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Latin Masses & Devotions in August		Time	Celebrant
Friday, 2 nd August	First-Friday privileged Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus	9.00 a.m.	Fr. Domotor
Saturday, 3 rd August	First-Saturday privileged Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	10.30 a.m.	
Sunday, 4 th August	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	Noon	
Friday, 9 th August	Vigil of St. Laurence, with commem. of St. Romanus M.	9.00 a.m.	
Sunday, 11 th August	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	Noon	
Thursday, 15 th August	Solemn Feast of the Assumption of the B.V.M.	10.30 a.m.	
Friday, 16 th August	Feast of St. Joachim, Father of the B.V.M.	9.00 a.m.	
Sunday, 18 th August	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	Noon	
Thursday, 22 nd August	Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	10.30 a.m.	
Friday, 23 rd August	Feast of St. Philip Benizi Confessor.	9.00 a.m.	
Sunday, 25 th August	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	Noon	
Friday, 30 th August	Feast of St. Rose of Lima, Virgin, with commem. of SS. Felix & Adactus, MM.	10.30 a.m.	

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

<u>For the sick and suffering (see also Parish Bulletin):</u>		<u>Miscellaneous Intentions:</u>
Mr. Frank Domotor	Mrs. Agnes Berard	For our Priest, Bishop and the Holy Father.
Mrs. Christine Stornebrink	Miss Lorna Cue	For vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life.
Mrs. Doreen Kitchen		For persecuted Christians in the world

Please remember in your prayers the following faithful departed: Roger Brown, Earl & Elsa Morrison, Bernard & Nova Wauthy, Louis Berard, Marcellina Baldauf, Patricia Gould and Mary Lawson.

NEWS

1. Booksale in support of Seminarians

This month sale of used and new books will be held on Sunday, 4th August in the hall after the H. Mass. Some of the books will have a reduced sticker price since the old price did not attract any buyer. If those books still remain unsold after a few more months then they will be given to the Vancouver Traditional Mass Society (V.T.M.S.) where the pool of buyers is much larger.

2. Gift of books received

We received three boxes with books from Mary Lawson's daughters which had belonged to their mother. They wished to have them sold in support of the Seminarian Fund of which Mary was a strong supporter. Those books will be added to the current ones on sale. The collection includes both religious and secular titles.

3. Life and Family

Life and Family have been under attack for a long time but never so intensely as in recent years. Sister Lucy of Fatima was told in a message from our Lady that the final battle was going to be about Life and Family. We are clearly at the beginning or in the midst of this battle. As Catholics we know that we will be judged by Jesus at the end of our life about what we did, or failed to do, to support Life and Family, whether in our own life or in that of society at large.

We must actively oppose abortion, contraception and euthanasia in our personal life. But that is not enough. We also have a duty to ensure that others are not committing sins against the fifth commandment, *thou shalt not kill*. This duty includes advising or counselling our friends and neighbours and do our part in electing leaders in governments, schools, etc. who are Pro-Life and Pro-Family (PLPF). It is worth noting that there is a Pro-Life/Pro-Family candidate running in the Cowichan-Malahat-Langford electoral district in this fall's federal election.

Some idealistic person may feel called to stand for election to add another voice in parliament, able and willing to speak out for sound moral Christian convictions and to improve the chance of legislating moral laws. Unfortunately, few Catholic politicians are of that calibre; many compromises their faith, seemingly unaware, or ignoring, their duties before God.

For most of us, we often face a slate of electoral candidates who are all anti-life and/or anti-family. In that case we can cast a protest vote, a "strategic" vote, or vote for the "least bad" candidate.

In the next issue we will write more about how we can become more Pro-Family.

4. Faith and Science.

We have decided to discontinue writing about the influence of modern science on religious beliefs. While this subject is very important it is of limited interest for many. Articles on this subject will in the future be made available at the monthly book sale. An important article was written recently by Dr. Wolfgang Smith, titled *Science, Scientism, and Spirituality*. We recommend that everyone read this article. Copies will be available at the next book sale in support of our Seminarians.

LITURGY

The entire month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of our Lady. The important feastdays are the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on 15th August, and the feast of her Immaculate Heart, on 22nd June. The liturgical colour associated with Marian feastdays is azure blue, the colour of this newsletter. Both feastdays fall this year on a Thursday. Please note that the Mass on 15th August has been rescheduled the morning hour of 10.30 a.m. Please try to attend one or both of these



Masses if you can, especially the solemnity of the Assumption.

