

## August 2021

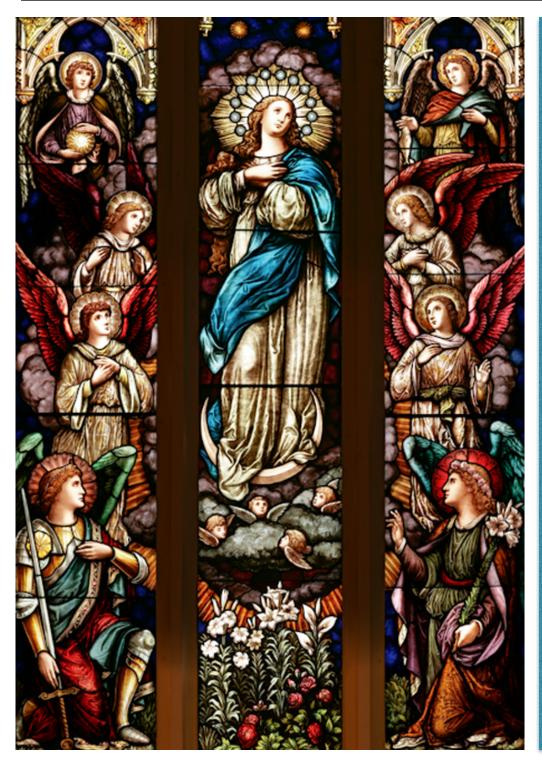
### The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times: Saturday 5:15 PM • Sunday 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM Wednesday & Friday 8:30 AM • Tuesday & Thursday 12:15 PM

Reconciliation Times: Saturday 4 PM to 5 PM • Thursday during Adoration 7 PM to 8 PM



# The Assumption Of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Father in Heaven, All Creation rightly gives you praise.

For all life and holiness come from you.

In the plan of your wisdom, She who bore the Christ in her womb, was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven.

May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Church will have to initiate everyone – priests, religious and laity – into this "art of accompaniment" which teaches us to remove our sandals before the sacred ground of the other [cf. Ex3:5]. ...Although it sounds obvious, spiritual accompaniment must lead others ever closer to God, in whom we attain true Freedom.

~Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 169-70

#### What is accompaniment and why does it matter?

Accompaniment is primarily about listening. Listening to the other person with an open heart and being attentive to what is being said with no outside agenda. Spiritual accompaniment is being present with compassion as a companion on the journey. As Pope Francis tells us in Evangelii Gaudium, "Only through such respectful and compassionate listening can we enter on the paths of true growth and awaken a yearning for the Christian ideal: the desire to respond fully to God's love and to bring to fruition what he has sown in our lives" (171).

As baptized Christians, we are, each one of us, called and gifted to accompany others on their spiritual journey. Realizing this reality and being ready to take up the call are often two very different things. Most of us don't feel qualified to walk with another person on their spiritual journey and certainly aren't prepared to "go and make disciples of all nations" (Mt.28:19). That is because most of us were never taught or formed in the art of "spiritual accompaniment." Be that as it may, we cannot continue to watch members of our families and those whom we care about leave the Church in droves without a backward glance. And what about all the people who are hurting and searching for healing after the year we've just experienced? Shall we just leave them to fend for themselves? Or can we do better? Does God intend for us to do better? Hasn't He called and equipped us to do better?

What could help us to move beyond our feelings of fear and inadequacy then? **Experience**, as we know, is one of the best teachers. Learning how to be a good listener and how to share your own story are parts of the process. If you're the least bit interested, I invite you to prayerfully consider coming to a short workshop entitled "Being Ananias for One Another" There is no commitment and nothing to lose, except two hours of your time. Come and see on August 16th at 6PM.

If we prayerfully consider that God has called us to this time and place, and that He created us to do the work of spreading the Gospel right now, these words of St. Joan of Arc may both resonate and challenge us: "I am not afraid. I was born to do this."

Grace and Peace, Patti Cassidy Being Ananias for One Another – Accompanying Others on their Spiritual Journey.

Monday, August 16 at 6PM in Lower Center Open to anyone – no commitment.

Come & See! RSVP requested, not required. 728-3845 ext. 228 or pcassidy@ctkmsla.org

## Offertory Update:

8/1/21 \$5236.01 Weekly needs: \$6705.88 YTD Budget: \$-3198.40



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#### Saturday, August 14

5:15PM Catholic Extension Donor

#### Sunday, August 15

9AM: For the University of Montana 7PM: For the University of Montana

#### Saturday, August 21

5:15PM: In Memory of The Deceased Members of the Hauge and Reilly Families Sunday, August 22

9AM: For the University of Montana

7PM: For the University of Montana

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Sunday
Morning Mass
will start at
10:00 AM.
Beginning on
August 15th



Congratulations, Greg and Mikaya Burns! They celebrated the Sacrament on Matrimony on July 10th.

