



My Dear Parishioners,

Greetings and Praised be Jesus Christ! As you can see from the colors at Mass this weekend (white vestments instead of green), today marks a significant day. August 6 is Transfiguration Day, the day we celebrate the Transfiguration of Jesus. We remember that moment when Apostles Peter, James and John saw Jesus' Glory, heard the Father's Voice and were enrapt in a cloud of glory. That event was significant and the date we celebrate it, 40 days before the Triumph of the Cross (September 14th) is a reminder of the Exodus that God made and has willed for all of us to make: from this world to the next.

In Modern Times, the dates of August 6 and 40 Days thereafter stand out for other reasons. It was on August 6, 1945, that the First Atomic Bomb was dropped on a city full of people. A day when humanity witnessed not a cloud of glory, but a cloud of death which still lingers and threatens human life. Fast forward 40 days and + years to September 14, 2001 and most of us remember when our cities of Washington DC, New York and Shanksville were hit. Reminders of our fallen condition and why the Transfiguration and Jesus' Exodus remain such Good, necessary news.

Now, let me throw in another date for your consideration, August 15, the Solemnity of The Blessed Mother's Assumption. Her exodus day! Not an exodus out of the body, away from us. Rather, an Exodus Body and Soul into Glory. This day has been celebrated since the 5th century and is pointed to in the Scripture. She is the Woman clothed in the Sun; The Woman whose Son is Savior; The Woman who was given to us as Mother by her Son. We have before us a Novena of Days. And in light of all that is going on in the world today. I encourage you to turn toward her in prayer. Pray for our world, for God's Will, for the advancement of God's Kingdom Glory and Reign. Pray that where She has gone, we may follow.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

A Novena Prayer for the Assumption of the Blessed Mother

Mary, Queen Assumed into Heaven, I rejoice that after years of heroic martyrdom on earth, you have at last been taken to the throne prepared for you in heaven by the Holy Trinity.

Lift my heart with you in the glory of your Assumption above the dreadful touch of sin and impurity.

Teach me how small earth becomes when viewed from heaven.

Make me realize that death is the triumphant gate through which I shall pass to your Son, and that someday my body shall rejoin my soul in the unending bliss of heaven.

From this earth, over which I tread as a pilgrim, I look to you for help.

I ask for this favor: (Mention your request).

When my hour of death has come, lead me safely to the presence of Jesus to enjoy the vision of my God for all eternity together with you.



HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT TAKING THIS STEP? PERHAPS YOU....

- Have never been baptized but now you feel drawn to explore it
- Have been baptized in another Christian tradition, but now you want to continue your faith journey in the Catholic Church
- Have been baptized in the Catholic Church, but never received the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation

If any of these describes you, or someone you know, we invite you to take the next step to learn how St. Patrick can be part of your faith journey. Please call Father Rogers if you wish to learn more at 610-444-4364.

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