

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021**

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - SOLEMNITY**

- 1) Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
- 2) 1 Corinthians 15:20-27
- 3) Luke 1:39-56

FOCUS: Mary, cause of our joy, pray for us.

The infant Jesus in Mary's womb was a cause for joy for Elizabeth and John, her unborn son. Christ is present in us through the gift of the Eucharist. Where is our joy? Does it overflow and draw others to know and love Mary's Son, Jesus? Mary is our model and our aid. She delights to intercede that all may trust Jesus.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

John's vision from Revelation tells of a great sign, a woman clothed with the sun and the dragon who stood ready to devour her child. God protected both mother and son. In the second reading, Paul encourages the Corinthians: as Christ has destroyed death, so through his resurrection, his believers, will be brought to life at the proper time. In the Gospel, Mary travels to visit Elizabeth. When Mary greets her, the infant in Elizabeth's womb *leaped for joy*.

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**For the Church on earth, may the Lord increase in faith and number.**

We Pray to the Lord. **People say: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**For peace among nations and peace in our hearts.**

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**For all the sick and suffering, may God bless and console them.**

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**For all who have died may they be welcomed into the arms of Jesus.**

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**For this faith community, may the saving grace of Christ be our hope and our refuge.**

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**For our own personal intentions.**

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