



The Cathedral of  
**ST. EUGENE**

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
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School: [www.steugenesch.org](http://www.steugenesch.org)

### REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH

Our warmest welcome to all who worship in our community. If you are not registered in the parish, please complete a registration card. Cards are available at church entrances or at the parish office.

### MARRIAGES & BAPTISMS

Please contact the office at least 12 months in advance for weddings and 3 months in advance for baptisms. Check the parish website for more information.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office when a parishioner is home bound or hospitalized to arrange for Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick.

2323 Montgomery Drive  
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### MASS TIMES

Daily Mass: 6:45 and 8:00 a.m.  
Saturday: 8:00 a.m.; 4:30 p.m. & Sp.6:30 p. m.  
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
12:00 noon and 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday Latin Mass: 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Latin Mass: 1:30 p.m.

### CONFESSIONS

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Saturday or by appointment

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

**Perpetual Adoration** is in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To sign up for your hour with our Lord, call Annette (English) at: 542-3635 or Maria Vega (Spanish) at: 710-5094

**Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament** is held in the chapel every First Friday following 8:00 a.m. Mass. *During this time of Covid-19, Benediction is not being held.*

### DEVOTIONS

**Recitation of the Rosary** is Monday – Saturday at 7:25 a.m. in the Cathedral

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** is Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Cathedral

### CATHEDRAL SHOPS

**Cathedral Thrift Shop** Hours: Tues & Wed. 9:30 am – 2:30 pm

**Cathedral Books & Gifts** Hours: Wed-Sat 8:30-4:30 & Sun 8:30-1:30, Closed Mon/Tues - Phone: 542-0250

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 14, 2022

### PARISH CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY AUGUST 14

Masses – Cathedral – 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00, 1:30 pm (Latin) & 5:30 pm  
Coffee Social – Parish Life Center – 8AM – 12:00 pm

#### MONDAY AUGUST 15

Office Closed for Feast of the Assumption  
Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am  
Latin Mass – Cathedral – 5:30 pm

#### TUESDAY AUGUST 16

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am  
Women of the Word – PLC (Hope Rm) – 9:30 am  
Latin Mass – Cathedral – 5:30 pm

#### WEDNESDAY AUGUST 17

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am

#### THURSDAY AUGUST 18

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am

#### FRIDAY AUGUST 19

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am

#### SATURDAY AUGUST 20

Morning Mass – Cathedral – 8:00 am  
Confession – Cathedral – 3:30 – 4:30 pm  
Sunday Vigil Masses – Cathedral – 4:30 pm  
& 6:30 pm (Spanish)

### LITTLE FLOWERS GIRLS' CLUB

#### ~THE LITTLE FLOWERS~

The Little Flowers Girls' Club, for grades K-4, will begin meeting on Saturday, September 17th, from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Parish Life Center, Charity Room. Meetings will take place on the third Saturday of each month. Learn about our awesome Catholic Faith while having lots of fun and making new friends! Registration forms are available in the Parish Office and church vestibules. Deadline to register is September 5. Early bird discount is \$10 off if you register by August 31. COST: Returning members – \$55; New members – \$50.

The bulletin submission deadline is Thursday @ 3:00pm for the Sunday after next bulletin. We reserve the right to edit or omit items. E-mail items to: [office@steugenes.com](mailto:office@steugenes.com).

### Hearing Aid Users, Switch to T-Coil

### ADMINISTRATION

#### For the Week of: 7/31/22

Sunday Donations Received:	\$12,867.
2nd Collection : St. Vincent de Paul	\$5,060.

#### ~CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS~

Our Special of the Month for August is, The Catechism of the Catholic Church. The Catechism is a full and comprehensive statement of the Catholic Faith. It is thoroughly cross-referenced with Sacred Scripture and other authoritative sources. Receive 25% off of both Spanish and English versions. This discount applies to in-stock supplies only. Please stop by and get your copy while supplies last! The shop is open Wed-Sat, 8:30-4:30 & Sun, 8:30 – 1:30 pm. (We stay open until 4:30 pm on the first Sunday of each month.) Call us at: (707) 542-0250.

