

SANTA MARIA GORETTI PARISH

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Mass Schedule: Tuesday to Friday - 7:00 p.m.

Weekend: Saturday at 5:00 pm. Sunday: 9:30 am (*English*) and 11:30 am (*Italian*)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. before Mass or by appointment

Adoration: Every Friday at 6.30 pm. **Rosary every evening: 6:20 pm.**

Baptism: Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 11:30 am. Please contact parish office for scheduling Baptism.

Marriage: Contact the Priest at least 6 months prior to the Wedding.

(A Catholic Marriage Preparation Course is a requirement.)

Mezz'ora Con Voi (Italian Radio Program): Sunday at: 8:30 a.m. on 101.7 FM

15 Agosto 2021

Assunzione della Beata Vergine Maria Benedetta sei Tu, O Maria, e Benedetto il Signore che Ti ha Esaltata



Il nostro sguardo, oggi, è rivolto al cielo, a Maria, figura dell'umanità in attesa di ricevere, in Cristo «primizia di coloro che sono morti», la vita eterna (*II Lettura*). La Vergine è il «segno grandioso» (*I Lettura*) che celebra le «grandi cose» compiute in lei dall'Onnipotente (*Vangelo*). Ella non è solo beneficiaria, ma anche testimone della misericordia di Dio, come canta il Magnificat. La sua prontezza nel rispondere al segno indicatole dall'angelo Gabriele, esprime totale fiducia in colui il cui nome è Santo. Uniamo oggi le nostre voci alla sua per cantare la misericordia di Dio che si ricorda del suo popolo e lo salva dal peccato e dalla morte. *Don Michele G.*

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary's prayer in today's Gospel passage is both humble and confident. Following her cousin Elizabeth's proclamation of Mary as blessed among women, Mary replies with her hymn of praise to God: her Magnificat. Mary says. "My soul magnifies the Lord" and firmly sets her confidence in God. Though birthing God for the world must have seemed utterly impossible to Mary, she trusts that God will fulfill his plans with her. Her ongoing faith filled response to God's call, uniquely miraculous and difficult as it is, should inspire us to trust in God with such radical confidence ourselves – not a confidence that overinflates our sense of self, elevating ourselves above others, but one that is rooted in God's care and mercy. This value placed on humble confidence is echoed later: God "has brought down the powerful...and lifted up the lowly." Though Jesus has not yet been born, Mary recognizes that God is already present in the midst of his people in a new way in her pregnant body, to which John responds with joy while still in Elizabeth's womb. Mary carries Jesus in her womb; we carry him with our lives. May we see that God invites us to embrace the humble confidence of Mary in our own lives, recognizing that God is already at work in us to bring mercy into the world. *Kelly Bourke.*