



# Marianist Moments

Feast of the Assumption of Mary

August 15

~ Meeting aid ~



## Introduction

On August 15, we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was taken up body and soul into heaven. In 1950, Pope Pius XII infallibly defined the dogma of the Assumption of Mary into heaven to be closely connected to faith in Christ. The Assumption of Mary is also an ancient belief in early Church iconography.

## Prayer

Adapted from the Mass of the Feast of the Assumption

✠ Eternal God, who, looking on the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary, raised her to this grace, that your only begotten Son was born of her according to the flesh and that she was crowned this day with your surpassing glory. Grant, through her prayers, we may be saved by the mystery of your redemption. We pray for your peace to spread in our world today. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

## Scripture Reading

Luke 1: 46-55, RSVCE

And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm, he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts, he has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He has helped

his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity for ever.”

## Silent Introspection

*Marian Writings, Vol 1, 260, William Joseph Chaminade*

**Contemplate the following text from the writings of Father Chaminade on Mary’s Assumption into Heaven.**

*The Assumption. . . considered in itself and in its principle, it is a mystery of consolation. It is also a mystery of consolation in its relation to us. Considered in itself and in its principle, the triumph and the glory of Mary are the reward of her merits; considered with respect to us, Mary’s elevation makes her intercession all-powerful. Now under both aspects, I see a mystery of consolation and I say to myself: What God is crowning in Mary is her sanctity and her merit. Courage, O my soul, you will also be able to share in the eternal glory by imitating her whose grandeurs we honor today. Is such a prospect not capable of flooding the soul with the sweetest consolations?*



## Group Sharing

Meditating on the feast of the Assumption of Mary, let us bring to mind the passing away of someone dear to us and share the experience of God’s grace in the light of Christ’s resurrection, which gives us hope for eternal life.



*(Image: Assumption of the Virgin, Titian, 1518)*

† May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.