### SECOND COLLECTION INFORMATION

#### ~NO SECOND COLLECTION~

This weekend, August 13 & 14, there is no Second Collection. If you have an envelope for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast Day, please drop it in the collection basket this weekend. *Please see the box below with information about the second collection on August 20/21.*

### ~MISSION COOPERATIVE PROGRAM~

Every year our Diocese participates in the Mission Cooperative program which allows us to unite with the Mission Church around the world by providing mission awareness throughout our parishes. Your past generous participation is a reflection of that ongoing awareness and concern. Due to on-going COVID concerns, we are not supporting the travel required for these missionaries to visit the diocese in 2022, however, the desperate need for the support of our prayers and our financial contributions is greater than ever before. To this end, **we will be taking a special second collection during all Masses on August 20 & 21**, with all proceeds to be sent to the missionary partners that the Diocese of Santa Rosa has historically supported. Around the world, those who are suffering, need to experience the solidarity of other Christians with our Universal Church in facing the pandemic and the other daily harsh realities that our brothers and sisters constantly face. As life hopefully returns to more of a normal state, we will continue to pray for one another and assist one another. Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 13</b>
8:00 am	ICF Members, living & decease
4:30 pm	Geroge & Chris Schirle, deceased
6:30 pm (Sp)	Jose Carrillo Sanchez, deceased
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 14</b>
7:30 am	Alfonso Orozco, living
9:00 am	Virginia Welchon, deceased
10:30 am	People of St. Eugene's
12:00 pm	Wynn Hayes, living
1:30 pm (EF)	Gabriel Salomon, living
5:30 pm	Salvador M. Marapao, living
6:00 pm	Mary Tran, living
Newman Ctr.	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 15</b>
6:45 am	The Carol Family, living & deceased
8:00 am	Honorato & Linda Masalta, deceased
5:30 pm (EF)	Cole Havlek, living
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 16</b>
6:45 am	Daniella Pelaez, living
8:00 am	Epifanio M. Marapao, deceased
5:30 pm (EF)	Lisa Tran, living
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 17</b>
6:45 am	Maria Herrida, living
8:00 am	Fr. Keyes, living
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 18</b>
6:45 am	Andy Skrypka, living
8:00 am	McShane & Stronge Families, living & deceased
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 19</b>
6:45 am	Jose Benito Montoya Perez & Aracel Gonzalez, deceased
8:00 am	Modesto Quintana, deceased
12:00 pm (Hosp)	Mary Tran, living
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 20</b>
8:00 am	Stephanie Buettner, deceased
4:30 pm	Ricardo Pace, deceased
6:30 (Sp)	Pablo Fernandez, deceased

### ~PLEASE PRAY FOR~

Those who are ill need your support and prayers: Tristan Humble, Samuel Agius, Sandy Torti Wilcox, Marjorie Miles, Amelia Lansangan, Gail Brown, Leo Del Santo, Emeline Jane Smith, Rosalind Britto, Ken Davis, Rita Wyatt, Karen Mills, Eileen Carol, Nancy Amador, Patrick Welter, Cristeta Marentes, Jesus Navarro, Michael Boland, Stephen Warner, Aida Cata-pang, Bob Goldman, Pat Davenport, Joan Cosgrove, Paulita Castro, Jean L. Alfano, Theresa Pham, Rainey Olson, Michele Otten, Pauline Goslovich, Mary Gonzales and Nick Sidjakov.

## SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY

### ~THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION~

This Monday, August 15th, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Since this Holy Day falls on a Monday this year, the obligation to attend Mass is dispensed, in other words, you are not obligated to attend Mass. We will however, have Mass as usual at 6:45 am (**bi-lingual Mass on this day**) and 8:00 am for those who may want to attend Mass on this day, and in the Extraordinary form (Tridentine/Latin) at 5:30 pm. We will announce raffle winners after the 6:45 and 8:00 am Masses.

### ~BIBLES NEEDED~

The Sonoma County Healing Center is looking for donations of Bibles. Many of the people that the Healing Center serves are experiencing very difficult moments in their lives and find peace and solace in the word of God. The only requirements for the Bibles are that they cannot contain staples or sharp objects. If you have extra Bibles in your home and would like to donate to this cause, please bring them by the Parish Office. Office hours are Mon-Fri, 9-4. Thank you for your generosity.

