



# First Holy COMMUNION

Holy Family Church

Sunday, August 9, 2020 at 10:00 am

**Madelyn Rose Block**

**Preston Michael Maestas**

**Courtney Miranda Cecil**

**Gage Joseph May**

**Ella Rose Ciaccio**

**Adelyn Grace Molitoris**

**Celie Kaydence Ernst**

**Isabella Marie Morales**

**Vivian Maris French**

**Bentley Wayne Richardson**

**Lilyann Mae Gleason**

**Palmer Marian Turner**

**Karter Joseph Kavelman**

**Gavin Hayes Vaini**

St. Mary's Church

Sunday, June 21, 2020 at 8:30 am

**Graham Anthony Tierney**

## MASSSES FOR THIS WEEK

### Saturday, August 8-St. Dominic

4:00 pm Mary Ann Aue by Tim, Tom & Steve (Holy Family)  
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:15]

### Sunday, August 9-Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am David Olson by Connie & Dick Sanvi (St. Patrick's)  
 8:30 am Roman & Eileen Lach by Mike Lach (St. Mary's)  
 10:00 am Wes O'Donoghue by Mom & Dad (Holy Family)  
 [First Holy Communion]  
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 10:45-11:15 am]  
 10:00 am Brian Aper [In Memory of His Birthday] by Pam Coogan (St. Thomas Aquinas)

### Monday, August 10-St. Lawrence

8:00 am Aborted Babies by the Bruns Family (Holy Family)  
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 8:30-8:45 am]

### Tuesday, August 11-St. Clare

8:00 am Maria & Carlos Vidal by Their Children (Holy Family)  
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 8:30-8:45 am]

### Wednesday, August 12-St. Jane Frances de Chantal

8:00 am Tom Tibbs by Mark & Kathy Miller (Holy Family)  
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 8:30-8:45 am]

### Thursday, August 13-St. Pontian & St. Hippolytus

8:00 am Greg Fitzpatrick by Bob & Pat Sullivan (Holy Family)  
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 8:30-8:45 am]  
 12 Noon Rosary (Holy Family)

### Friday, August 14-St. Maximilian Kolbe

8:00 am James L. Davis, Sr. by Jerry & Janet Langenbahn (Holy Family)  
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 8:30-8:45 am]

### Saturday, August 15-The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

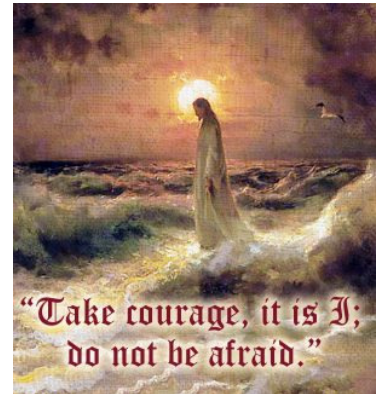
4:00 pm Mark E. Donath by Donna & Lee Burr (Holy Family)  
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:15]

### Sunday, August 16-Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Gerald "Jack" Schilling by Steve & Chris Schilling (St. Patrick's)  
 8:30 am John P. O'Donnell [In Memory of His Death Date] by Kathleen Nicholas (St. Mary's)  
 10:00 am Paula Mills by Marilyn Gustafson (Holy Family)  
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 10:45-11:15 am]  
 10:00 am Doris Eckert by Steve & Pam (St. Thomas Aquinas)

**NOTE:** Reconciliation at Holy Family Church, Lincoln; Tuesday from 4:30-4:55 pm and Saturday from 2:45-3:30 pm  
 Reconciliation at St. Patrick's Church, Elkhart; prior to Sunday Mass.  
 Reconciliation at St. Mary's Church, Atlanta; prior to Sunday Mass.  
 Reconciliation at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Mt. Pulaski; prior to Sunday Mass.

Based on the availability of clergy, this schedule is subject to change. Please check the parish calendar on the website for any changes or additions.



## 19th Sunday In Ordinary Time Cycle A

Elijah recognized the voice of God not in the strong and heavy wind, not in the earthquake, and not in the fire, but in a tiny whispering sound. May we find enough quite in our clamorous world to hear His voice and discern what He is calling us to do and be.

## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

"After Jesus, it is the Blessed Virgin Mary who by her example most perfectly teaches the meaning of discipleship and stewardship . . . She was called and gifted by God; she responded generously, creatively and prudently; she understood her divinely assigned role as 'handmaid' in terms of service and fidelity." (U.S. Bishops' pastoral letter, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*)

## FOLLOWING RESTRICTIVE RULES

It is asked that no books,

magazines, religious items or anything else be set out on any of the church literature tables other than the materials set out by the priests or Parish Council members; basically, COVID 19 instruction sheets, the Mass Parts cards, special prayer sheets (from Father Laible), Breaking Bread missals, Living Faith, One Bread One Body, Catholic Digest and the Sunday bulletins. All Churches in the Peoria Diocese have COVID 19 regulations that need to be followed.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

### Monday, August 10

2 Corinthians 9:6-10 / Psalm 112:1-2,5-9 / John 12:24-26

### Tuesday, August 11

Ezekiel 2:8—3:4 / Psalm 119:14,24,72,103,111,131 /  
Matthew 18:1-5,10,12-14

### Wednesday, August 12

Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22 / Psalm 113:1-6 /  
Matthew 18:15-20

### Thursday, August 13

Ezekiel 12:1-12 / Psalm 78:56-59,61-62 /  
Matthew 18:21—19:1

### Friday, August 14

Ezekiel 16:1-15,60,63 / Isaiah 12:2-6 / Matthew 9:3-12

### Saturday, August 15

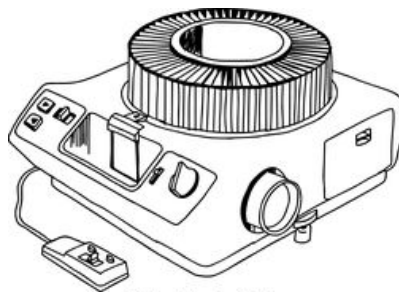
Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6,10 / Psalm 45:10-12,16 /  
1 Corinthians 15:20-27 / Luke 1:39-56

### Sunday, August 16

Isaiah 56:1,6-7 / Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8 /  
Romans 11:13-15,29-32 / Matthew 15:21-28

## SLIDE PROJECTOR NEEDED!!

If you have a slide projector, your time and help with a project would be most appreciated. A box of slides has been found, but no projector to view them. Also, volunteers are needed to help with the identification of people and events on these slides. If you would be willing to help, please call the parish office. Thank you in advance for any assistance you can give!!



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## ST. MARY'S, ATLANTA

### ~Ministry Schedule for Sunday, August 16:

Reader-Paul Eckert; Servers-Paige Johnson & Andrew O'Donnell

**~Prayer Chain:** The contact person for our prayer chain is Marcia Pipp at (217) 648-2417.

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Father Laible, Pastor



## WE NEED YOUR UPDATED EMAIL ADDRESS!

We now have a new tool that will enable us to contact parishioners via email if there are cancellations, changes or updates. Please contact [mklohrenz@logancountycatholic.org](mailto:mklohrenz@logancountycatholic.org) with your updated email address so you won't be left out on important updates or changes.

## Please Pray for the Sick by remembering the following in your prayers:

Anne Lowry, Anna Beckers, Steve Coogan, Mike Lowry, Paul Lowry, Matthew Lowry, Elijah Cox, Guinevere Decker, Joan Lewis, Boone O'Donoghue, Ruth Young, Rodney Alberts, Jill Alberts, Linda Wright, Steve Schmidt, Ryan Butler, Donna Burr, Paula Rutherford, James Thean, Gavin Fox, Mark VanRheeden, Rita Johnson, Adelyn Jones, McKayla Nye, Judy Morrow, Gavin Shuler, Phillip Brown, Christina Clementz, Mike Kavanaugh, E. J. Miley, Rosie Huber, Linda H., Mark L., Kay Rosner, Mary Ellen Thornton, Rita Faith, Hank Barr, Deb Jordan, Dwayne Knap, Jo Ellen Warren, Esme Avart, Rita Scanavino, Amy Talmage, Marge Steinkamp, Thomas Siegel, Asher Phillips, Donald Langhart, Kristin Wright, Melinda Spangler, Phil Dehner, Alexa Cunningham, Mary Scanavino, Mary Masterson, Amanda Cruz, Marcia Bidwell, Sandra Buttell, Anita Tibbs, Debi Hardin, Ann LaMothe, Crystal Tibbs, Becky Maestas, Teresa Tripplett, Curt C., Eddie Pharis, Curt Hudson, Shirley Davis and all the members of the armed forces of our country. If you would like to add a name to the list, call the Parish Office at (217) 732-4019 Ext. 2202 or email [mklohrenz@logancountycatholic.org](mailto:mklohrenz@logancountycatholic.org)





