

A Message from Fr. Jim

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that He is the true bread that comes from Heaven! When you and I receive the Holy Eucharist we receive Jesus Himself. Because the Eucharist is truly spiritual food and The Blessed Sacrament is truly Jesus every time we receive Him in Holy Communion our soul is fed, healed and strengthened not by nutrients but by life itself! What a great gift Our Lord gave us at the Last Supper when He gave to his church his very self for all times in His Sacramental Presence.

This week we celebrate the Assumption of Mary! How much we owe this woman of faith, purity, trust and unshakable love! Mercy itself entered into His own creation through this spotless and untainted virgin! Mary, and Mary alone, through a singular grace from God, was found worthy enough to give Our Savior His human nature, this giving to all peoples of all time the hope of salvation!

The Assumption of Mary gives us hope! We are not creatures of the earth, but rather, we are children of God most high bound for eternal glory in the highest heavens. This small amount of time we have here on earth is the time we have been given to build for ourselves our castles for eternity.

We build these future castles through the practice of the virtues, acts of faith and charity, and our prayer life. Mary, because she was not only the spotless Mother of God, but also the first and preeminent disciple of her son imitating Him perfectly in all her thoughts, words and deeds. She has already experienced what you and I will experience if we remain her faithful children-that glorious assumption!

Jesus ascended to heaven under His own power as God. Mary was assumed into heaven, body and soul, through the power of the living God in her. The more we contemplate this great mystery and truth of the faith; the more we imitate Mary in her expectations; the more you and I will be prepared for our eternity, our assumption.

God Bless,
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