### ~RCIA CLASSES TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER~

Our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) classes will begin on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be held on Sundays, from 10:30 - 11:50 am until mid-May in the Parish Life Center Hope Room. Application "packets" **are available** in the church vestibules, the Parish Office, and the St. Eugene's Gift Shop/Bookstore. Please return completed applications, baptismal certificate if applicable, and a \$25 fee, to the Parish Office, or bring those to the first RCIA class Sept. 11. Walk-ins are welcome. Questions? Please call the Parish Office at : 707-542-6984.

## SAVE THE DATE

### ~SANTA ROSA CONGRESS~

On Saturday, September 24th, the Diocese of Santa Rosa will present a day of prayer and fellowship for all adults in the Diocese. This year's theme, "The Church and the Most Holy Eucharist". Early bird registration by September 14th - deadline this guarantees a seat at the event. After the deadline and on the day of event it will be first come first serve. To Register, visit the website below or contact: Carmen Perez Aanenson, at: dre@srdiocese.org (707) 566-3366 — www.srdiocese.org. *More info soon!*

## ST. EUGENE'S SCHOOL NEWS

### ~SCHOOL RESERVED PARKING~

Parking is often a problem during the school year. Please note that on school days, the two parking spaces directly in front of the PLC are reserved for Pre-School families. These spaces are auctioned off at our fundraisers and raise quite a bit of money for the school, thus we must have these spaces available to those who paid for them. Thank you so much for your cooperation!

# MY CATHOLIC FAITH

## FROM THE PASTOR

### ~FROM THE PASTOR~

Our readings this week are pretty hard-hitting and lend themselves to some real soul-searching. We see a theme: violence, mercy and ultimate victory over evil. In looking particularly at our second reading from Hebrews 12 and our gospel reading from Luke 12, I would like to draw a parallel with our current day and age. In the second reading, we read, "Consider how he [Jesus] endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood." We modern day Christians are also quite weary at this point in time. We see so many blatantly evil things being called good and good things being called evil (moral relativism). It is enough to drive one to despair! Yet, with Jesus as our example, we will not lose heart! We will keep fighting the good fight. Also, our gospel reading tells us, "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." We will look at this puzzling statement more in our first article, entitled, 'Peace or the Sword.' We will also read more about the scourge of "Relativism" and the various stages that civilizations go through in their rise and fall. (Which stage are we in?) Finally, since this Monday we celebrate the Assumption of Mary into Heaven, we will read a bit about the Mother of God.

## PEACE OR SWORD

### ~A BAFFLING STATEMENT~

"Jesus said to his Apostles: "Do not think that I have come to bring peace upon the earth. I have come to bring not peace but the sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's enemies will be those of his household." Matthew 10:34-36 Hmm... was this a typo? Did Jesus really say this? This is one of those passages that can leave us a bit baffled and confused. But Jesus does this all the time so we shouldn't be surprised. So what does Jesus mean? Does He really want to bring the "sword" and division rather than peace? It's important when reading this passage that we read it in light of everything else Jesus has ever written. We must read it in light of all His teachings on love and

mercy, forgiveness and unity, etc. But with that said, what was Jesus talking about in this passage?

### ~THE TRUTH~

In large part, He was speaking about one of the effects of the Truth. The Truth of the Gospel has the power to deeply unite us to God when we fully accept it as the Word of Truth. But another effect is that it divides us from those who refuse to be united to God in the Truth. We are not intending this and we ought not do so by our own will or intention, but it must be understood that by immersing ourselves in the Truth, we are also putting ourselves at odds with everyone who may be at odds with God and His Truth.

### ~RELATIVISM~

Our culture today wants to preach what we call "relativism." This is an idea that what is good and true for me may not be good and true for you but that, in spite of all having different "truths," we can still all be one happy family. But that's not the Truth! The Truth (with a capital "T") is that God has established what is right and what is wrong. He has set His moral law over all of humanity and this cannot be undone. He has also set forth the truths of our faith and those cannot be undone. And that law is as true for me as it is for you or anyone else. This passage above offers us the sobering reality that by rejecting all forms of relativism and by holding onto Truth, we also run the risk of division, even with those in our families. This is sad and this hurts. Jesus offers this passage especially to strengthen us when this happens. If division happens as a result of our sin, shame on us. If it happens as a result of the Truth (as offered in mercy), then we should accept it as a result of the Gospel. Jesus was rejected and we should not be surprised if that happens to us, too. Reflect, today, upon how fully you are ready and willing to accept the full Truth of the Gospel no matter the consequences. The full Truth will set you free and will also, at times, reveal the division present between you and those who have rejected God. You must pray for unity in Christ, but not be willing to compromise so as to bring about a false unity. " [www.catholic-daily-reflections.com/2019/07/14/peace-or-the-sword/2](http://www.catholic-daily-reflections.com/2019/07/14/peace-or-the-sword/2)