*The more people praying for an intention,  
the stronger the prayer becomes.*

**Prayer Chain:** Request prayers by sending an email to lcc4-prayer-chain@googlegroups.com. If you would like to subscribe to the prayer chain, follow the "Join Prayer Chain" link located on [www.logancountycatholic.org](http://www.logancountycatholic.org). When your web browser opens click on "Subscribe to this group" option, then follow the instructions in the pop-up box. You should receive an email within 48 hours that indicates you have been accepted as a member of the prayer chain.



### Week of August 9

**The red Altar Sanctuary Candle at . . .**  
*Holy Family Church is lit this week*  
for Special Intentions.

**The blue Sanctuary Candle by the Statue**  
**of Mary near the Altar at**  
*Holy Family Church is lit this week*  
for a Special Intention [Patients of St. Jude's] requested by the Bailey Family.

### **SPONSOR A SANCTUARY CANDLE!!**

Each sanctuary candle (red glass candle on altar) lasts for approximately a week at a time. For \$5 per candle you can sponsor a sanctuary candle in memory of a loved one or friend or for a special intention. The memorial/intention announcement will be placed in the Sunday bulletin each week. If you would like to sponsor a candle or candle(s), please contact Alicia Baker at (217) 732-4019 or email [abaker@logancountyCatholic.org](mailto:abaker@logancountyCatholic.org)



### **The Freedom of Missing Out: A Retreat for Young Adults**

. . . presented by Fr. Michael Rossmann, SJ on **October 16-17** at Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House (Barrington, IL) Many have a "fear of missing out," but actually experience freedom when commitments are made. There is a depth of joy that only occurs when one goes all in. Using the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, Father Michael Rossmann will share how one can go about making commitments and experiencing true freedom. Includes optional time for small-group sharing. Register at [jesuitretreat.org](http://jesuitretreat.org).

### **ILLINOIS RIGHT TO LIFE BANQUET**

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the Illinois Right to Life Banquet, featuring Sarah Huckabee Sanders, has been postponed. Illinois Right to Life's board of directors are currently assessing their options and will decide on a new date soon. God Bless, Sarah Brown  
[sarah@illinoisrighttolife.org](mailto:sarah@illinoisrighttolife.org)

## **"Help Us Help Others"**

### **Cleaning Supplies**



In this time of the pandemic situation causing an uncertainty with the economy and stability of jobs, the Logan County Catholic Community Food Pantry is in need of help. With the influx of patrons in our Logan County

### **Featured Items Needed**

area at this time, our stock disappears quickly each week. Any and all non-perishable foods are always welcome at the pantry, but we would particularly appreciate donations of **cleaning supplies (needing everything from hand soaps to laundry detergent)**.

Bring your items to Holy Family where there is a shopping cart located to the right in the main entrance, at St. Mary's there is a box provided in the gathering area, at St. Patrick's or St. Thomas Aquinas items may be left in the main entrance.

Monetary donations are also accepted.

## **GARDEN PRODUCE**



The food pantry is accepting garden produce for its patrons. If you wish to donate garden produce you may bring it to the pantry on any Wednesday. The food pantry is open from 10 am to 2 pm each Wednesday and you may bring

your donations during that time or call Carolyn Webster at (217) 737-5633 to make arrangements to have someone meet you at the food pantry to accept your donations.

