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# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 15, 2004

*Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.* — Luke 1:42

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**C**OURAGE — “Courageous are these who hear the Word of God, and keep it.” Mary answered her call (delivered by the angel Gabriel) to be the Mother of God with courage. She stood at the cross with courage. Today we celebrate her opening the way for us. We must follow with courage, even to paradise. Mary is also the courageous gathering of God’s people, our Holy Mother Church. Listen to the source of our courage: “Victory, power, and empire forever, have been won, and all authority for the Christ.” Listen and have the courage to respond!

## **N**ATIONAL NEEDS COMBINED COLLECTION

This collection

- ◆ Makes it possible for us to continue strengthening Catholic faith, values and education through the **Catholic Communication Campaign’s** television, radio, and print messages.
- ◆ Helps support some of the poorest dioceses in the country that depend on annual collections. Through vital evangelization programs, the **Black and Indian Home Mission** provides aid to some of the neediest African-American and Native American communities.
- ◆ Enables us to insure the highest standards of quality Catholic education through The **Catholic University of America’s** exceptional programs of scholarship, research and service.
- ◆ Strengthens the Church at home, and helps to provide basic pastoral resources and services to needy ethnic communities in scattered and isolated areas through the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**.

**PLEASE BE GENEROUS TODAY, August 14-15**

**L**ITURGICAL MINISTERS—Soon we will be planning the new liturgical ministry schedule. Please let Sr. Dolores know what dates you are not available from August 28 through the month of October. 562.439.0931. x 5. or barling@stmatthewlb.org. Thank you.

### **PRAY THE ROSARY**

Saturday Mornings—8:00 A.M.

Join us as we pray for world peace.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK...

*Helen Parkin  
Mary Barling*

**S**ACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK — One of the more notable activities of the Lord’s public life was healing the sick. Healing was one of the explicit ministries entrusted to the 72 disciples when they went on mission. Communal services that celebrate God’s healing mercy experienced through the sacrament of anointing the sick call to mind, for both the sick and the well, the healing power of God’s love and the challenge for each of us to be instruments of healing in the midst of so much suffering in our fragile world.

We hope that all who suffer serious illness, those who are elderly, and anyone about to have surgery will come to receive the **Anointing of the Sick on Saturday, August 28, at 5:30 p.m. Mass. Please arrive by 5:15 p.m. and sit in the places reserved for you at the front of church.**

**A**DULT EDUCATION BOARD—will be meeting on Monday, **August 23rd at 7:00 p.m.** in the Rectory. Besides immediate preparations for September and October events, we will be looking forward to spring and planning our annual parish renewal. Please come with ideas.

**P**EACE AND JUSTICE MEETING on Monday, August 23 at 7:00 p.m. in classroom #1. Planning for Voter Registration Drive in Parish on September 18/19 and 25/26. We need at least 4 helpers per Mass and Spanish speakers after the Spanish Masses. Please come to this meeting or call Claire Marmion if you can help 597.4030. Our aim is to register all eligible voters and encourage everyone registered to vote in November.

**L**ITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING—Monday, August 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory. We will plan for St. Matthew’s Feast Day and other fall celebrations. It is hoped that all members will be able to attend.

### **21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME — AUGUST 22**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 66:18-21

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

**Gospel:** Luke 13:22-30

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED...

*Rita Escamilla, Luis Perez,  
Elmer Niles*

