

# Dear Padre,

## Where did the Virgin Mary spend her last days on earth? Ephesus or Jerusalem?

Shortly before Jesus died on the cross, he entrusted his widowed mother to the protective care of John the Evangelist. (See John 19:26–27.) Accordingly, when John lived his final years in Ephesus, it is believed that Mary also spent her last days nearby in a modest stone dwelling, before being assumed body and soul into heaven “to be preserved from the corruption of the tomb” (Pope Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus*, 1950). Moreover, it is likely in Ephesus (present-day Turkey) where the tradition of Mary’s Assumption started.

Pope Benedict XIV (1740–1758) declared Ephesus was “where the Blessed Mother...proceeded from this life into heaven.” More recent popes, such as Paul VI in 1967 and John Paul II in 1979, prayed in this venerable home, known as Mother Mary’s House.

However, close to Gethsemane in Jerusalem is the Basilica of the Tomb of Mary from the fifth century. It is built around an ancient crypt where Mary’s body was believed to have been laid before it was assumed into heaven.

While both Ephesus and Jerusalem claim to be the location where the Virgin Mary spent her last years on earth, experts contend the latter is the older tradition and the more credible place. Even if Mary temporarily left Jerusalem, it is probable she returned to the land of her birth and resided there at the end of her earthly life. ●

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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

And at the end of our life, [the Lord] will call us to account for the goods he has entrusted to us.... We have received so much: life, faith, family, relationships, work, but also the places where we live, our city, creation.... [A]re we guardians of all that has been given to us?

ANGELUS, ROME,  
AUGUST 7, 2022



RICCARDO DE LUCA - UPDATE / SHUTTERSTOCK

#### Monday

August 11  
St. Clare, Virgin  
Dt 10:12–22  
Mt 17:22–27

#### Tuesday

August 12  
Weekday  
Dt 31:1–8  
Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

#### Wednesday

August 13  
Weekday  
Dt 34:1–12  
Mt 18:15–20

#### Thursday

August 14  
St. Maximilian Kolbe,  
Priest and Martyr  
Jos 3:7–10a, 11, 13–17  
Mt 18:21–19:1

#### Friday

August 15  
The Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a,  
10ab

1 Cor 15:20–27  
Lk 1:39–56

#### Saturday

August 16  
Weekday  
Jos 24:14–29  
Mt 19:13–15

#### Sunday

August 17  
Twentieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Jer 38:4–6, 8–10  
Heb 12:1–4  
Lk 12:49–53

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 10, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Wisdom 18:6–9 / Hebrews 11:1–2, 8–19 or 11:1–2, 8–12 /  
Luke 12:32–48 or 12:35–40



## Life Is a Game of Golf

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When the British colonized India, they brought with them the game of golf.

A worse hazard than sand traps turned out to be monkeys. Wherever the ball landed, a monkey would run onto the fairway, pick it up, and drop it somewhere else—from the fairway into the rough, out of a sand trap onto the green, from the green back onto the fairway. The Brits tried everything to keep the monkeys off the course—fences, sirens, booming noises. Nothing worked. In the end, they ended up changing the rule book: play the ball where the monkey drops it.

The scriptures today tell of people who lived with an openness to wherever it was that God would take them. They played the ball wherever the monkey dropped it. It is the story of the Hebrews enslaved in Egypt when they were about to be led out into a God-knew-where desert. It is the story of aged Abraham and Sarah, called to travel to an alien land and then into parenthood in their old age. Faith is not trusting that God will always take us to where we want to be; it is trusting that wherever it is that God takes us will ultimately bring us into fuller life. So, watch and be ready to recognize the coming of God. It may be in times of darkness for you (as when the master comes late at night, says Luke’s Gospel) or when you find yourself in an “alien land,” a place in life you’ve never been before. ●

### Reflect

What surprising places has God led me?

[Jesus said to his disciples,]  
“For where your treasure is,  
there also will your heart be.”

LUKE 12:34





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**RECONCILIATION: (Confession)** available, following Mass, on  
Sunday and Wednesday – please contact Fr. Pedro, before mass, to confirm  
availability. Also by appointment.  
**BAPTISM:** Please contact the Deacon or Pastor, at least one month prior to  
desired date.  
**SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE:** Please contact the Deacon or Pastor  
at least six months prior to desired date.