The food pantry is now partnering with a USDA program that provides boxes of produce and/or dairy products FOR FAMILIES OF FOUR OR MORE on a monthly basis. The boxes will be distributed during normal pantry hours, from 10 am-2 pm, on Wednesdays, but ONLY on the 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Regular pantry offerings for any and all Logan County residents, regardless of family size, will continue EVERY Wednesday from 10 am-2 pm. We urge you to spread the word to friends or acquaintances who might be helped by this program.



Please call Carolyn at (217) 737-5633 if you are interested in becoming a food pantry volunteer. We could really use your help, **especially men**.



Our food pantry serves patrons in all of the Logan County area. Thank you to everyone who supports the Logan County Catholic Community Food Pantry in any way. Thank you for all your past support.



Do you need prayers? *We are here.*

Do you just need someone to talk to? *We are here.*

Do you know someone who just found out that they are pregnant in the midst of a pandemic?

*We are here.*

Do you need diapers, wipes or formula? *We are here.* **CALL (217) 474-2976**



"We are so blessed that in our Diocese we have many Natural Family Planning methods available as well as a Catholic Healthcare system that provides these services as well." Cecilia Sone, NFP Director Diocese of Peoria.

- \* Link to NFP providers: <https://cdop.org/evangelization-and-faith-formation-old/marriage/>
- \* Link to OSF Fertilitycare: <https://www.osfhealthcare.org/fertility/>
- \* Links for resources provided by the USCCB during this Covid19 pandemic: <https://catholiccurrent.org/covid19/>



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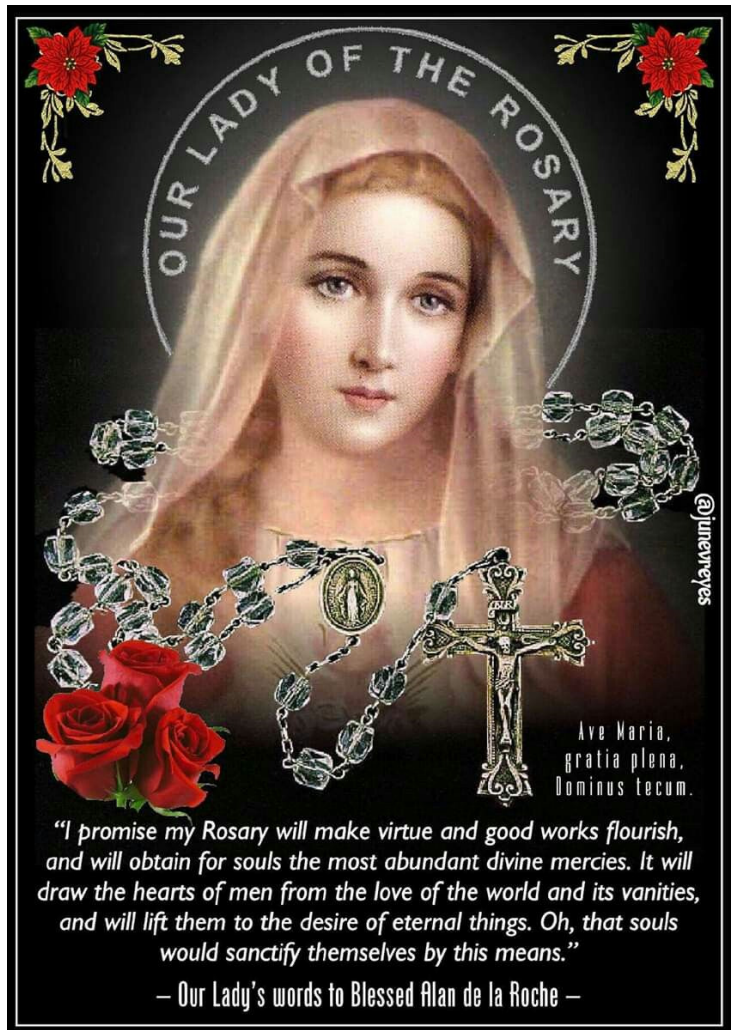
**Christ is with you:  
be not  
afraid!**



Blessed Pope John Paul II

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# THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Every August 15, the Catholic faithful all over the world celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. This feast day recognizes the Catholic belief that at the end of her life on earth, the body and soul of Mary, the mother of Jesus, was taken (*assumed*) by God into heaven. This means that Mary's body took on a glorified presence—as will all who enter heaven—as a result of their complete union with God. Every person in the state of grace on earth is in union with the Trinity. Our earthly union with God is still incomplete and unfulfilled. Heaven, however, is by definition perfect, complete and total union with God. That's what happened to Mary at the time of her assumption.

