

THE PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS...

The Assumption of Mary

Grace and peace be with you, "Rock" family, on this glorious feast of our Blessed Mother! What an amazing month of August where both Saint Alphonsus and the Assumption of Mary both fall on a Sunday.

This is a most powerful lineup for our summer Sundays. I hope that we all experience the love and power of the Holy Spirit as we gather to worship on these sacred days. I greet you in the name of the Lord, both parishioners and visitors. It is good that we have gathered together to celebrate.

Today we celebrate the "second" resurrection. The "first" Resurrection is, of course, the resurrection of Jesus. He showed the disciples His glorified body. He ascended into heaven body, spirit and soul. The "second" resurrection (as I am calling it) is the Assumption of Mary. Mary received the gift of being the first person to share a bodily resurrection with Jesus. She also lives in a glorified body in heaven. We believe that her body, the Temple of the Savior, was not allowed to decompose in the grave. She experienced a death or sleep and then was taken into heaven.

This is actually what is going to happen to all Christians at the Resurrection. We will be raised in glorified bodies to be with the Lord. Our beloved brothers and sisters that have gone to their rest already are with the Lord in a spiritual way. Their bodies are still in the grave. One day, all the graves will be emptied and we will enter into heaven both spiritually and in our bodies. Mary was the first believer to experience this "rapture" (or taking up), but one day all believers will be raised to heaven in this way. What we believe happened to our Blessed Mother is a foretaste of what will happen to the Church.

This makes our celebration today, not just about the gift that Mary received to be the

first, but it is also a celebration of our future as well. (Assuming that we are His disciples!) Our Blessed Mother is an image of the Church in so many ways. As we celebrate the great gift that she received, we also give thanks and praise that her future can be ours as well.

One day we will be caught up into heaven, our bodies glorified and renewed. When visionaries have seen our Blessed Mother, they see her as a young woman, even though she must have been at least 50 years old at the time of her Assumption. She experienced a renewal in her body, as well as her mind and soul in the Resurrection.

One day, we will know what Mary experienced at her Assumption into heaven. We will have our glorified bodies (no more sickness, pain, grey hairs, or cholesterol) and experience the glory of God. We will shine with the angels, and soak in the love and peace of Jesus. We will thank Mary for her "yes" to God that gave us such a wonderful Savior. We will thank her for her prayers for us and for this parish. We will see all the redeemed in joy and celebration. What a great day that will be!!

My brothers and sisters, I hope this celebration of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is for us a great source of joy and hope for the future. We rejoice with Mary, and we look forward to the day that her joy will be our joy too. The day of Resurrection is coming; I pray that we will all be ready to meet Him in the air. Have a blessed week!

**From The Desk Of
Fr. Matthew**



*Fr. Matthew J. Bank
C.S.S.R.*

**Mass
Schedule...**

SUNDAY MASSES:

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION
(before each Mass)**

7:30-8:00 a.m. and 10:15-10:45 a.m.

DAILY MASSES:

(M.W. Th & F.) 5:30 p.m.
Tuesdays: 7:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Saturdays: 9:30 a.m.

TUESDAYS:

Exposition & Benediction: 9:30 am-10:30 am (1st Tuesday) followed by our Perpetual Help Novena & Mass

Weekly Readings...

August 15, 2010 - August 22, 2010

Sunday:
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45:10-12, 16
1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56

Monday:
Ez 24:15-23 (Ps) Dt 32:18-21
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:
Ez 28:1-10 (Ps) Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36b Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday:
Ez 34:1-11 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:
Ez 36:23-28 Ps 51:12-15, 18-19
Mt 22:1-14

Friday:
Ez 37:1-14 Ps 107:2-9 Mt 22:34-40

Saturday:
Ez 43:1-7b Ps 85:9ab, 10-14
Mt 23:1-12

Sunday:
Is 66:18-21 Ps 117:1-2
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30

SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15th

ALTAR SERVERS

8:15 Tony Conte
Robert Caldwell

PASTORAL AIDES

8:15 TBA

EUCCHARISTIC MIN.

