



The Assumption: just one of the ‘causes of our joy’



In the Litany of Loreto, Mary is called “cause of our joy.” There are many reasons for considering her as such; many of them are caught up by the Feast of the Assumption.

My grandmother was called home to God on this Feast, just 46 years old; I was two and still have a picture of her holding me in her arms in front of my house just before her untimely death. And later in life, my little brother, Brian, was born into this world on the Feast of the Assumption in the year 1974. I always look to great feast days as moments of God’s grace for His people, particularly those He showers with

His great presence and plans for a future full of hope! So on August 15th, I always feel the blessings of God in my family’s life, both in the natural and eternal.

This glorious feast, celebrated this month on August 15, is a testimony to the power of God and His influence on the laity for their devotion to the mother of God. It also underscores Catholic belief in the goodness of the human body and in its promised resurrection.

Belief in Mary’s Assumption has a long history. Stories of Mary’s “Dormition”, or falling asleep, circulated as early

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40th Anniversary of Medjugorje!

**Message To The World (Marija)
June 25, 2021**

“Dear children! My heart is joyful because through these years I see your love and openness to my call. Today I am calling all of you: pray with me for peace and freedom, because satan is strong and by his deception, wants to lead away all the more hearts from my motherly heart. That is why decide for God so that it may be good for you on the land which God gave you. Thank you for having responded to my call.”



Fr. Dan

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as the fourth century.

As the feast moved from East to West, "Dormition" was gradually replaced by "Assumption," and the issue of Mary's death receded — though it was not denied. By the seventh century, Pope St. Sergius the First, had added the Assumption to the other three Marian feasts: the Nativity, the Annunciation and the Presentation or Purification.

Theological reflections on the Assumption intensified after the declaration of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. A central argument in defense of the Assumption rested on the belief that Mary was free from all sin, including original sin, and thus could be welcomed, body and soul, into the Divine presence. This is our

From the Desk of Fr. Dan

Fr. Dan Reehil
National Priest Director
Radio Maria



belief today, and the reason we rely on her power — given by God Himself to her — to crush Satan and his minions, beneath her precious and sanctified feet!

In the Litany of Loreto, Mary is called "cause of our joy." There are many reasons for considering her such; many of them are caught up by the feast of the Assumption.

May we enter into Our Lady's Assumption into heaven, and her Crowning in Glory, with great love and devotion during

this month of August; and await her many gifts of visitation in our own lives, as she ministers to our families and friends.

May God and Our Lady continue to bless you and keep you.

† Fr. Daniel Reehil



July 25, 2021
Message to Marija

"Dear children! I am calling you to prayer for all those who do not pray. Little children, witness with your lives the joy that you are mine and God will heed your prayers and give you peace in this peaceless world where pride and selfishness reign. Little children, you be generous and be the love of my love, so that pagans can feel that you are mine and convert to my Immaculate Heart.

Thank you for having responded to my call."



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YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

Dec. 8, 2020 - Dec. 8, 2021

Prayer to St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Maria Biancavilla, president of WFRMUSA, dies July 8

We are deeply saddened to announce that Maria Biancavilla, president of the World Family of Radio Maria USA and also secretary of the Radio Maria USA board of directors, passed away July 8, 2021 at the age of 55.

While working as an accountant at a bank, Maria began working as a volunteer with Radio Maria in New York in 2012.



Maria Biancavilla

Soon she became

president of World Family of Radio Maria USA and subsequently secretary of the RM Board of Directors.

"Everyone here at Radio Maria is deeply saddened by the sudden death of Maria," said Carlo DiMaggio, president of Radio Maria USA. "She was a very devoted Catholic and very dedicated to helping Radio Maria succeed.

"She was involved in multiple tasks always with diligence and professionalism. She will greatly be missed."

"We have lost two very dedicated people this past month -- Maria Biancavilla and Mary Bond (see below)," said Fr. Dan Reehil, national priest director for Radio Maria. "Both will be remembered during our daily morning Mass throughout August."

