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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

WWMD?

WWJD bracelets were all the rage about 25 years ago in Christian circles. I've always wondered if a WWMD bracelet might not make just as much sense, and maybe more. What Would Mary Do?

I would argue that Mary was the most exemplary steward who ever lived. Her answer was always "Yes." Yes, Lord, I am Your handmaiden. Yes, I will visit Elizabeth, and help her in the last difficult months of pregnancy. Yes, I will bring my son up in the Mosaic law and present him at the Temple of Jerusalem. Yes, I will give him to the crowds and to public ministry. Yes, I will offer him on this Cross, if it is Your will.

Yes, yes, yes.



Well, I can't be like Mary, we think to ourselves. There's an intimidation factor with the Blessed Mother and Catholics sometimes — one that almost exceeds that of Christ. Perhaps it's because we are in awe of the fact that she was not divine in any way — she was a mere creation, like us — but somehow, she always had the courage to say yes. How could she do it, when we find it so hard?

Well, God certainly lavished on Mary extraordinary graces. Her lack of original sin liberated her to conform her will to God's.

But God is impatient to give us, too, all the graces we need to be a steward in the example of Mary. He's waiting for us simply to ask. Just as in Adam we died, so in Christ — through Mary — we live.

What can we say yes to today, in Mary's example?

Our Lady of the Assumption Prayer

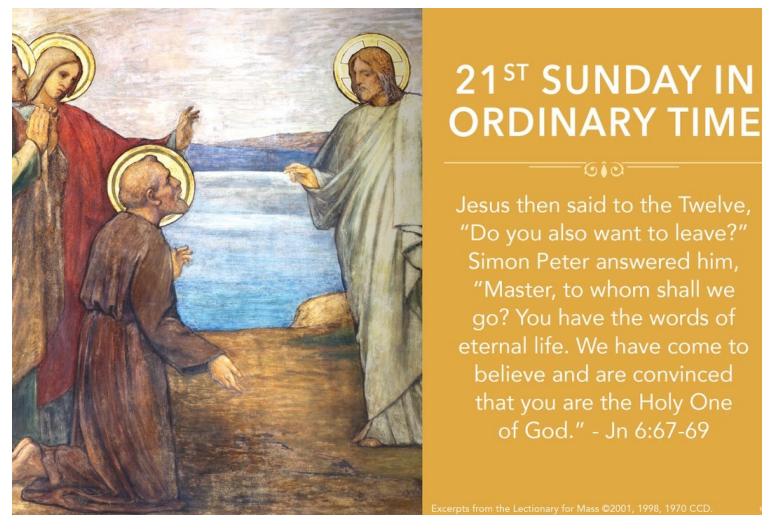
Mary, Queen assumed into heaven, I rejoice that after years of heroic martyrdom on earth, you have at last been taken to the throne prepared for you in heaven by the Holy Trinity.

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 favour: (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.

Sunday, August 22nd, 2021



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| Mon. Aug 23 | 9:30am | MASS CANCELLED |
| Tues. Aug 24 | 9:30am | ✠ Kay Shannon (Racz Family) |
| | 7-8pm | HOLY HOUR & Confessions |
| Wed. Aug 25 | 9:30am | Intentions of Dorothy Walters (Teresa & Colin Walters) |
| Thurs. Aug 26 | 9:30am | ✠ Ralph Biancanello & Gerard Gosselin (Vince Addario) |
| Fri. Aug 27 | 9:30am | ✠ Floyd Walters (Teresa & Colin Walters) |
| Sat. Aug 28 | 4-4:45pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions |
| | 5:00pm | ✠ Irena Baran (Jan & Lana) |
| Sun. Aug 29 | 9:30am | Missa Pro Populo |
| | 11:00am | ✠ Deceased members of the Rebeiro & Guest Families (Rebeiro Family) |

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.

Ontario Government Roadmap to Re-open—Step 3
Expanded capacity for religious services, rites, ceremonies including weddings and funerals. No fixed capacity is mandated, however, since physical distancing requirements remain in place, indoor capacity is approximately one-third/33% capacity. The seating arrangements in the church at this time will remain in place allowing for distancing and the 1/3 capacity. . A reminder that no reservations are required for all Masses/Liturgical celebrations.

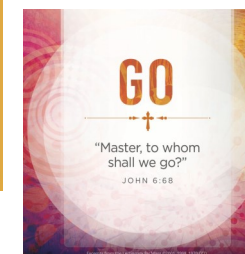
Requirements for masks or face coverings remain in place in indoor public settings throughout Step 3 and are likely to remain in place until at least September.

Contact tracing is to continue. If you attend weekday Masses or Holy Hour on Tuesdays, please sign in. The weekend Masses have ushers to take attendance. We ask that you clean your pew at the end of Mass. Disinfectant and paper towels can be found in the pews. When you leave, there is a waste basket at the church entrance to dispose of towels.

The dispensation from Sunday Mass attendance remains in effect.

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods." We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these "gods" because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with "who is God" and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.



The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised "more." But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only "feels" true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are

also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift?

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS- Submission as Stewardship

We aren't comfortable with the idea of submission. Our society champions equality, and rightly so — but it's a mistake to think that submission is at odds with equality. To submit ourselves fully, we must first be free. We must first be our own masters. God has granted us that freedom with the salvation He offers. We are no longer the slaves of sin. Now He asks us to be subordinate to one another, in the name of Christ.

What a completely uncomfortable task! What He's asking is for us to be subordinate to the person who irritates us the most. The person we really can't stand. The person who doesn't respect us or appreciate what we have to offer. The person we think we're smarter than, more talented than. The person we envy.

That's the real challenge of stewardship, isn't it? Subordination. Inconveniencing myself by giving of time, of money, of relationship. Putting the needs or wants of another above my own when they haven't done anything special to earn it.

I invite you to consider the cross — the most radical expression of submission, and of stewardship, that ever existed. If there was ever someone who deserved superiority, isn't it the God who let Himself be nailed to a tree, who gave so freely of His life, His body, His blood, His everything?

To look at him in his agony is to truly understand the beauty of submission — of laying down what you have for the good of the other.

Sunday, August 15th, 2021



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

"From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly." - Lk 1:48b-49, 52

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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| Sat. Aug 14 | 4-4:45pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions |
| | 5:00pm | ✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo) |
| Sun. Aug 15 | 9:30am | Missa Pro Populo |
| | 11:00am | ✠ Angelina Addario (Vince Addario) |
| Mon. Aug 16 | 9:30am | MASS CANCELLED |
| Tues. Aug 17 | 9:30am | ✠ Leslie Marfics (Margaret Marfics & Family) Special Intention (Patti & Cyril Simek) |
| | 7-8pm | HOLY HOUR & Confessions |
| Wed. Aug 18 | 9:30am | Matthew Addario (Vince Addario) ✠ Isaiah (Magazzeni Family) |
| Thurs. Aug 19 | 9:30am | ✠ Hank McGuire (Jean & Donna Larocque) |
| Fri. Aug 20 | 9:30am | Reparations for offences Against the hearts of Our Lady & St. Joseph (Teresa & Colin Walters) |
| Sat. Aug 21 | 4-4:45pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions |
| | 5:00pm | ✠ Ralph Biancanello & Gerard Gosselin |
| Sun. Aug 22 | 9:30am | Missa Pro Populo |
| | 11:00am | ✠ Stan & Ana Mikolic (Ana Mikolic) |

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Envelopes: \$ 2,395.00
 Maintenance \$ 405.00

Offertory August 7th & 8th, 2021

Envelopes: \$2,180.00
 Canadian Missions: \$ 225.00

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