

Spiritually Speaking

Like Mary we are called to assume into Heaven

By Fr. Thankachan Joseph

This coming Sunday, the Church celebrates the feast of Our Blessed Mother who assumed into heaven. The whole Church honors the humble maid of Nazareth through whom the world received its Savior. We rejoice that she shares in the glory of her son in heaven. She is our Mother from heaven. She wants us to be obedient and loving children of the Father. She is waiting for us all in heaven.

The image in Revelation (11:19; 12:1-6, 10), describes a woman clothed with the sun, standing on the moon, with her head crowned with twelve stars, but crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth, reminding us of the two poles of Our Lady's life - peace and affliction. In our churches, she is presented as being at peace, reflecting the way she is now, in heaven body and soul with her Son. We rejoice that she is finally and definitively at peace, and we are comforted by our belief that where she is, one day we also shall be, if we remain loyal to her Son. But Our Lady's life was a time of affliction for her, in various episodes of her vocation she was sorely tried. The scene from the Apocalypse looks back to Genesis 3:15-16 and represents the woman of the Messianic Era who is both physical mother of the Messiah and spiritual mother of the faithful. It is the Messiah who is approved by the voice from heaven, by His triumph as God's elected one over the ancient Adversary, the Devil. The implication for us on earth is that we should not be surprised if we are afflicted - if Our Lady suffered affliction despite her exalted calling, who are we to be taken aback by our own afflictions?

1 Corinthians (15: 20-26) gives a scriptural basis for our belief that Mary has been assumed body and soul into heaven by a special privilege. The time of her liberation from death has been anticipated in advance of the definitive end of time when Christ the Messiah will hand over all things to His Father and all the elect will be saved once and for all from death in soul and body. St. Paul gives us a clear distinction between the old Eve and the new Eve. If Jesus is the new Adam, who then is the new Eve? Mary. Just as the full story of our fall cannot be told without Eve, so also the full story of our redemption cannot be told without Mary. Many parallels exist between the old Adam and Eve and the new Adam and Eve, Jesus and Mary. In the old order, the woman (Eve) came from the body of the man (Adam), but in the new order, the man (Jesus) comes from the body of the woman (Mary). In the old order, the woman first disobeyed God and led the man to do the same; in the new order, the woman first said "Yes" to God (Luke 1:38) and raised her son, Jesus, to do likewise. Adam and Eve had a good time together disobeying God; Jesus and Mary suffered together doing God's will. The sword of sorrow pierced their hearts equally (John 19:34; Luke 2:35b).

The Gospel of Luke (1: 39-56), with its account of the Magnificat of our Blessed Mother, reminds us of the enormous privileges of Our Lady. She has no illusions about the source of these privileges: God's covenant loyalty to the promises made to Abraham. Behind this covenant loyalty, of course, is God's unmerited love. It is to the initiative of this love that we owe our creation, that we owe our redemption, that we owe Our Lady, whose humility proved to be a fitting match for God's designs. This should give us pause for thought.

On the Feast of the Assumption, we all should rejoice with Our Lady because of the great things that God has seen fit to work in her. But our rejoicing should also be a challenge for us and an indication of the road we should follow if we are to end up beside our spiritual mother. Only through humility and trust in God can we be successful in our search for God's will, a will that for us implies what it implied for Our Lady: definitive existence in the presence of her Son. May she intercede on our behalf and take us all to her Son's abode.



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Chamber Chatter

Willow Creek Farmer's Market runs each Thursday through September 2 from 4-7 p.m. at the Heppner City Park. Cost for the entire season for vendors is \$50 or by the week at \$10 per week. Check out the Facebook page, email willowcreekfm@gmail.com or call 541-720-4399 or 757-285-5792 for additional information.

August 13, 1 to 4 p.m. Wheatland Insurance will hold an open house with refreshments and door prizes.

August 17-22 the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo will be held. The theme this year is "Morrow County Strong." The parade will take place on Saturday, August 21 at 10 a.m. Those who are interested in being in the parade should contact the Heppner Chamber at heppnerchamber@gmail.com or 541-676-5536. The Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo, NPRA sanctioned rodeo, will be held August 19 and 20 at 7 p.m. and the MOCO

jackpot on August 22 at 1 p.m.

Sunday, September 12 from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Music in the Park at Heppner City Park featuring Chasing Ebenezer, a Portland musical group. Hopeful Saints will be offering food for purchase by donation to their Mission and Outreach fund.

September 18 and 19, Blue Mountain Century Scenic Bikeway ride. Registration and waivers are available at the chamber office or on the chamber website. Contact the chamber at 541-676-5536 to guarantee a spot as the ride will be limited to 100 riders. The Blue Mountain Century Bikeway is a scenic loop of approximately 108 miles beginning and ending in Heppner.

October 28, vaccine clinic and community health fair at the Ione American Legion Hall. Additional information will be available at a later date

Morrow County schedules COVID-19 vaccine events

Morrow County will be holding COVID-19 vaccination events from Wednesday, August 11 through Saturday, August 21 in Boardman, Irrigon and Heppner. The times and locations are:

-Wednesday, August 11 at Sam Boardman Elementary in Boardman, 5-6:30 p.m.

-Thursday, August 12 at the Shell Gas Station in Irrigon, 4-7 p.m.

-Thursday, August 13 at the Farmers Market in Heppner, 4-7 p.m.

-Wednesday, August 18 at the Morrow County Fair in Heppner, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

-Thursday, August 19 at the Morrow County Fair in Heppner, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

-Friday, August 20 at the Morrow County Fair in Heppner, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

-Saturday, August 21 at the Morrow County Fair in Heppner, 12 p.m.-8 p.m.

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A View from the Green

Over the Tee Cup

Virginia Grant took low gross of the field at the Willow Creek Country Club ladies play day on August 3. Low net of the field winner was a tie between Karen Thompson and Karen Haguewood. Pat Edmundson had the least putts.

For flight A, Carol Mitchell had low gross and Eva Kilkenny had low net. Karen Thompson got the long drive and KP.

Pat Dougherty won low gross for flight B and Shirley Martin took low net. Dougherty also got the

long drive and KP.

Flight C winners were Kathy Martin for low gross, Kris Lindner, low net and Jeanne Creswick, least putts. Jeanne Creswick got the long drive and Kris Lindner had KP.

Virginia Grant got birdies on #11 and #15.

The day was comfortable for play that day, hosting 11 ladies. The Eddi Skow/WCCC ladies club championship will be held August 31 and September 1. Those wishing to play are required to sign up on the sheet at the clubhouse.

HES begins online registration

Heppner Elementary School's online registration will run August 10-12. Returning families will need to log into their parent portal account and update the following information:

Contact information, emergency contacts, technology use forms, internet questionnaire, dental screening and transportation form.

New students and those who desire assistance may call the Heppner Elementary School office at 541-676-9128.

Service club sign filled

The Masonic Lodge No. 69 has taken the empty spot on the service club signs at the entries into Heppner. The space became vacant when the Heppner and Ione American Legion posts consolidated recently.

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