8:15 Maudelle Fite
Linda Kamp
Jean Latham
Jean Nashville
Brenda Moore
Angela Mullen

Host: Michael Ellermann

Host: Helene Laberta

ELDERS

8:15: Nina Hughes
11:00: Dorothy Bennett

INCENSE BEARER

8:15 Jocelyn Woodson-Reed
11:00 Almeta Jordan

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22nd

ALTAR SERVERS

8:15 Tony Conte
Robert Caldwell

PASTORAL AIDES

8:15 TBA

EUCCHARISTIC MIN.

8:15 Johnny Taylor
Norman Williams
Andrew Atherton
Ann Conte
Jacquie Crawford
Martha Darris

Host: Pat Quain

Host: Melba Smith

ELDERS

8:15: Ruth Jones
11:00: Willie Goss

INCENSE BEARER

8:15 Jocelyn Woodson-Reed
11:00 Janis McSpadden

ALTAR SERVERS

11:00 Caleb Camp
David Camp

PASTORAL AIDES

11:00: Alexis Hicks

EUCCHARISTIC MIN

11:00 Henrene Brown
Deborah Grant
Carla Gregory
Pearlina Harris
Donna Lane
Richard Lane

Host: Richard Buckley

Host: Joy Camp

Host: Cynthia Clayton

Host: Pat Pou

LECTORS /COMMENTATOR

8:15 Craig Franklin
Jacquie Crawford
11:00 John Whitfield
Richard Lane

USHERS - Group 3

8:15 Beverly Thompson
11:00 Faye Combs

ALTAR SERVERS

11:00 Daedra Wallace
Desiree Wallace

PASTORAL AIDES

11:00: David Wallace

EUCCHARISTIC MIN

11:00 Barbara Richter
Jean Anthony
Dorothy Brack
Henrene Brown
Richard Buckley
Joy Camp

Host: Nikki Taylor

Host: Angela Thames

Host: Edna Whitfield

Host: Anita Banks

LECTORS /COMMENTATOR

8:15 Greg Hood
Yvonne Ward
11:00 Patricia Bowens
Sharon Cooney-Smith

USHERS - Group 4

8:15 Carol Powell-Henderson
11:00 Lisa McClendon

PRAYER CORNER



“FOR THOSE STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER”

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Carol Howard, daughter of Dorothy Howard.

INTENTION 08/4/10
Howard, Dorothy & Family
Jackson, Eulalia

INTENTIONS 08/11/10
DeMaggio, Shawn
Williams, Linda

SICKNESS 08/11/10
George, John
Logan, Mildred
Williams, Linda

INTENTIONS
Alexandre, Rosemary S.*
Allen-Smith, Queen*
Bell, Gilbert*
Brown, Eric*
Buckley, Darrell*
Clay, Delores*
Cloyd Jr., Harvey Carroll*
Collins, Amy*
Cunningham, Willie*
George, Roberta*
Latham, Darby Lashar*
Davis, Denise*
George, Roberta*
Glenn, Lesley*
Glenn, Rae*
Grant, Bernice*
Hatchett, Ann*
Howard, Yvonne*
Hughes, Goyia*
Hughes, Irene*
Jackson, Eulalia*
Jones, Harriett*
Kemp, Joanne*
King, Michael*
Kirksey, Dana*
Latham, Darrian*
Martin, Linda*
McGinnis, Kathy
Mosby, Marvin*

INTENTIONS CONT
Ortwerth, Maria*
Parran, Lauren*
Perkins, Ivory J.*
Raiford, Cheryl TSgt*
Smith, Queen*
Weekly, Ollie & Family*
Williams, Anita

SICKNESS
Anderson, Daryl*
Barry, Jack*
Burke, Leon*
Cherry, Glenda*
Coleman, Ken*
Crider, Joanne*
Crowley, Tammy*
Davenport, Jean*
Ervin, Keith*
Fisher, Bill*
Fitzsimmons, Karen*
Gardner, Charles*
George, Betty*
Hatten, Pam*
Hardin, Wilhelmina*
Howard, Yvonne*
Hudson, Edward*
Jackson, Eulalia*
Locke, Wilma*
Luster, Juanita*
McCoy, Steven*
McSpadden, Phillip*
Miller, Charlotte*
Patin, Larry*
Perkins, Belinda*
Perkins, Charles Sr.*
Peuperbanugh, Gary*
Rankins, Gloria*
Reedy, Judith*
Reedy, Sidney*
Reichert, Mary Ellen SR*
Reichert, Matthew*
Remsburg, Corey Sgt.*
Scott, Mauri*
Shockley, Larry*
Thomas, Webster*
Vardiman, Katie*
Wallace, Eugene*