The Assumption of Mary was declared a dogma (a divinely revealed truth) of the Catholic Church by Pope Pius XII in 1950 when he proclaimed, in a document entitled *Munificentissimus Deus*, “The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven.”

In church-approved private revelations, which our Blessed Mother gave to Saint Bridget of Sweden (in the 14th century) and to Venerable Mary of Agreda (in the 17th) we can find details about her Assumption into heaven.

For a more detailed explanation of the justification for this dogma we refer to the following website (<https://www.ourcatholicprayers.com/assumption-of-Mary.html>); The following is an excerpt from St. Bridget’s story about

the Assumption <https://www.ourcatholicprayers.com/assumption-of-mary-meditation.html>.

THE BLESSED VIRGIN SAID TO ST. BRIDGET OF SWEDEN

(St. Bridget was born about 1303; she died on 23rd July, 1373.)

"After the Ascension of my Son, I still lived a long time in the world. Such was the Will of God, in order that by seeing my patience and my conduct many more souls might be converted to Him, and in order that the Apostles and other elect souls of God might be strengthened." ...

The account from the book of what happened next continues below:

More and more as the years passed, the Blessed Virgin felt torn between her ever-increasing longing for union with God in Heaven and her compassionate love for the Church and for mankind. She therefore had to strive to achieve the right adjustment between the active and the contemplative life... Consequently, while remaining actively attentive to the needs and welfare of all the children of the Church, she was also able to be continually absorbed in prayerful contemplation.

Toward the end of her life, through the intensity of her burning charity, the Blessed Virgin’s soul had approached so closely to union with God that only the Lord’s reluctance to deprive His Church of such an invaluable guide restrained Him from welcoming her forever into the glory of Heaven.

She then began to suffer a ceaseless spiritual martyrdom, for she could no longer hold back the overflowing force of her yearning for Heaven and the Beatific Vision of God; yet she was too humble ever to ask for the privilege of liberation from mortal life....

After the blessed virgin had passed her sixtieth birthday, the Holy Trinity, wishing to reward her perfect generosity in doing the will of God throughout her life, sent the Archangel Gabriel to reveal to her when she was destined to die.

Upon entering her oratory, the archangel found her prostrated on the ground in the form of a cross, praying for sinners. The Mother of God respectfully rose to her knees as soon as she perceived Gabriel, who was accompanied by many angels bearing crowns and palms as symbols of various rewards for their Queen.

Gabriel greeted Mary with these words:

“The Lord sends us to announce to thee in His name the happy end of thy pilgrimage up on earth. Exactly three years from today thou shalt be taken up and received into the everlasting joy of Heaven.”

The Blessed Virgin bowed to the ground and replied gratefully:

“Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to thy word” ...and she asked the Lord and all the saints and angels to help her prepare for death...

She immediately wrote to the Apostles and disciples to encourage them in their missionary work, and she exercised still greater zeal in strengthening the faith of all the converts whom she met. Although she kept her secret, her conduct was that of a person who is preparing to depart and who wishes to leave all her friends rich in heavenly blessings.

A few days later, however, she said to St. John:

"My son and master, in His condescending mercy the Lord has revealed to me that there remain only three more years until my passage into eternal life. I beseech you, my son, to help me during this short space of time to give the Almighty some return for the immense blessings which I have received from His generous love. And from the bottom of my heart I beseech you to pray for me."

Unable to restrain his tears, John answered: "My Mother and my Lady, help your poor child who is going to be left an orphan . . . " Seeing that his tender heart was stricken with intense pain, Mary gently consoled him and assured him that she would ever remain his Mother and Advocate in Heaven.

Although John was at first permitted to reveal the secret of their approaching loss only to St. James the Less, by a divine inspiration the other Apostles and disciples, wherever they happened to be, began to realize that the beloved Mother of their Saviour would not be with them on earth much longer.

In fact Almighty God filled the whole of creation with a mysterious sorrow over the prospective death of its Queen. The light of the sun and stars and planets lost some of its brightness during the last days of her life...St. John became so grief-stricken that often he was unable to hide his sorrow...

Note: Copies of a longer article will be available at our monthly book sale. For more information on the life of our Blessed Mother we refer to *The Life of Mary As Seen by the Mystics*, which is available from Tan Books.