~RISE AND FALL~

"Cultures and civilizations go through cycles. Over time, many civilizations and cultures have risen and then fallen. We who live in painful times like these do well to recall these truths. Cultures and civilizations come and go; only the Church (though often in need of reform) and true biblical culture remain. An old song says, "Only what you do for Christ will last." Yes, all else passes; the Church is like an ark in the passing waters of this world and in the floodwaters of times like these. Sociologists and anthropologists have described the stages of the rise and fall of the world's great civilizations:

- 1). **From bondage to spiritual growth** - Great civilizations are formed in the crucible. Sufferings and injustices cause – even force – spiritual growth.
- 2). **From spiritual growth to great courage** - Having been steeled in the crucible of suffering, courage and the ability to endure great sacrifice come forth. Anointed leaders emerge and people are summoned to courage and sacrifice (including loss of life) in order to create a better, more just world for succeeding generations.
- 3). **From courage to liberty** - As a result of the courageous fight, the foe is vanquished and liberty and greater justice emerges. At this point a civilization comes forth, rooted in its greatest ideals.
- 4). **From liberty to abundance** - Liberty ushers in greater prosperity, because a civilization is still functioning with the virtues of sacrifice and hard work. But then comes the first danger: abundance.
- 5). **From abundance to complacency** - To be complacent means to be self-satisfied and increasingly unaware of serious trends that undermine health and the ability to thrive.
- 6). **From complacency to apathy** - Due to the complacency of the previous stage, the growing lack of attention to disturbing trends advances to outright dismissal. Many seldom think or care about the sacrifices of previous generations and lose a sense that they must work for and contribute to the common good.
- 7). **From apathy to dependence** - Increasing numbers of people lack the virtues and zeal necessary to work and contribute. The suffering and the sacrifices that built the culture are now a distant memory. As discipline and work increasingly seem "too hard," dependence grows.
- 8). **From dependence back to bondage** - ... Dependent people tend to become increasingly dysfunctional and desperate. ... the civilization is gradually ended, because people in bondage no longer have the virtues necessary to fight." For the complete article go to: [www.catholicconvert.com/blog/category/persecution-suffering/The Eight Stages of the Rise and Fall of Civilizations](http://www.catholicconvert.com/blog/category/persecution-suffering/The_Eight_Stages_of_the_Rise_and_Fall_of_Civilizations)

**THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY**

~FROM THE PASTOR~

This Monday, August 15, we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, body and soul, into heaven. I would like, therefore, to devote part of this section to Our Blessed Mother. Let's take a look at the following excerpt:

~THE ASSUMPTION~

"Today we give thanks to God for the great honor bestowed on Mary in not allowing decay to touch her body. At the end of her earthly life she was assumed body and soul into heaven. It was indeed fitting that no decay would touch her body because she had given birth to Jesus and also because she was sinless. She was immaculately conceived and remained sinless throughout her life. Death is the result of sin as Scripture tells us (Rom 6:23) so therefore she was assumed body and soul to heaven at the end of her earthly life.

~ARK OF THE COVENANT~

One of the titles we give to our Lady is *Ark of the Covenant* and our first reading opens with John's vision of heaven in which he sees something which would startle his contemporaries - he sees the Ark of the Covenant (Rev 11:19). The Ark of the Covenant had been missing for centuries before the time of Jesus and we can imagine the shock that John's account would have caused in the first century as he related that he saw the Ark in heaven. The Ark of the Covenant in the Old Testament was precious not because of its gold decoration but because it contained three precious items (Heb 9:4): the two tablets of stone containing the ten commandments which had been written by the hand of God, manna and Aaron's rod that budded. We can say that the Ark of the Covenant in the Old Testament prefigured Mary in the New Testament. How and Why? Mary carried in her womb: 1. Jesus the living Word of God, the Word made flesh (not just written on stone as in the Old Testament). 2. Jesus, the Bread of Life (John 6) (fulfillment of the manna of the Old Testament). 3. Jesus, the Priest of the New Testament (Letter to the Hebrews - Aaron was a priest and those descended from him were priests but Jesus is the Priest of the New Testament). *So the Ark of the Covenant in the Old Testament was pointing forward to a far greater Ark of the Covenant in the New Testament, Mary, who carried the living word of God, Jesus.* /Used with permission of author, Fr. Tommy Lane. For complete homily go to: <http://www.frtommylane.com/homilies.htm>