SICKNESS CONT
Washington, Yvette*
Weekly, Willie*
Williams, Ethel*
Wilson, Earl*
Worth, Shirley*
Yarbrough, Peggy*
Zacher, Clarence*
Zikovic, Katrina*

SHUT-IN
Anderson, Hortense
Bentley, Barbara
Buckley, June
Camp, Cynthia
Carson, Donetta
Chopin, Dave & Ann
Clay, Irvin & Evelyn
Cooney, Helen
DuMaine, William
Fowler, Queen
Goodlow, Elizabeth
Jackson, Margaret
Johnson, Deacon Les
Joiner, Ruby
Jones, Mother Julia
Logan, Mildred
Kulhman, Ann
McCoy, Carolyn
Riley, Jerry
Rinderer, Barbara
Ringo, Maggie
Roberts, Juanita
Robinson, Vernita

HOSPITAL
Albright, Winston*
Crenshaw, Roscoe*
Gales, Mary Ann*
Rodgers, Pearl*



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for 2010—2011 Religious Education Classes:

Parish Sponsored Parent Administered Religious Education Program (PSPA) Parents, as you lay the foundation in education, morality and spirituality for your child, keep in mind their religious education. The PSPA Religious Education Program is for the education of our children who do not attend Catholic schools. This program is home based, meaning the parent and child spend one on one time together with grade level materials dealing with their Catholic education. All children are expected to be involved in a PSR, Catholic school or our PSPA program on a continued basis. Religious education classes are required before Sacramental preparation. God exists in the very foundation in which we raise our children; lets learn all we can about Him. To register, please call Donna L. Lane at (314) 533-0304.

Youth Baptism Our Lord said: “Unless a man is reborn in water and the Holy Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God.” (Jn 3:5) The Church always understood these words to mean that children should not be deprived of Baptism, because they are baptized in the faith of the Church. This faith is proclaimed for them by their parents and godparents who represent both the local Church and the whole society of saints and believers. (The Rite of the Catholic Church)

Baptism Classes for children (7-10 years old) will begin on October 30, 2010. Older children (11-16 years old) will be enrolled in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) beginning September 26, 2010. Please contact Donna L. Lane at (314) 533-0304 to register.

Youth Confirmation there will be **NO** Confirmation classes this year.

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Children ages 7-10 years old **and** in the 2nd grade who are enrolled in a Religious Education program since 1st grade are eligible for the reception of these Sacraments. Classes will begin on February 12, 2011. Call Donna L. Lane at (314) 533-0304 to register.

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is the process to assist prospective Catholics in their journey to become active members into the Roman Catholic Church. They hear the preaching of the mystery of Christ, the Holy Spirit opens their hearts, and they freely and knowingly seek the living God and enter the path of faith and conversion. The Sacraments of Christian Initiation are: *Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.* The faithful are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the Sacrament of Confirmation, and receive the Eucharist, the food of eternal life. They thus receive in increasing measure the treasures of the divine life and advance towards the perfection of charity. To enroll in the 2010 RCIA classes, please call Donna L. Lane at 533-0304. Classes will begin September 26, 2010. Classes for Youth 11-16 years old (RCIC) who wish to become Catholic will start at the same time.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

We offer vibrant celebrations of the Liturgy at St. Alphonsus ‘Rock’ Church, which can only happen through the participation of a wide range of gifted liturgical ministers. We welcome your participation in liturgical ministries at the Rock - in fact, we depend upon it!

To help enrich our celebrations and develop your ministry skills, we offer a variety of training workshops, mentoring and ministry development opportunities.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Lay ministers help with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass – Body and Blood. We need Eucharistic Ministers for the 8:15 and 11:00 Liturgy.

You must be an adult, at least 21 years old, confirmed and an active practicing Catholic and registered member of the parish to serve in this honored role. We are especially seeking young adults 21-35 to join this ministry.

PASTORAL AIDES/SERVERS

We need Pastoral Aides and Servers to assist the presider, bearing candles and the cross in the procession, setting the altar/table for Communion, and fulfilling other roles during the liturgy.

Youth who have made their 1st Holy Communion whose parents are registered members of the parish and adult males and/or females who are practicing Catholics and registered members of the parish are encouraged to sign-up for this important ministry.

