholic Life

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Let us allow Mary to do in us



and through us whatever she desires, and she will surely accomplish miracles of grace, and we ourselves will become holy. -St Maxilian Kolbe

ANNIVERSARY: 75th V-J 75th Anniversary of the Victory over Japan commemoration ceremony, Wedgeport Legion Hall, Sunday August 15th, 11 am followed by reception. Wreath laying at war monument in Comeau's Hill at 1:30 pm. Remembering cousins J. Angus Jacquard and Gilbert G. Jacquard of Comeau's Hill, Vernon J. Doucette of Wedgeport and Donald C. Gavel of Pleasant Valley. Public is invited.

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God's abundant blessings upon Luc MacDonald Scott Lacroix and Dominique Rose d'Entremont who were married on August 7th 2021 at St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral.

As you begin your married life together, may you trust and rely on God's Holy Presence for guidance, direction and strength.