# MI FE CATOLICA

## DEL PASTOR

Nuestras lecturas de esta semana son bastante duras y se prestan a un verdadero examen de conciencia. Vemos un tema: la violencia, la misericordia y la victoria final sobre el mal. Al examinar en particular nuestra segunda lectura de Hebreos 12 y nuestra lectura del Evangelio de Lucas 12, me gustaría establecer un paralelismo con nuestra época actual. En la segunda lectura, leemos: "Considerad cómo soportó [Jesús] tal oposición de los pecadores, para que no os canséis ni perdáis el ánimo. En vuestra lucha contra el pecado aún no habéis resistido hasta derramar sangre". Nosotros, los cristianos de hoy en día, también estamos bastante cansados en este momento. Vemos tantas cosas descaradamente malas que se llaman buenas y cosas buenas que se llaman malas (relativismo moral). Es suficiente para desesperarse. Sin embargo, con Jesús como ejemplo, ¡no perderemos el ánimo! Seguiremos luchando el buen combate. Además, nuestra lectura del Evangelio nos dice: "¿Pensáis que he venido a establecer la paz en la tierra? Os digo que no, sino que he venido a sembrar la división". Analizaremos más esta desconcertante afirmación en nuestro primer artículo, titulado "La paz o la espada". También leeremos más sobre el azote del "Relativismo" y las diversas etapas por las que pasan las civilizaciones en su ascenso y caída. (¿En qué etapa estamos?) Finalmente, como este lunes celebramos la Asunción de María al Cielo,

### ~UNA DECLARACIÓN DESCONCERTANTE~

**"Jesús dijo a sus Apóstoles: "No penséis que he venido a traer la paz a la tierra. No he venido a traer la paz, sino la espada. Porque he venido a poner al hombre contra su padre, a la hija contra su madre y a la nuera contra su suegra; y los enemigos de uno serán los de su casa." Mateo 10:34-36**

Hmmm... ¿se trata de un error tipográfico? ¿Realmente dijo esto Jesús? Este es uno de esos pasajes que pueden dejarnos un poco desconcertados y confundidos. Pero Jesús hace esto todo el tiempo, así que no debería sorprendernos. Entonces, ¿qué quiere decir Jesús? ¿Realmente quiere traer la "espada" y la división en lugar de la paz? Es importante que al leer este pasaje lo hagamos a la luz de todo lo que Jesús ha escrito. Debemos leerlo a la luz de todas sus enseñanzas sobre el amor y misericordia, perdón y unidad, etc.

pero dicho esto, ¿de qué estaba hablando Jesús en este pasaje?

### ~LA VERDAD~

En gran parte, estaba hablando de uno de los efectos de la Verdad. La Verdad del Evangelio tiene el poder de unirnos profundamente a Dios cuando la aceptamos plenamente como la Palabra de Verdad. Pero otro efecto es que nos divide de aquellos que se niegan a estar unidos a Dios en la Verdad. No es nuestra intención ni debemos hacerlo por nuestra propia voluntad o intención, pero hay que entender que al sumergirnos en la Verdad, también nos ponemos en contra de todos los que puedan estar en contra de Dios y de Su Verdad.