USHERS/GREETERS

Ushers/Greeters welcome the congregation to the Rock, hand out the parish bulletins and worship aides, assist with the collection and presentation of the gifts and guide the congregation during the Communion procession.

We need Ushers/Greeters for both Liturgies – 8:15 and 11:00. Youth who have made their 1st Holy Communion whose parents are registered members of the parish and adult males and/or females who are practicing Catholics and registered members of the parish are encouraged to sign-up for this important ministry

For more information on how to get involved in any Liturgical Ministry and to sign-up, please contact:

Richard Buckley or Sharon Cooney-Smith, Co-Chairpersons of the Liturgy Commission.

“Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people (1 Peter 2:9) is their right and duty by reason of their baptism.”

-Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, #14.

SAINT OF THE WEEK...

Assumption of Mary
August 15th

On November 1, 1950, Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "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 to heavenly glory." The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However, by the thirteenth century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names (Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption) from at least the fifth or sixth century.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's Assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testament, her Assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory.

Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20 Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to belief in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

Retrieved from: American Catholic.Org
<http://www.americancatholic.org/features/saints/saint.aspx?id=1108>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEEN MINISTRY

The Teen Ministry will have a bake sale August, 15th, 22nd and 29th after both masses. Please support their efforts in raising funds to assist them in attending KUJENGA XI. KUJENGA is a Catholic Youth Leadership Conference sponsored by the St. Charles Lwanga Center.

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Volunteers needed!!!!

The Missouri History Museum is in need of volunteers to help with the Vatican Splendors: A Journey through Faith and Art exhibit. All volunteers receive a polo shirt with the Vatican Splendor logo on it. Volunteers that work at least three shifts receive two tickets to the Vatican Splendor exhibit. Volunteers that work at least 30 hours will receive a Vatican Splendor catalog. For more information or to volunteer contact Natasha Johnson at 314-454-3187.

My dear Brothers and Sister in Christ:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend to you my sincere thanks for your gracious hospitality in welcoming me into your faith community these past two months. All of you made me feel welcomed and loved as we celebrated our faith and love for our Lord Jesus these past Sundays. I would like to extend a special thanks to your pastor Fr. Matthew and your associate pastor Fr. Thé and the entire Redemptorist Community here at the Rock for making me feel so at home.

As I depart from you to continue my formation as a Redemptorist I humbly ask for your prayers as I continue my journey in my vocation of serving the poor and most abandoned. Please continue to pray for all Redemptorist, particularly my brothers who serve you here at the Rock. May they receive an abundance of grace to continue serving you with the great love I know they hold in their hearts for all of you. You are in my prayers.

Fr. Ted

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 12

St. Peter Claver Day Celebration
Archbishop Carlson, celebrant
8:15 a.m. Mass

SEPTEMBER 19

Sign Me Up Sunday

OCTOBER 3

Ladies of Peter Claver
Fashion Show

NOVEMBER 14

Annual Card Party

NOVEMBER 25

10:00 a.m.
Thanksgiving Mass

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**Magnificat Women's
Prayer Breakfast**

Kathleen Beckman, Speaker,
Cardinal Rigali Center
Fleur de Lis Room
September 11, 2010
9-noon

Registration ends Friday, Sept. 3rd.
\$15 includes breakfast. Please call
soon to reserve your place at
314 427-7786 or email
janeguenther@archstl.org.

Kathleen Beckman serves on the
Magnificat Central Service Team
and has written several books,
including "*Rekindle Eucharistic
Amazement*", "*Behold the Lamb*",
and most recently, "*Only for Love:
The Sacred Heart, Priesthood and
Purity*"

Financial Corner...

Offerings and Tithes

AUGUST 2010	
Date	Amount
1	\$ 10,869.77
8	\$ 7,867.71
15	\$
22	\$
29	\$
Total	\$ 18,737.48
Wkly Avg.	\$ 9,368.74



**Memorial Brick Garden
Sale Campaign
COMING SOON....**

Amount needed each week to meet budget: \$12,000

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

That, like our Blessed Mother, we may say “Yes” to what God calls us to do, always remembering that God has done great things for us

“The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is His name.” - Luke 1:49

In Mary’s Magnificat prayer she reminds us of the very foundation for stewardship. The Lord has done great things for all of us. Every single thing we have is a gift from God. He has blessed us abundantly – in little ways and in great ways. So when we are called upon to share some of our gifts with the world we should remember the lesson of the Blessed Virgin. We should say, “Yes,” trusting that God is good and He will take care of us. He does great things for us!