RIP: Mary Bond, presenter of *Prayer Time*

With deepest sympathy, we announce that one of our presenters, Mary Adela Caillouet Bond, long-time presenter of *Prayer Time*, passed away June 28, 2021 at the age of 78.

Mary was born on August 19, 1942 in Thibodaux, La. and graduated from Mount Carmel Academy in Thibodaux and from Springhill Col-

lege in Mobile, Ala.

She delighted in the time she spent

as a young mother, staying at home to devote herself to her family. When her children were school-aged, she founded Mary Bond Interiors in Houma, La. and served as a long-



Mary Bond

time board member of Caillouet Land Corporation.

In her later years, she hosted two talk shows on Radio Maria, which broadcasted her message of love and prayer via radio and the internet worldwide.

She hosted *The Good News Hour*. Mary also hosted *Prayer Time*, a program which consisted

of live prayers requested by callers. Mary had the special gift of being able to offer that perfect prayer to help soothe the caller's needs. She did these two programs for over a decade.

She touched many lives with her strong faith and larger-than-life personality.

Rest in peace, Mary!

A religious painting depicting the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary is shown in a white robe with a blue mantle, rising into the air with her arms outstretched. Other figures are visible in the background.

**The Solemnity of
the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
(A Holy Day of Obligation)

**August
15, 2021**

Medjugorje celebrates 40th anniversary!

On June 24, 1981, two young girls were walking in the hamlet of Bijakovici in the parish of Medjugorje when a woman holding an infant appeared high on a hill among the boulders and brambles of Mount Podbrdo. Instinctively, they knew it was the Virgin Mary, but they did not approach her. They and four other children felt called to return the next day, and Our Blessed Mother drew them to her, effortlessly transporting them up the mountain, over boulders and thorny bushes. The Blessed Mother introduced herself as the Queen of Peace. They fell to their knees and began to pray. She prayed with them and promised to return the next day. Our Lady has regularly appeared in Medjugorje ever since, as have countless stories of conversion and miracles, making The Story of Medjugorje one of the most fascinating in modern church history.

The messages that our Blessed Mother has shared with the visionaries are messages of peace and love. Our Lady says God sent her to Medjugorje as an act of grace

to remind us that God does exist, and He loves us. She comes as the Queen of Peace to bring the world back to her Son. She has given us five “stones”, or weapons, to combat evil and bring us closer to Jesus; they are prayer, fasting, scripture, Mass, the Eucharist, and the Sacrament of confession. Through her miraculous works and messages, she longs to open our hearts to God and help us to reorient our lives towards His Church and the Sacraments, which so many of us have moved away from.

Pope Benedict XVI set up a commission chaired by Cardinal Camillo Ruini to “collect and examine all the material” about Medjugorje and present “a detailed report” followed by a vote on the “supernatural nature” of the apparitions. From 2010 to 2014 the committee met 17 times, scouring documents from the Vatican, the parish of Medjugorje, and the Yugoslavia secret service. The commission interviewed all seers and witnesses and inspected the village of Herzegovina. The conclusions of

the Ruini Report on Medjugorje support the supernatural character of the initial alleged apparitions.

The ban on officially organized pilgrimages was lifted by Pope Francis

in May 2019.

This, however, is not to be interpreted as an authentication of known events, which continues to be examined by the Church today.

RM president DiMaggio present during 40th anniversary apparition in Medjugorje



Radio Maria USA president Carlo DiMaggio travelled to Medjugorje in June to be present for the 40th anniversary of the first apparition of the Blessed Mother to six children. Pictured here is Carlo standing next to Marija, one of three of the visionaries who continue to have apparitions. “I felt truly blessed to be present at this very special apparition with Marija,” said DiMaggio.



Carlo DiMaggio and his wife Maria visit with one of the six visionaries, Jakov.