### ~RELATIVISMO~

Nuestra cultura actual quiere predicar lo que llamamos "relativismo". Esta es una idea de que lo que es bueno y verdadero para mí puede no ser bueno y verdadero para ti, pero que, a pesar de tener todos diferentes "verdades", podemos seguir siendo una familia feliz. ¡Pero eso no es la Verdad! La Verdad (con "T" mayúscula) es que Dios ha establecido lo que está bien y lo que está mal. Él ha establecido Su ley moral sobre toda la humanidad y esto no puede ser deshecho. También ha establecido las verdades de nuestra fe y éstas no pueden deshacerse. Y esa ley es tan cierta para mí como para ti o para cualquier otra persona. Este pasaje nos ofrece la aleccionadora realidad de que al rechazar toda forma de relativismo y al aferrarnos a la Verdad, también corremos el riesgo de dividirnos, incluso con los de nuestra familia. Esto es triste y duele. Jesús ofrece este pasaje especialmente para fortalecernos cuando esto sucede. Si la división ocurre como resultado de nuestro pecado, es una vergüenza para nosotros. Si ocurre como resultado de la Verdad (como se ofrece en la misericordia), entonces debemos aceptarla como resultado del Evangelio. Jesús fue rechazado y no deberíamos sorprendernos si eso nos sucede también a nosotros. Reflexiona hoy en qué medida estás preparado y dispuesto a aceptar toda la Verdad del Evangelio sin importar las consecuencias. La Verdad plena te hará libre y también, a veces, revelará la división presente entre tú y los que han rechazado a Dios. Debes orar por la unidad en Cristo, pero no estar dispuesto a transigir para lograr una falsa unidad. "

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## LA ASUNCIÓN DE MARÍA

~DEL PÁRROCO~

Este lunes, 15 de agosto, celebramos la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María, en cuerpo y alma, al cielo. Por ello, quiero dedicar una parte de esta sección a Nuestra Madre Santísima. Veamos el siguiente fragmento:

### ~LA ASUNCIÓN~

"Hoy damos gracias a Dios por el gran honor concedido a María al no permitir que la podredumbre toque su cuerpo. Al final de su vida terrenal, fue asunta en cuerpo y alma al cielo. Era conveniente que la putrefacción no afectara a su cuerpo, porque había dado a luz a Jesús y también porque estaba libre de pecado. Fue concebida inmaculadamente y permaneció sin pecado durante toda su vida. La muerte es el resultado del pecado, como nos dice la Escritura (Romanos 6:23), por lo que fue llevada en cuerpo y alma al cielo al final de su vida terrenal.

### ~ARCO DE LA ALIANZA~

Una de las denominaciones que damos a la Virgen es Arca de la Alianza, y nuestra primera lectura se abre con la visión que tiene Juan del cielo, en la que ve algo que sorprendería a sus contemporáneos: ve el Arca de la Alianza (Ap 11,19). El Arca de la Alianza había desaparecido durante siglos antes de la época de Jesús y podemos imaginar la conmoción que habría causado el relato de Juan en el primer siglo al contar que vio el Arca en el cielo. El Arca de la Alianza en el Antiguo Testamento era preciosa no por su decoración en oro, sino porque contenía tres objetos preciosos (Heb 9,4): las dos tablas de piedra que contenían los diez mandamientos que habían sido escritos por la mano de Dios, el maná y la vara de Aarón que brotaba. Podemos decir que el Arca de la Alianza en el Antiguo Testamento prefiguraba a María en el Nuevo Testamento. ¿Cómo y por qué? María llevaba en su seno: 1. A Jesús, el Verbo vivo de Dios, la Palabra hecha carne (no sólo escrita en piedra como en el Antiguo Testamento). 2. Jesús, el Pan de Vida (Juan 6) (cumplimiento del maná del Antiguo Testamento). 3. Jesús, el Sacerdote del Nuevo Testamento (Carta a los Hebreos- Aarón era un sacerdote y los descendientes de él eran sacerdotes pero Jesús es el Sacerdote del Nuevo Testamento). Así que el Arca de la Alianza en el Antiguo Testamento apuntaba a un Arca de la Alianza mucho mayor en el Nuevo Testamento, María, que llevaba la palabra viva de Dios, Jesús.

## CALENDARIO

### La Santa Misa en Español:

Sabados a las 6:30p.m..

### Confesiones:

Sabados 3:00-4:30p.m.

### Lunes: Agosto 15

Misa Bilingüe (Ing/Esp) 6:45 am

Legion de Maria 5:00pm

Cursillos 6:30pm

Legion de Maria 7:00pm

### Martes:

Legion de Maria 6:00pm

Cursillos 6:30pm

### Jueves:

Legion de Maria 6:00pm

### Viernes:

Hora Apostolica 6:0pm

Cursillos 6:30pm

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