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**Mass Times**

Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m.  
Thursday Novena 9:00 a.m.  
Saturday 8:30 a.m.  
Saturday 5:30 p.m.

**Confessions**

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

**Religious Ed**

Sunday 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

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**August 9, 2020**



**Readings for Next Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**

First Reading Isaiah 56:1, 6-7  
Second Reading Romans 11:13-15, 29-32  
Gospel Matthew 15:21-28

All peoples are invited to worship the Lord and to know his ways. God’s gifts and his call are to Jew and Gentile alike. Jesus recognizes the universality of God’s call in granting the request of the Canaanite woman.

**Saturday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Beginning Saturday August 8th, there will be a Mass celebrated every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. in Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:00 a.m. until Benediction at 3:00 p.m. I have decided against having guardians responsible for specific time slots, however, it is my hope that many of you will feel called to be present at a certain time, at least on most Saturdays, for half an hour, or an hour, so that there will usually be someone in the chapel during the six hours of Exposition. What graces might be awaiting you when you spend a little time in silence with Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament? - Fr. Mark

**Prayer List**

Dottie Brock	Vickie Gilbreath
Richard Collins	Johnny Killebrew
Patrick Crawley	Brit Oehmig
David Dando	Bob Red
Joe Endres	Jimmy Stewart
Elaine Erwin	Richard Sullivan
Haley Frierson	Eddie Tallent
Regina Gann	Lindsey Tinker
Charlie Gilbreath	Katherine Dann Ogden
	Camilla Pollock-Flynn

**Pope Francis’ August Prayer Intention**

**The Maritime World.** We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

August 8 - People of the Parish  
August 9 - Jerry Erlenbaugh (D)  
August 11 - Give God the Glory



August 10 - Sarah Grace Leckenby  
August 10 - Justin Scott  
August 10 - Andy Stockett  
August 12 - Jamie Frierson  
August 12 - Cullen Mazo  
August 12 - Sue Nash  
August 15 - Janice Fortune  
August 15 - Joan Frierson

***Happy Anniversary!***

42 yrs. on Aug. 12th - Ellen & Doug Bullard

**OKMS Needs Our Help**

As your Parish Administrator, I am eager to continue those outreach programs to the greater community that do so much good in assisting our neighbors. One such program that seems to me to be both important and successful is the assistance we can continue to provide Orchard Knob Middle School in Chattanooga. I am asking that you prayerfully consider making a small monetary donation during any of the final four weekends in August. Please make checks payable to Our Lady of the Mount and place in the collection basket making sure the memo line on the bottom of the check is marked for OKMS. You may also make your donations via Online Giving at [olmcc.com](http://olmcc.com) and choosing the fund, “Charitable Assistance.” We are in the process now of getting some items ordered for the school and my hope is that we can take the next four weeks to build up the account. God Bless you for your generosity to the public school children during this difficult time of uncertainty caused by the pandemic. Yours in Christ, Fr. Mark

#### Fr. Mark's Vocation Story (Part IV)

While teaching at Apex (NC) High School, I took evening classes at Campbell University to earn a School Administration Master's degree. This led to my first job as an assistant principal in Macon County, NC, at Highlands School (K-12). I was there for two years and then something compelled me to go to New Orleans after the devastating flood there in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. I left one of the best public school jobs any educator could have, for what? Eventually, I realized it was the Holy Spirit that led me to New Orleans. I went to New Orleans because God wanted me there. I accepted a job with the Recovery School District, along with other teachers and administrators who arrived during the Summer of 2006, to help the schools reopen after the public school children in New Orleans had missed an entire academic year (2005-2006). I was assigned Assistant Principal at Henderson Elementary/Middle School near the Crescent City Connection bridge on the Westbank of the Mississippi River. This is when my weekly routine of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament began in earnest. I lived in the relative tranquility of a Tulane University dormitory (the university's enrollment was way down that first year after the flood, so they offered public school teachers and administrators dorm rooms to live in at a reasonable cost). I could walk from my room to Holy Name of Jesus parish and its 24/7 Adoration Chapel. These hours in silent prayer were a needed reprieve from the daily difficulties of the urban school environment. I prayed for the children and the teachers, and for the people of the city whose lives had been turned upside down. My wonder about God's will for the remainder of my life became stronger and stronger. Next week: The Seminary of Our Lady, Notre Dame, New Orleans.

In Christ,

Fr. Mark Thomas

# The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 9-15, 2020

## August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary!

The **Assumption** of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation, and we're looking forward to seeing you here at Mass!

Mary was always a virgin, both in conceiving Jesus, giving birth to him, and remaining virgin ever after. God granted her this privilege to emphasize that this was a unique moment in history—the birth of Jesus who is the Son of God and the Son of Mary. The liturgy of the Church speaks of Mary as “ever virgin.” In the early Church some denied this, arguing that the Gospels speak of the brothers and sisters of Jesus, and thus maintained that Mary did not remain a virgin after the birth of Jesus. But already in the fourth century, theologians pointed out that the Greek word for brother used in the New Testament can refer also to cousin. A second explanation was that these brothers and sisters were children of Joseph by a previous marriage. However, it is the constant teaching of the Church that Mary remained a virgin even after the birth of Jesus. In her virginity, Mary lived a life dedicated exclusively to her Son and his mission. Her example has been followed by some of Christ's disciples who have lived lives of consecrated virginity and celibacy from apostolic times to the present.

In the mystery of her Assumption, Mary experiences immediately what we all will experience eventually, a bodily resurrection like Christ's own. “The Immaculate Virgin . . . when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of death” (CCC, no. 966, citing LG, no. 59).

Finally, in Mary we behold what the Church is already like during her pilgrimage of faith—and what the Church will become at the end of the journey. “Mary figured profoundly in the history of salvation and in a certain way unites and mirrors within herself the central truths of the faith” (LG, no. 65).



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