

The only thing that counts is faith working through love. (Galatians 5:6)

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
16th Aug 2026



MARY CARRIES CHRIST.

CHRIST BRINGS THE HOLY SPIRIT.

THE HOLY SPIRIT PRODUCES JOY.

JOY OPENS THE HEART TO REVELATION.

REVELATION LEADS TO PRAISE AND SERVICE.

We read about the visitation for the 'Mass of the day' on the solemnity of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother. We can point out three fruits in this passage as part of Mother's visit.

The first fruit was the **Holy Spirit**. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child in her womb leaped, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. The presence of Jesus, carried by Mary, brought sanctification and grace to the household. As *Pope John Paul II explained, the Savior, hidden in his Mother's womb, already poured out the Holy Spirit and manifested his saving presence.*

The second fruit of the Visitation was **joy**. John the Baptist leaped for joy in Elizabeth's womb, and Elizabeth herself was filled with gladness. This was not merely ordinary human happiness. It was the joy that comes from the arrival of the Messiah. The presence of Jesus transformed the atmosphere of the home.

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Fr. Joby George VC

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Fr Sebastian
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Parish secretary:
Caroline Allen

Parish Manager:
Gerard Antony

Principal:
Paul Sharp

Child Safety Officer:
Florida Nugara

Catechist:
Christina D'Couto

Sunday Masses:
Saturday Vigil …. 6.30pm
Sunday…..... 9.15am
…… 11.00am
Healing Mass …. 7.00pm

Spanish Mass:
Saturday 4.00pm

Weekday Masses:
Monday to Saturday 9.15am
Wednesday 7.00pm

Reconciliation:
Tuesday 9.45am - 10.15am
Saturday 9.45am - 10.15am

Novena to Our Lady:
Saturday 9.00am
Wednesday 7.00pm

Baptisms: Second Sunday

Divine Kids Bible Class:
Sunday 10.15am

Parish Prayer Group:
Tuesday 7.00pm-8.00pm

Parish Halls Hire:
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The third fruit was **revelation.** Elizabeth, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, recognized what human sight alone could not discover: Mary was "the mother of my Lord," and the child she carried was the promised Messiah. She also recognized the greatness of Mary's faith, proclaiming, "Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Every Christian is called to imitate Mary. We are to carry Christ into our families, communities, and places of work. Through acts of loving service, words of encouragement, and faithful Christian witness, we can become instruments through whom others encounter the Holy Spirit, receive the joy of the Gospel, and recognize the presence of the Lord.

Mary's Visitation reminds us that the Christian life is never meant to be closed in upon itself. Having received Christ, Mary went forth in love. May her example teach us to bring Christ to others with humility and haste, so that our homes and communities may become places of the Holy Spirit, Christian joy, and the revelation of God's saving presence.

When we take a rosary in our hands to pray or come together in family prayer, keep this in our hearts that we and our home will be filled with these same fruits that she brings with her Son Jesus.

God bless us all. Fr. Joby George

PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE WEEK

For blessing on our financial resources

We will be praying for them in every Holy Mass for this week. Please keep them in your personal Rosary and prayers.

CHILD SAFETY

Holy Family Parish is committed to upholding the wellbeing, safety and dignity of each child and young person and ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our Church.

READINGS

SUNDAY
Isaiah 56:1,6-7
Psalm 67):2-3,5-6,8
Romans 11:13-15,29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

MONDAY
Ezekiel 24:15-24
Deuteronomy 32:18-21
Matthew 19:16-22

TUESDAY
Ezekiel 28:1-10
Deuteronomy 32:26-28,30,35-36
Matthew 19:23-30

WEDNESDAY
Ezekiel 34:1-11
Psalm 23
Matthew 20:1-16

THURSDAY
Saint Bernard, Abbot, Doctor
Ezekiel 36:23-28
Psalm 51:12-15,18-19
Matthew 22:1-14

FRIDAY
Saint Pius X, Pope
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 107:2-9
Matthew 22:34-40

SATURDAY
Our Lady, Mother and Queen
Ezekiel 43:1-7
Psalm 85:9-14
Matthew 23:1-12







Saint Bernard, Abbot, Doctor

Feast Day 20 August



HIS GREAT MESSAGE

"The reason for loving God is God Himself."

Saint Bernard reminds us:

"Learn many things, but always use what you know to love God and help people."

Patron Saint of beekeepers, bees, candlemakers, chandler, Cistercians, and Knights Templar

Saint Pius X, Pope



Feast Day 21 August

"Come close to Jesus in Holy Communion, learn your faith, and live it with love."

He especially reminds children that Jesus welcomes them and that the Eucharist is not merely a ceremony, but Christ's gift of Himself to His Church.

Patronage:

First communicants; Children preparing for Holy Communion; Catechists and teachers of the faith; Those devoted to the Holy Eucharist; Pilgrims

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