

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Mass intentions
for Aug. 15, 2021
Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary**

Saturday, 5 p.m. —
† David J. Arwood
By: Carol Faniola

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† Leroy Hilby
By: Mary Carr

Wednesday, noon —
People with special needs
By: Knights of Columbus

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Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab — God's temple in heaven opened and the ark of the covenant could be seen — a woman clothed in the sun, about to give birth. A dragon waited to devour her child. When her son was born, he was caught up to God and his throne, and the woman fled to safety in the desert.

Psalms 45:10-12, 16 — The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

1 Corinthians 15:20-27 — "For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life."

Luke 1:39-56 — Mary visited her pregnant cousin Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's voice, her infant leaped in her womb and Elizabeth said "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Mary responded, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;...for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant."



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THE ASSUMPTION

In 1950, Pope Pius XII defined as a divinely revealed dogma that Mary "was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." Some ask how, and when, and where? The simple answer is "It's a mystery!" Why would Jesus not want to assume her uncorrupted body to be with him in heaven in honor of the woman who accepted God's call to be his mother, gave birth to him in a cave, watched him grow, was with him when he died on a cross and rejoiced at his Resurrection? The world would be a much better place if we all honored our parents, family, friends and strangers who often do so much for us that we do not appreciate. Once again Jesus reveals that gratitude is the beginning of generosity.

Weekly readings

Monday
Judges 2:11-19
Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday
Judges 6:11-24a
Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday
Judges 9:6-15
Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday
Judges 11:29-39a
Matthew 22:1-14

Friday
St. Bernard
Ruth 1:1, 3-6,
14b-16, 22
Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday
St. Pius X
Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11;
4:13-17
Matthew 23:1-12

**21st Sunday
of Ordinary Time**
Joshua 24:1-2a,
15-17, 18b
Psalm 34:2-3, 16-21
Ephesians 5:21-32
John 6:60-69

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In-person Offertory
Aug. 8, 2021

Regular, \$2,891.50
Needy, \$812
Development, \$57

Mary as Ark of New Covenant

The ark of the Old Testament contained the 10 commandments (the Word of God), the manna (bread God sent to feed the Israelites in the desert) and the priestly rod of Aaron.



In today's reading from the book of Revelation, John refers to Mary (though not by name) as the "ark of the covenant." How can that be?

Mary is seen as the Ark of the New Covenant because her womb carried Jesus — the Word of God, the Bread of Life and the eternal high priest.

Luke refers more subtly to Mary as the Ark of the New Covenant in today's Gospel when he writes of her visit to Elizabeth using language that can be found in the second book of Samuel about David bringing the ark to Jerusalem.

- Mary "arose and went" to the hill country of Judah, just as David "arose and went" to Judah hundreds of years earlier.
- Elizabeth, with awe and wonder, asked, "Why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" Likewise, David asked in awe and wonder, "How can the ark of the Lord come to me?"
- Just as David danced with joy in the presence of the ark, Elizabeth's unborn child "leaped in her womb" upon hearing Mary's voice.
- Mary stayed in Elizabeth's home in Judea for three months, just as David and the Ark of the Covenant stayed in the hill country of Judea for three months.

In addition to recognizing her role as Ark of the New Covenant, we see Mary as queen.

In the Old Testament, the mother of the king sat as queen next to her son. Kings at that time often took many wives as "alliances" with other countries but had only one mother.

We believe that Mary, as the mother of Jesus, is thus queen of heaven and earth.

—From Scott Hahn's *Hail, Holy Mary*

Saintly Wisdom

"Never be afraid
of loving the Blessed Virgin too much.
You can never love her more
than Jesus did."
—*Saint Maximilian Kolbe*—

Parish Life

Parish Picnic — The annual parish picnic has been scheduled for 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at the Riverside Pavilion in the park behind the Elizabethton River Riders ballpark. Mark your calendars and plan to come!

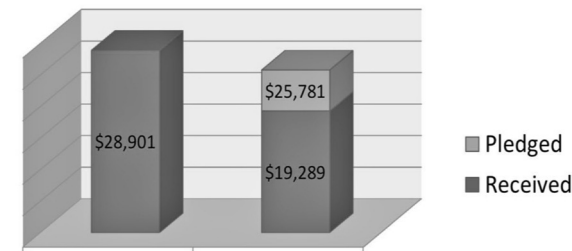
Social Action

Backpack Buddies — Pledge forms for Backpack Buddies are in this week's bulletin for those who want to participate. The program supplies needy school children with backpacks full of kid-friendly foods to eat at home on the weekends. The cost is \$93 a year (or \$9.30 a month for 10 months) per student. Last year, parishioners sponsored all the students identified for the program at Harold McCormick School and additional students from Eastside, Westside and T.A. Dugger schools. Pledge forms may be put in the box in the vestibule.



2021 BISHOP'S APPEAL

Through July 2021
Annual Parish Goal: \$16,800



Bishop's Appeal 2020 Received
Bishop's Appeal 2021 Progress