Pope Pius XII proclaimed this event to be a doctrine of Catholic belief on November 1, 1950, though for many centuries this belief had already been embraced by many Catholics worldwide. It had been the common belief of Christians from early centuries that Mary, conceived without sin, would never suffer the corruption that all other people do after death. This belief is just one more example of the place of honor the mother of Jesus has held in the eyes of Catholic faithful.

Some Christians will argue that there is nothing in the Scriptures that in any way would prove what they see as an outlandish teaching. But while many Christian denominations base their beliefs on "Scripture alone," our Catholic faith is based not only on God's revealed Scripture but also on the Sacred Tradition that has been revealed by the Holy Spirit and through which the Holy Spirit has guided the Church's teachings for 2,000 years. The doctrine of Mary's Assumption is based on something called a theological conclusion. The Scriptures contain indirect references to the concept of the Assumption, even if the word itself isn't used. For example, at the Annunciation (celebrated March 25th, nine months before December 25th), the Angel Gabriel declared Mary to be "full of Grace" and "God's highly favored daughter" (Lk 1:28). Mary conceived Jesus, the Son of God, by the power of the Holy Spirit as a consequence of accepting God's plan for her. Further, when Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, who herself was pregnant with John the Baptist, she addressed Mary with the words, "Who am I that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Lk 1:42).

All these biblical statements led the Church to conclude that because of her role as Mother of the Messiah, Mary would be preserved from Original Sin and its consequences. Her freedom from sin was accomplished by reason of Jesus' foreseen redemptive death on the cross. And so, Mary was redeemed by Jesus just as all of us are. Thus, God would not allow Mary, whose womb carried the Son of God, to suffer the corruption of her body that all people experience after death. The Assumption, then, is really a logical conclusion that follows from her Immaculate Conception.

