

THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY is a dogma of the Catholic Church, formally defined by Pope Pius XII on November 1, 1950. The Catholic Church teaches that when Mary's earthly life ended, God assumed her, body and soul, into heaven. The Assumption signifies Mary's unique role as the Mother of God and her special relationship with Jesus. Unlike other humans who await resurrection at the end of time, Mary is believed to have been granted the privilege of being taken into heaven immediately after her death, reflecting her purity and divine favor. According to St. John of Damascus, the Roman emperor Marcian requested the body of Mary, mother of God, at the Council of Chalcedon in 451. St. Juvenal, who was bishop of Jerusalem, told the emperor that "Mary died in the presence of all the Apostles but that her tomb, when opened upon the request of St. Thomas, was found empty; wherefrom the Apostles concluded that the body was taken up to heaven. Why does this matter to us? The Assumption of Mary is seen as a precursor to the resurrection that all believers hope for, emphasizing the hope of eternal life in Christ. It gives us a glimpse into our own future life in heaven.

FATHERS OF THE CHURCH - The early Church Fathers lived in the centuries immediately following the life of Jesus and the apostles. They provided a direct link between the apostolic era and subsequent generations. Their writings and teachings helped preserve the teachings of Jesus and the apostles, ensuring continuity and consistency in Christian doctrine and practice. They served as guardians of doctrine, interpreters of Scripture, and defenders against heresy, significantly impacting the development of Catholicism and other branches of Christianity. Their writings continue to influence Christian thought and practice today, making them a vital part of the Church's heritage.

ST MARY'S CWL - Thank you to all CWL members & parishioners for participating in the CWL Novena Masses this past week. The masses were a great success. Your involvement was so appreciated. Thank you to the guest priests, Fr Joe Moran & Father Orchard. Thank you Father Martin for all your planning and organization of all NINE Novena Masses. The next Coffee After Mass will be October 05/25 in the school gym. The next CWL meeting will be on Sept. 08/25 in the rectory @ 9:30 am. Members please plan to attend. If you are a CWL member who is new to the area you are most welcome and we look forward to meeting you. If you would like to become a member please come out and attend the meeting. To all parishioners enjoy the rest of summer. Please stay cool and hydrated. It is not your imagination, with climate change the temperatures are soaring as is the humidity. The winner of the Sue Caron painting will be announced in next week's bulletin. The draw is on August 17 at Coffee after Mass. Thank you to all who purchased tickets and supported our FUNDRAISER.

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**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

AUGUST 17, 2025



CHURCH OF ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM

**WEEKEND
MASSES**

**SATURDAY
4PM**

**SUNDAY
10AM**

**Celebrating
Our Church's
Anniversary**



Parish Committees & Organizations

Parish Pastoral Council, *Michael Mullin*

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SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY

Baptisms, Marriages, & Anointing of the Sick may be arranged by calling the Office.

Confessions: Saturday at 8:30 am & 3:30 pm, or anytime on request.

First Friday of the month - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament @ 9am.

NOVENA MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Aug 18, Mon 9am - NO MASS

Aug 19, Tues 9am - Mothers considering abortion by Ian Manley

Aug 20, Wed 9am (St. Bernard Abbot, doctor of the church) For health recovery of Jeff Easson by Lynn & Marie McVety

Aug 21, Thurs 9am (St. Pius X, pope)- Health recovery of Les by maria Marszal

Aug 22, Fri 9am (Queenship of the BVM)-Sick & dying and loved ones by Maria Marszal

Aug 23, Sat 9am– For those considering Euthanasia by Maria Marszal

Aug 23, Sat 4pm (21st Ordinary Sunday) People of Gaza & West bank by Deirdre Arzheimer

Aug 24, Sun 10am (21st Ordinary Sunday) People of the parish

Aug 23-24 WEEKEND MASSES

	4pm	10 am
LECTORS:	Ian Manley	John Logel
EMHC:	Deirdre Arzheimer	Dennis Goulin
USHERS:	Darrell & Nick Manley	Theo Mensen & Ed Nemec

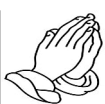


Last Weekend of Aug 9-10

Sunday Offering - \$ 1, 485

Building maintenance - \$70

Window Repairs - \$20 (total \$9, 850)



PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Terry Korotki, Gladys Leclerc, Dalton McDonald



POPE LEO XIV - "Stop war in Ukraine and hunger in Gaza, may hostages be freed". "The Holy See cannot stop them... but we are working, let's say, on 'soft diplomacy,' always inviting, encouraging the pursuit of nonviolence through dialogue and seeking solutions — because these problems cannot be solved by war." "Plead with God to grant peace to all peoples who are experiencing the tragedy of war."

DEATH PENALTY - August 14 marks the liturgical feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe, who gave his life in 1941 in the Nazi death camp at Auschwitz to save the life of a young father. Now patron saint of the pro-life movement, the Polish priest provides a guiding light to Catholics who seek to abolish the death penalty. In 2018, Pope Francis modified the text of the Catechism of the Catholic Church to explicitly denounce the death penalty, which now reads: "The Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that 'the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person'."

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

ASSUMPTION PARISH FEAST DAY AND 150 YRS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS – A Week to Remember!

What a truly blessed week we have shared together in celebrating 150 years of St. Mary's Parish! From the opening Mass of our Novena to the joyful closing liturgy with Bishop Miehm, our hearts have been filled with gratitude for God's goodness and for the faith that has been passed down through generations. Each day brought something special — beautiful liturgies with our guest priests, heartfelt singing from our choirs, delicious fellowship after Mass, and the joy of seeing past and present parishioners reconnect. Our Community Festival and golf tournament brought neighbours and friends together in laughter, games, and shared meals, all while raising funds to help preserve our church. We extend our deepest thanks to all our sponsors, benefactors, volunteers, and parish groups who gave so generously of their time, talents, and resources to make this week possible. Your contributions — big and small — have left a lasting mark on this milestone celebration. A full list of names, acknowledgements, and the total proceeds raised will be shared in next weekend's bulletin. Until then, let us give thanks to God for the many blessings He has poured out on our parish during this historic week.

WHY MILESTONES, LIKE 150 YEARS ANNIVERSARY FOUNDATION OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH, IS WORTH CELEBRATING? -

Marking a church anniversary is a momentous occasion, a time to reflect on the journey undertaken and celebrate the faithfulness of God. These special days offer unique opportunities to connect with our spiritual heritage and rekindle our commitment to the church family. Celebrating anniversaries is about appreciating the long-term impact of faith and community. It's about recognizing how God has worked through the collective efforts of believers to build a strong foundation of faith and support each other in navigating the spiritual journey.

