



A HOLY DAY HONORING OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Dear friends in Christ, Friday evening, August 14, and Saturday morning August 15, we celebrated the Solemnity of the Assumption. The Vigil Mass for Saturday evening, August 15, is the regular Sunday Mass and not a Holy Day Mass.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Assumption leads us to contemplate the new life the Lord holds out to all who with Mary make their “yes” to God. It is a feast of great joy and hope for all of us. Last year, Pope Leo reflected on this mystery in Homily for the feast. Here is an excerpt of it:

The Solemnity of the Today is not Sunday, yet we celebrate in another way the Paschal Mystery of Jesus, which changed the course of history. In Mary of Nazareth, we recognize our own history: the history of the Church, immersed in the common lot of humanity. By taking flesh in her, the God of life — the God of freedom — has conquered death. Yes, today we contemplate how God overcomes death — yet never without us. His is the Kingdom, but ours is the “yes” to his love that can change everything. On the Cross, Jesus freely uttered that “yes” which would strip death of its power — the death that still spreads wherever our hands crucify and our hearts remain imprisoned by fear and mistrust. On the Cross, trust prevailed; so did love, which sees what is yet to come; and forgiveness triumphed.

Mary was there, united with her Son. In our day, we are like Mary whenever we do not flee, whenever we make Jesus’ “yes” our own. That “yes” still lives and resists death in the martyrs of our time, in witnesses of faith and justice, of gentleness and peace. Thus this day of joy becomes also a day that calls us to choose — how and for whom we shall live.

The liturgy of this feast of the Assumption offers us the Gospel passage on the Visitation. Saint Luke recorded in this passage a decisive moment in Mary’s vocation. It is beautiful to recall that day, as we celebrate the crowning

moment of her life. Every human story, even that of the Mother of God, is brief on this earth and comes to an end. Yet nothing is lost. When a life ends, its uniqueness shines even more clearly. The *Magnificat*, which the Gospel places on the lips of the young Mary, now radiates the light of all her days. One single day — the day she met her cousin Elizabeth — contains the seed of every other day, of every other season.

And words are not enough; a song is needed, one that continues to be sung in the Church “from generation to generation” (Lk 1:50), at the close of every day. The surprising fruitfulness of barren Elizabeth confirmed Mary in her trust; it anticipated the fruitfulness of her “yes,” which extends to the fruitfulness of the Church and of all humanity whenever God’s renewing Word is welcomed. That day, two women met in faith, then stayed together for three months to support each other, not just in practical matters but in a new way of reading history.

And so, dear brothers and sisters, the Resurrection enters our world even today. The words and choices of death may seem to prevail, but the life of God breaks through our despair through concrete experiences of fraternity and new gestures of solidarity. Prior to being our final destiny, the Resurrection transforms — in soul and body — our dwelling on earth. Mary’s song, *Magnificat*, strengthens the hope of the humble, the hungry, the faithful servants of God. These are the men and women of the Beatitudes who, even in tribulation, already see the invisible: the mighty cast down from their thrones, the rich sent away empty, the promises of God fulfilled. Such experiences should be found in every Christian community. They may seem impossible, but God’s Word continues to be brought to light. When bonds are born, with which we confront evil with good and death with life, we see that nothing is impossible with God (cf. Lk 1:37). POPE LEO

May Mary’s total fidelity to her son, help us to listen to him, to follow in his way, and to attain a place in heaven with him.

Please join me in welcoming Bishop Schuster to St Jude this weekend. He is filling in this week while Fr. Raphael is away. We are so grateful for his presence, ministry and service.

Blessings on your week!
Fr Johnson



HAPPENING THIS WEEK

ST JUDE Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday 9AM-4PM, Friday 9AM-12PM

Mon August 17	Tuesday August 18	Wednesday August 19	Thursday August 20	Friday August 21	Saturday August 22	Sunday August 23
9:00am Daily Mass 10:00am Women of Faith 1:00pm Funeral Mass for Chung Kim		8:30am Confessions 9:00am Daily Mass 7:00pm House of Prayer	No Daily Mass 12:15pm Steps to Freedom 1:00pm Rosary Cenacle 7:00pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting	9:00am Daily Mass 9:30am - 9:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	9:00am Catholic Schoolhouse Planning Meeting 3:30pm Confessions 5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass	9:00am Sunday Mass 11:00am Sunday Mass

HOLY INNOCENTS Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9AM-4PM, Friday 9AM-12PM

Mon August 17	Tuesday August 18	Wednesday August 19	Thursday August 20	Friday August 21	Saturday August 22	Sunday August 23
	3:00-6:30pm Food Pantry Open	10am-12noon Food Pantry Open 6:00pm Daily Mass	9:00am Daily Mass	6-6:45pm Confessions 6-8pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament		8:00am Sunday Mass 10:30am Sunday Mass

ST ANTHONY Office Hours: Aug 17, 2026 Monday 10AM-12PM

Tuesday August 18	Wednesday August 19	Thursday August 20	Friday August 21	Saturday August 22
6:00pm Adoration & Rosary	7:30-9:30pm AA Meeting	6:00pm Bible Study		5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

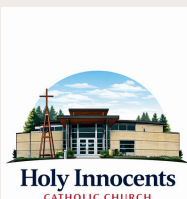
ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IN NEED

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- Holy Innocents: King County Crisis line at 211
- St. Jude SVdP: Helpline assistance: 206-767-6449
- To learn more or to join the ministry contact:
 - Connie Dunn at Holy Innocents: connie@conniedunn.com
 - Diane Murphy at St Jude: svdp@stjude-redmond.org
- To donate furniture or household items email: svdpfurniture@stjude-redmond.org

PARISH FAMILY FINANCIAL UPDATES

HOLY INNOCENTS YEAR TO DATE 2026 - 2027



OPERATIONS

Actual \$61,647
Goal \$61,154
Ahead/(Behind) \$493

BUILDING

Actual \$21,821
Goal \$33,508
Ahead/(Behind) (\$11,687)

ST JUDE YEAR TO DATE SUNDAY COLLECTIONS TO AUG 9, 2026



St Jude

Actual \$122,127
Goal \$106,580
Ahead/(Behind) \$15,547

SAFE PARKING AT ST JUDE

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