

STEWARDSHIP

August 5th.....\$3,371

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ASSUMPTION of MARY  
Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>

Over time too many people have twisted the memory of Mary to fit in with how they think women should behave. So they have presented her as meek and mild, weak, passive and submissive. The problem with that is it contradicts every one of the ten stories we have of the Mother of Jesus in the New Testament. We are in debt to St Luke for his gospel portrait of Mary. The portrait is unfinished, but it is straight-forward, true and beautiful. We honour Mary as the young woman who put her whole life and self at the service of God's plan, and who let the Holy Spirit empower her to become the Mother of Jesus. She does not let her surprise and fear stop her from saying "yes" to God's proposal. In picturing her saying "yes" to God Luke is saying that she is living up

to the standard which her adult Son will teach -- that to be a follower of Jesus we must hear the word of God, and live it! The belief in her Assumption points ahead to what God will do for us. We believe and we trust that our whole person, body, mind, heart and spirit, will be raised to a new existence in the presence, peace, and happiness of God. But Mary gives us hope not just for the afterlife, but for the challenges and struggles of this life, everyday. For many people, the song of Mary expresses their own hopes in the power and love of God to set them free from all that is bad, evil and ugly, and give them a new life. Mary for them is alive in the changes that take place when the liberating and transforming love of God triumphs over evil of every kind. She expresses God's opposition to tyranny and God's determi-

nation to put down the powerful and ruthless who ignore, despise, or brutalise God's people. Mary, then, is no weak, silent, passive woman. It comes as no surprise therefore that people keep looking to her for inspiration and help. Clearly they believe in a higher power, a power outside themselves and greater than themselves, a power that we may be inclined to forget. Clearly they believe that the woman we celebrate, Mary, is a strong but gentle mother, who makes their hopes for the world her own, and their prayers for the world her prayers too.

*from Fr. Brian Gleeson, CP*

**\*\*NOTICE\*\***

**NO 5pm Sunday Mass** until August 19th, 2018.

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**SUNDAY CONFESSION  
CANCELLED**

**NOTICE**

Move in weekend is August 18th and 19th. Please allow a little extra time to find parking or to walk for Mass. There will be families unloading all around our building and most likely using our parking lot. Please help us welcome the new students and families of Texas State.

**WISDOM 101 MEETING**

Freshmen and Transfers, if someone you know is new to our student community please invite them to join us Sat. Aug. 25th 10am-1pm for prayer and community! Find out what the student center has to offer!

**ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS**

begins Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, upstairs. Please register on the Our Lady of Wisdom website, [www.txstatecatholic.org](http://www.txstatecatholic.org)  
> Spiritual Growth tab  
> Adult Sacraments

**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

Come share your faith and pancakes with other men in our parish Wednesdays 7- 8am. Please bring your Bible and \$5 (for the meal). RSVP to Victor Felan [noel.texas@gmail.com](mailto:noel.texas@gmail.com) Tom Deming [tdeming@txstatecatholic.org](mailto:tdeming@txstatecatholic.org)



**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED**

**VIRGIN MARY**

Holy Day of Obligation  
**Wednesday  
August 15th**  
Mass

**12:30pm and 5:15pm**  
Confession  
11:30am –12:30pm

**Welcome BBQ  
6pm Sat. Aug. 25th**

Bulletin Submissions  
[bulletin@txstatecatholic.org](mailto:bulletin@txstatecatholic.org)  
**Send content, questions, suggestions, etc.**  
Deadline: Wednesdays 5pm

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

We are in need of additional volunteers who are willing to dedicate one afternoon a week to work with and assist the poor and needy. Contact Warner Davis at 512-787-1454.

**P.E.T. (Parish Engagement Team)** monthly meeting Sunday August 12th at 11:30am in the Library.

**SUNDAY**

**REFRESHMENTS**

All are welcome to sign up in the lobby to bring refreshments after our 10 am Sunday Mass



**WE PRAY**

Please join us in prayer for the members of our parish in need of healing and spiritual support.

*"Pray for one another...effective prayer can accomplish much." James 5:16*