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Program Schedule

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CENTRAL	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	EASTERN	
6:00AM	Full Rosary Pope John Paul II	Angelus, Holy Rosary with Various Bishops, Litany						7:00AM	
6:30AM		Food for the Journey, Sr. Ann Shields						Mary Queen of Peace Fr. John Fletcher	7:30AM
7:00AM		Morning Prayers & Holy Rosary						Morning Prayer & Holy Rosary	8:00AM
7:30AM	Morning Prayers	Morning Office of the Liturgy of the Hours (Lauds) and Preparation for Holy Mass						Lauds & Bishop Glen Provost	8:30AM
8:00AM	Healing Through the Mass Fr. Duane Stenzel	Sacrifice of the Holy Mass						Cross Roads Mark Newman	9:00AM
8:30AM	God's Word Alive: Sunday's Readings Tom Webb	Living the Lectionary Various Presenters	Mary Queen of Peace Fr. John Fletcher	St. Faustina's Diary Fr. John Fletcher		God's Word Alive and Active Tom Webb		9:30AM	
9:00AM	The Catholic "Take" on Truth & Culture Fr. Peter Pilcher	Battle Ready Fr. Dan Reuhl						Homeschool Lifeline Katy Moran	
		Live with Passion Fr. Cedric Pisegna	Healing Through the Mass Fr. Duane Stenzel	Heroes of Faith Isaac Longworth	Hope and Purpose Dcn. Larry Orney	Healing Through the Mass Fr. Duane Stenzel			
10:00AM	Sacrifice of the Holy Mass time varies by week	Catholic Classics Fr. Joseph Koterski	Beyond the Veil Fr. Thomas Loya	Marian Apparitions Mary Pypier	The School of Mary (A Kindergarten of The Divine Will) Depalma	Aim High Fr. Jacek Kuczyński Medjugorje: Message of Hope for the World Ann Vucic	Carmelite Teresian Spirituality Dr. Patrick DWietri	11:00AM	
11:00AM	Renewing Our Faith Dcn. Bill Brennan	Brokenhearted Dan Jurk	Quest for a Culture of Life in America Steve Koob	Hearty Recipes for Life and Love Francesca Franchina	The Flame of Love (1st, 3rd, 5th) Vicki McGrath The Good News Hour: Personal Testimonies (2nd, 4th) Penny Antill	Pro-Life Activism from Creation to Death Jim Sedlak	Learning to Live in God's Divine Will Fr. Joseph Iannuzzi	Noon	
Noon	Angelus, Midday Office of the Liturgy of the Hours & Holy Rosary							1:00PM	
12:30PM	God's Word Alive: Sunday's Readings Tom Webb	Food for the Journey - Sr. Ann Shields / Vatican News					God's Word Alive and Active Tom Webb	1:20PM	
1:00PM	Catholic Kaleidoscope Alyssa Bormes	Beyond Fatima Katie Moran	Spirit and Truth Live Joe Patch	Faith and Sport John Acquaviva	Marian Studies & Spirituality Marian Library at UD	Faith and Finance Thomas Zandani	Divine Mercy Diary Fr. John O'Brien	2:00PM	
2:00PM	Companions on the Journey Mark Poletunow and Michael Norton	Sacred Treasures In The Church Kathie Duggan	Be Your Best As A Catholic Christian John Wright	A Light In The World Christine Rossi	Meet the Author Ken Huck	Catholic Classics Fr. Joseph Koterski	Jesus: the Promised Messiah of Judaism Roy Schoeman	3:00PM	
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- Thank you for your programming, especially Fr. Iannuzzi's postings on *The Divine Will*. For the quick Sainthood of Luisa Piccaretta. Let the Light of the Divine Will shine forth." Cecilia L., Tulsa, OK
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- Deep gratitude for feeding us here in Australia! May His Kingdom Come! Fiat! Thank you for keeping the podcasts of Fr. Robert Young on *The Divine Will*. Shalom. -- Maria J., Rosemount, Queensland, Australia."



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