Everyday Catholicism

Why do Catholics believe that Mary was assumed into heaven?

The Church teaches that, at the end of her earthly life, Mary was taken body and soul into the glory of heaven. Jesus ascended by his own divine power. Mary was taken up by God. Every privilege we honor in Mary comes from God's grace, and she freely and faithfully responded to that grace.

Scripture does not narrate the Assumption. Divine Revelation, however, is handed on to the Church through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. The belief in Mary's Assumption was handed down in Tradition and became clearer over time through the Church's prayer, worship, and reflection on Scripture.

Mary's Assumption cannot be separated from her union with Jesus. By a unique grace, she already shares body and soul in her Son's victory over sin and death.

Saint Paul calls the risen Christ "the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep." Christ rose in glory, and at his coming those who belong to him will also be raised. Mary's Assumption is unique, but it reveals what Christ's Resurrection promises the whole Church. God intends to save the whole person, body and soul.

God did not create us as souls temporarily living inside bodies. Each of us is one person, body and soul. Our bodies grow weak, suffer, and eventually die, but they are not meaningless. We have been washed in Baptism, nourished by the Eucharist, and made temples of the Holy Spirit.

In Mary, we see where Christ is leading his Church. She already shares in the life we await, and her Assumption assures us that death will not have the final word.

This week, pray the fourth Glorious Mystery of the Rosary. Ask Mary to help you trust the promise God has already fulfilled in her. In Christ, God intends to save the whole person, body and soul.

Catechism Connection: 1 Corinthians 15:20–23; Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 966, 972.

A Liturgical Note: In the United States, the Assumption is normally a holy day of obligation. This year, August 15 falls on a Saturday, so the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated. The solemnity itself is still celebrated.



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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, 'Lord, help me.' Then Jesus said to her in reply, 'O woman, great is your faith!'"

— Matthew 15:25, 28

August 16, 2026

Mass Intentions

Sat.	15	Steve Santi
Sun.	16	+Linda Pearson
Mon.	17	St. Joseph's Parishioners
Tues.	18	Stan Piwaworski
Wed.	19	Jim and Joanne Tobias
Thurs.	20	Innette Starkenburg
Thurs.	20	(Spanish) +Maria Guadalupe Nuñez
Fri.	21	+Barbara Sharp
Sat.	22	+Mary Fatooh
Sun.	23	+Linda Pearson

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Monday–Thursday
10:00 AM–4:30 PM
Friday — Closed

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Mass Schedule
Monday–Friday — 9:00 AM
Thursday — 6:30 PM (Spanish)
Saturday Vigil — 5:00 PM
Sunday — 10:00 AM

Rosary
Weekdays — 8:30 AM

Confessions
Friday after the 9:00 AM Mass
First Saturday — 4:00 PM

Adoration & Benediction
Friday after the 9:00 AM Mass

A Word of Thanks

Thank you to all our parishioners and visitors for your generous support of St. Joseph Catholic Church. Your contributions, prayers, and willingness to help allow us to care for our church and serve our parish community.

I would also like to thank the parishioner couples who have been helping an elderly couple in our community as their care needs have changed. Thank you as well to those who bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound. I know your kindness means a great deal to those you serve.

Thank you for caring for our parish and for one another. May God bless you.

With gratitude,
Father Martel

Funeral Mass for Teresa Woodman

A Funeral Mass for Teresa Woodman will be celebrated on Saturday, August 22, 2026 at 11AM at Saint Joseph Catholic Church, Cayucos.

A Celebration of Life and reception will follow from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Borradori Garage, 455 North Ocean Avenue, Cayucos.

Please keep Teresa and her family in your prayers.

Installation of Father Martel Ramos as Pastor

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend the Installation Mass for Father Martel on Monday, August 24, 2026, at 6:00 PM. A reception will follow the Mass.

To help us prepare for the reception, please add your name and the number attending to the sign-up sheet located at the back of the church.

We hope you will join us for this joyful celebration!

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

St. Joseph Parish invites adults 18 years of age and older who have not been baptized and therefore have not received the Sacraments of Initiation — Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist — to begin their journey of faith through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA).

If you know someone who has not received these sacraments, please invite them to consider this opportunity. We would be honored to accompany them as they grow in faith and prepare to receive the sacraments.

For more information or to register, please contact the parish office or speak with Father Martel after Mass.

Diocese of Monterey — Parish Financial Compliance and Support Manager

The Diocese of Monterey is looking for a team player for our busy Finance Office. The position is for a full-time employee to perform the following tasks:

1. Serve as a resource to the parishes and schools by promoting sound financial management, accountability and compliance with Diocesan Policy.

2. Conduct periodic on-site reviews of parish and school procedures.

3. Work collaboratively with pastors, parish administrators and bookkeepers to strengthen financial practices.

This position has a generous benefits package which includes holidays, vacation and sick leave and health, pension and life insurance plans.

For more information, please go to the Diocese of Monterey's website at www.dioceseofmonterey.org under job announcements.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND INJURED

We are updating our parish prayer list. If you or a loved one is sick, injured, or in need of prayer, please contact the parish office so we may add the name to the list. To help us keep the list current, please also let us know when a name may be removed.

Steve Santi
Stan Piwaworski
Jim & Joanne Tobias
Innette Starkenburg
Steve Buller
Michael Shields
Mary Moloney
Mickey Bruno
Gary & Bonnie Nelson
Butch Rambaud
Marina Taverner
Keith Hart
Eric Solum
Glen Bennett
Bonnie Bowman
Bill Mazzacane
Teresa Woodman
Editha Andres