E-Scrip card YTD	\$ 798.54
June 2010	\$ 61.97

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Attention Rock Family

The *Card Party/Fall Festival* will be held at Cardinal Ritter November 14th 2010. Due to space limitations, we were unable to accommodate all of our needs at our parish hall. We hope this decision will help us expand the event by including more for the youth and young adults. We want to build on the Card Party making it a triumphant event, not only this year, but for future years. We hope you see this as a positive move and pray for a successful event. We thank you for your understanding and look forward to seeing you there.

We are still in need of a chairperson for the 50/50 raffle. Please contact Shannon at shannonmarie323@gmail.com for more information.

Our Lady of the Holy Cross Parish Picnic

Sun., August 29th 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Hodak’s Fried Chicken Dinners
Served from 11:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Bingo, games, prizes,
games of chance and fun.
Music by a DJ from 3:00—5:00 p.m.
On Baden and Church Road
(one block from North Broadway)



PARISH INFORMATION

PASTORAL STAFF

Joyce Jones, Business Manager
Donna Lane, Dir. Religious Education
Roberta George, Secretary

REDEMPTRISTS IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Kyle Fisher, C.Ss.R.
Rev. Dave Polek, C.Ss.R.
Deacon Rick Fischer, C.Ss.R.

SUPPORT STAFF

Bro. Terry Burke, C.Ss.R., Manager
Terrance Gipson, Maintenance

Athletic Office: 314 533-0304 Ext. 1002

Teen Ministry: 314 533-0304 Ext. 1002

MUSIC MINISTRY

8: 15—Malcolm Speed

11:00—Danny Dumaine

PARISH COUNCIL

Rose Jno Baptiste	Helene Laberta
Annette House-Blake	Sharon Lyons
Christine Bluett	Michael Page
Alice Cummings	Patricia Pou
Ossie Foster	Kevin Triggs
Almetta Jordan	Reola Weaver

COMMISSIONS & CHAIRS

Christian Formation—TBD
Christian Service - TBD
Family Life Comm. - TBD
Finance & Adm. - John Wright
Liturgy - Richard Buckley
Social Life - Hilliard Phillips

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Religious Ed.: 314- 533-0304 Ext. 1311

Children's Bible Class
every Sunday: 10:30 - 11:45 am.

Central Catholic/St. Nicholas School(314) 231-6254

Baptismal Preparation (314) 533-0304
(ask for Donna Lane)

St. Charles Lwanga Center (314) 367-7929

COMMUNITY HELP

M.A.T. Social Ministry Center
Wilhelmina Hardin, Dir of M.A.T.
(Emergency Aid) (314) 531-1040

Community Health In Partnership
Services (C.H.I.P.S.) (314) 652-9231

Community Women Against Hardship (CWAH)
(314) 289-7523

HIV/AIDS: 314 531-0304 Ext. 1502

Birthright (Crisis pregnancy) 314-962-5300
Abortion Recovery Help: 877-HOPE-4-ME.



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Office Closing

September 6, 2010



Bulletin announcements must be in the office by 12 noon
Tuesday's. Please fax items to 314 533-4260 or e-mail to
parish130@archstl.org

ATTENTION

If your telephone number or address has changed, please contact
the office at 533-0304. You may also put your updated informa-
tion in the locked multipurpose box located on the north-side
entrance ushers' table.

ANointing OF THE SICK & VISITS

*"Is anyone sick among you? Call in the priests of the church and
they will pray for the sick person and anoint them with oil." (James)
This is the sacrament of the sick. ARE YOU SERIOUSLY SICK,
GOING TO THE HOSPITAL OR HAVING AN OPERATION?
Inform one of the priests, and they can anoint you after
Mass. Call and leave your hospital information at the office; a
priest will visit you.*

STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER????

St. Alphonsus Rock has prayer ministry after each Mass every
Sunday. Go to the choir area after Mass, and there will be members
there to pray with you and for you. Feel a heavy burden? Need a
healing? Have a thankful heart? Worried?