

August 15

The Assumption

This feast of Mary celebrates a special privilege of Mary, our Mother. The Assumption means that she entered into the glory of heaven not only with her soul, but also with her body. The Son of God took his body from Mary's pure womb. It was fitting, then, that her body should be glorified as soon as her life here on earth was ended.

Now Mary is in heaven. She is queen of heaven and earth. She is the Mother of Jesus' Church and Queen of Apostles. Every time Mary asks Jesus to give us graces, he listens to her request.

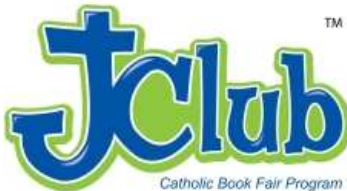
After the resurrection from the dead, we, too, can go to heaven with our bodies. If we use our bodies now to do good, those bodies will share in our heavenly reward. After the resurrection, our bodies will be perfect. They will not be subject to illness anymore. They will not need any more food and drink to keep alive. They will be able to go any place without time or effort. They will be beautiful and splendid!

Mary's Assumption body and soul into heaven is a dogma of faith. This wonderful truth was proclaimed by Pope Pius XII on November 1, 1950.

It is so wonderful to be able to think that we have a special Mother in heaven. She really does love us. She is there for us whenever we call to her in prayer. We can whisper a Hail Mary often throughout the day whenever we need her assistance.

Assumption Party

In your home, you can throw an Assumption Party. This great feast of Mary is also our feast. Mary obtains graces for us to help us follow Jesus. We too will one day join her in heaven. Celebrate with balloons and a cake and music. Read the story of the Assumption above together. Pass out pictures of Mary assumed into heaven to everyone. In an age when people easily get depressed, feel alienated and disconnected from others, this can be a time when we celebrate the purpose of our lives, the hope of heaven, the intercession and motherly care of Mary.



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