## Did Mary Actually Die?

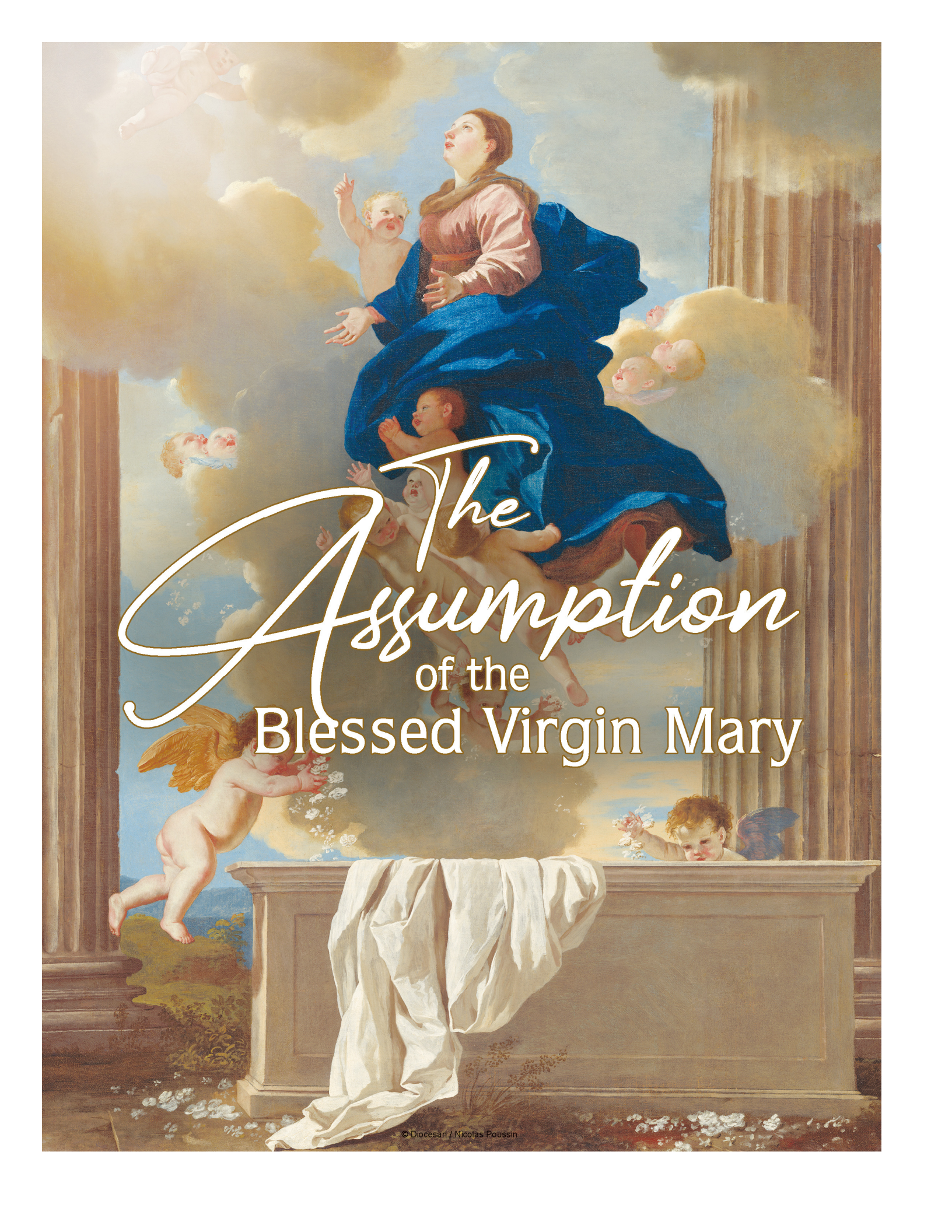
But that brings up another point. What is death? We see it as the end of a person's life when the body disintegrates into dust, later to be resurrected at the Last Judgment. But death is also a passage from one state of life (on earth) to another state of existence (in eternity). The Church has never said whether Mary died or not. It says only that Mary made the transition from this temporal life into eternity with God. The fact that Jesus himself died on the cross would not exclude Mary's dying, and, in fact, is an argument for some that Mary experienced death herself in imitation of her son. We just don't know. The significant issue is that, like Jesus, her body did not suffer corruption. She passed from this life to the glory of heaven.

## What About Our Reunion With Loved Ones?

Are there practical implications of this doctrine for us? Very much so. For some Christians, once we die, all relationships end except for our relationship with God. But all of God's creation is based on relationships. We are all created as children of God, brothers and sisters to each other. Some relationships are truly significant and would never end at death. Parents give life to their children. Why would that end in heaven? Others have laid down their lives for their brothers and sisters. How could that great love not continue in heaven? Some Christians seem to think God is insecure enough that he can't stand competition. Then God is not God. Quite the opposite. God loves all, and wants all to love one another. God loves nothing more than us loving one another. That's the reason for creation in the first place: sharing God's love with one another. So, try to imagine the reunion between Mary and Jesus at that moment of transition when she was assumed into heaven. Then, too, picture her reunion with Joseph, her beloved husband, with her mother and father (traditionally named St. Ann and St. Joachim).

That is the point. Heaven is not only a state of union with God, the greatest union of all, but also a reunion with all our loved ones. What a celebration that will be! When we have a deep longing within our hearts for our blessed family reunion, we experience the touch of God himself. It was with Mary, too, as she finished her journey on earth and anticipated a heavenly reunion with her Son, Jesus, and her husband, Joseph. Mary's Assumption tells us what you and I have to look forward to in our own wonderful reunions.



The painting depicts the Assumption of the Virgin Mary. Mary is shown rising into the sky, surrounded by a host of cherubs. She is dressed in a pinkish-red gown and a voluminous blue mantle. The scene is framed by classical architectural columns. In the foreground, a white cloth lies on the ground, and a cherub is seen placing flowers on it. The sky is filled with soft, golden clouds, and the overall composition is balanced and harmonious.

# The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary