



OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES: 7:00pm (Saturday); 8am, 9:15am; 10:45am; 12:15pm, 3:00pm & 6:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: 10am; 12:10pm & 6.45pm Saturday: 10am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Weekday 12:45pm – 6:00pm; Sat.10:45am –12noon; Sun. 4pm-5.45pm

CONFESSION: Saturday after 10:30-11:30am; 6pm and at call. **ROSARY:** 11.30am (Monday—Saturday)

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 15TH AUGUST 2021

Entrance Antiphon

A great sign appeared in heaven:
a woman clothed with the sun,
and the moon beneath her feet,
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

HYMN: HAIL QUEEN OF HEAVEN

Hail, Queen of heaven, the ocean star,
Guide of the wanderer here below,
Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care,
Save us from peril and from woe.
Mother of Christ, Star of the sea
Pray for the wanderer, pray for me.

O gentle, chaste, and spotless Maid,
We sinners make our prayers through thee;
Remind thy Son that He has paid
The price of our iniquity.
Virgin most pure, Star of the sea,
Pray for the sinner, pray for me.

Sojourners in this vale of tears,
Blest advocate, to thee we cry,
Assuage our sorrows, calm our fears,
And soothe with hope our misery.
Refuge in grief, Star of the sea
Pray for the mourner, pray for me.

And while to Him Who reigns above
In Godhead one, in Persons three,
The Source of life, of grace, of love,
Homage we pay on bended knee:
Do thou, bright Queen, Star of the sea,
Pray for thy children, pray for me.

John Lingard (1771-1851)

Gloria:

Glory to God in the highest,

Cf. Rev 12: 1

and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of
the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary,
the Mother of your Son,
body and soul into heavenly glory,
grant, we pray,
that, always attentive to the things that are above,
we may merit to be sharers of her glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

First reading**Apocalypse 11:19,12:1-6,10**

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready.

Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

The word of the Lord.**Responsorial Psalm****Ps. 44(45):10-12,16**

R. *On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.*

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.
Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:
forget your own people and your father's house. **R.**

So will the king desire your beauty:
He is your lord, pay homage to him.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king. **R.**

Second reading**1 Corinthians 15:20-26**

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

The word of the Lord**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary has been taken up to heaven;
all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.

Alleluia!

Gospel**Luke 1:39-56**

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
and my spirit exults in God my saviour;
because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.

Yes, from this day forward
all generations will call me blessed,
for the Almighty has done great things for me.

Holy is his name,

and his mercy reaches from age to age
for those who fear him.

He has shown the power of his arm,
he has routed the proud of heart.

He has pulled down princes from their thrones
and exalted the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things,
the rich sent empty away.

He has come to the help of Israel his servant,
mindful of his mercy

– according to the promise he made to our ancestors –
of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants
for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and
then went back home.

The Gospel of the Lord.**Homily****The Creed**

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only-Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,

begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation

He came down from heaven,

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin

Mary

and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins,
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

HYMN: HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE

Hail Mary, Full Of Grace,
The Lord Is With You.
Blessed Are You Among Women
And Blest Is The Fruit Of Your Womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary Mother Of God,
Pray For Us Sinners,
Now And At The Hour Of Our Death.
Amen.

*Gentle Woman, Quiet Light,
Morning Star,
So Strong And Bright, Gentle Mother,
Peaceful Dove, Teach Us Wisdom,
Teach Us Love.*

You Were Chosen By The Father,
You Were Chosen For The Son,
You Were Chosen From All Women,
And For Woman, Shining One.

Blessed Are You Among Women.
Blest In Turn All Women Too.
Blessed They With Peaceful Spirits.
Blessed They With Gentle Hearts.
- Carey Landry

Prayer over the Offerings

May this oblation, our tribute of homage,
rise up to you, O Lord,
and, through the intercession
of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary,
whom you assumed into heaven,
may our hearts, aflame with the fire of love,
constantly long for you.

Sanctus:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Agnus Dei:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

Communion Antiphon Lk 1: 48-49

All generations will call me blessed,
for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

HYMN: O BREAD OF HEAVEN

O Bread of Heaven, beneath this veil
Thou dost my very God conceal:
My Jesus, dearest treasure, hail!
I love Thee and, adoring, kneel;
Each loving soul by Thee is fed
With Thine own Self in form of Bread.

O food of life, Thou Who dost give
The pledge of immortality;
I live, no 'tis not I that live;
God gives me life, God lives in me:
He feeds my soul, He guides my ways,
And every grief with joy repays.

O Bond of love that dost unite
The servant to his living Lord;
Could I dare live and not requite
Such love - then death were meet reward:
I cannot live unless to prove
Some love for such unmeasured love.

Beloved Lord, in Heaven above
There, Jesus, Thou awaitest me,
To gaze on Thee with endless love;
Yes, thus I hope, thus shall it be:
For how can He deny me Heaven,
Who here on earth Himself hath given?

- St Alphonsus Liguori 1696-1787
(tr. By Edmund Vaughan 1827-1908)

Prayer after Communion

Having received the Sacrament of salvation,
we ask you to grant, O Lord,
that, through the intercession
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
whom you assumed into heaven,
we may be brought to the glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gifts of our priests; help them to be strong in their vocation and become instruments of your love and grace.

Send your Holy Spirit to give courage and guidance to all those you are calling to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life in our Archdiocese. May those called hear your voice and respond wholeheartedly to become the person you created them to be.

Heavenly Father, form us all in the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd, so that we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully. We ask this through Christ, Your son, the Eternal High Priest, **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN: AS I KNEEL BEFORE YOU

As I kneel before you,
As I bow my head in prayer,
Take this day, make it yours
and fill me with your love.

*Ave Maria,
Gratia plena,
Dominus tecum,
Benedicta tu.*

All I have I give you,
Every dream and wish are yours,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of mine, present them to my Lord.

As I kneel before you,
And I see your smiling face,
Ev'ry thought, ev'ry word
Is lost in your embrace.
(*Maria Parkinson*)

COVID-19 Step 4 Guidance

The important step to take during this period is to ensure a safe environment in our places of worship and other buildings where activities take place within our parish. This will be a collective responsibility of everyone, especially those involved in the daily life of our parish as the safeguarding of public health now lies with the management of each organization. In the absence of the 'rule of law,' we strongly emphasise on common sense and risk averse activities to continue to mitigate against transmission of the virus which is still prevalent in society. To this effect, we are urged to take note of the following as the route to take in our parish from July 19.

1. Hand sanitisation shall continue and we shall continue to observe good cleaning regime as we have always done.
2. Test and Trace contacts shall be taken during Sunday celebrations.
3. Those who drive to Church during the week for Mass and prayers need to register their vehicles.
4. We strongly advise the use of face coverings while at Mass and within our ancillary buildings.

5. Please, leave one seating space between you and a non-member of your family.
6. Congregational singing can now take place at Masses. It is highly recommended we do this with the masks on until infection levels reduce.
7. Our parish church will now open Monday to Saturday (8am-7.30pm) for private prayers.
8. The Weekday 12:10pm Mass can now have parishioners in attendance.
9. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will hold on Wednesday from 12:45pm to 6pm; Saturday 10:45am to 12noon with the various devotions; Sunday 4pm to 5:45pm.
10. Holy Water is provided now in the dispenser for those who come with their small bottles for this sacramental.
11. We shall resume offertory collection at Masses. We however encourage parishioners to do more of online donation, register for standing order donation and gift aid if they pay taxes.
12. Holy Communion will be given under one kind and is recommended to be received on the hand. However, those who wish to receive on the tongue are free to do so as long as the ministers are careful of contamination. We shall continue the practice of being ushered for communion by the stewards pew by pew from the front.
13. Baptism is still one child or family at a time but with no limit to numbers attending.
14. No restrictions on numbers attending Marriages as well as Funerals.
15. We shall resume home visits by priests, deacon and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy communion.
16. Social activities can resume in the parish; so also, catechetical and group activities.
17. Liturgical Ministers can take up their roles again: Choristers, Lectors, EHMC and Altar Servers. We however request that Old and would be Altar Servers are to register for serving. Forms are at the back of the church for this registration and once the forms are returned, we shall commence training sessions. Closing date for submission of forms is 31st August 2021.
18. Parish Surgery for Baptisms, Marriages, Signing of School forms, etc shall hold henceforth on Tuesdays & Fridays 9am-12:30pm; 2pm-4:30pm.

FR PETER SEBASTIAN'S Thanksgiving Mass for his First Ordination Anniversary holds at 12:15pm on Sunday 15th August 2021. We rejoice with Father Peter on this happy occasion and wish him many happy returns in good health of mind and body, and the grace of final perseverance. Amen.