**BUILDING COMMITTEE**

People with ideas about the new parish hall, especially those with building  
skills, are welcome to Contact the Building Committee.

**PARENTS:** Please do not allow your children to play on/around the new block  
retaining wall. Thank you!

**Please remember St. Genevieve Parish in your Will**

**THANK YOU for your donations!**

**Weekly Budget: \$1,255.00**  
**07/27/25: \$789.00**  
**08/03/25: \$1659.00**  
**Building Fund Donations: \$670.00**

**The Cove THANKS YOU for your continuing donations  
of food, laundry detergent, dish soap, bar soap,  
toothbrushes, and toothpaste.**

**CAFFEINE & CALORIES**



**Thank you to all who volunteer and share!**



***Please consider hosting C & C.  
Contact Alicia Brown for info, 509-429-1621.***

**WELCOME! NO MATTER WHAT YOUR PRESENT OR PAST STATUS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, NO MATTER YOUR  
PERSONAL HISTORY, AGE, RACE OR BACKGROUND, YOU ARE INVITED, WELCOMED, ACCEPTED, AND LOVED AT ST.  
GENEVIEVE CATHOLIC PARISH.**

**Mass Schedule:**

**Sunday, Aug 10 @ 11:00 am** **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**, Rosary @ 10:20 am  
**Wednesday, Aug 13 @ 9:30 am** **Communion Service**; Rosary @  
9:00 am; **Adoration/Benediction** 5:30 am to 8:30 am  
**Friday, Aug 15 @ 11:00 am** **Solemnity of the The Assumption of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Sunday, Aug 17 @ 11:00 am**, **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**, Rosary @ 10:20 am

**Where your  
treasure is,  
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heart will be.**

Luke 12:34



**Liturgy of the Word**

**Wisdom 18:6–9** On the long-awaited Passover night, God’s children offered the paschal  
sacrifice.  
**Psalms 33** “Blessed be the Lord who has chosen to be his own.”  
**Hebrews 11:1–2, 8–19 or 11:1–2, 8–12** By faith we join our ancestors in faith, as together in  
hope we journey toward our homeland.  
**Luke 12:32–48 or 12:35–40** The Son of Man will come at an unexpected hour.

**Today’s selections from scripture celebrate our forebears for their faith.** Abraham’s faith was  
so strong that he was willing to sacrifice his beloved son. Centuries later, the Chosen People have  
faith sufficient to courageously make their escape from bondage. Jesus asks his disciples to have  
faith in his return, for which they should always be prepared. May today’s readings remind us to  
ask ourselves what we need to do to prepare ourselves for that day.

**Question of the Week:** What can I do to build and deepen my faith? Whom can I wait on while I  
wait for the Lord’s return?



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Father Pedro will be out of town for two weeks. Mass coverage will be with Father Pat Kerst on  
August 17 & Aug 24. *Fr. Steve Werner is the celebrant for Friday, Aug 15 Mass, 11am, St Gen.*

On our parish website([www.methowcatholic.org](http://www.methowcatholic.org)) you can access a wonderful documentary about  
our new Pope Leo XIV entitled “Leon de Peru”.



**Alms**  
Janos Thorma (1870-1937)

**Friday, August 15, is the Feast of  
the Assumption of Mary. It is a  
holy day of obligation this year.** If  
you are unable to attend Mass in  
Twisp, please check out the Mass  
schedule below offered in outlying  
areas as follows:  
**Thursday, Vigil @ 5PM**, Our Lady  
of the Valley, Okanogan  
**Friday, @ 8 AM**, Our Lady of the  
Valley, Okanogan  
**Friday @ 5 PM**, Holy Rosary,  
Tonasket  
**Friday, @ 6:30 PM**, Immaculate  
Conception, Oroville  
**\*\*\* All Masses will be bilingual. \*\*\***



**Be Ready  
at Any Time**



**Please Remember in  
Your Prayers**

**Fr. Sean Thomson**  
**Thomson Family**  
**Fred Nowicki**  
**Evangeline Grace Knox**  
**Teagan Maxwell**  
**Paul Budrow**  
**Melissa Larson**  
**Howard Burcham**  
**Terry & Barb Anderson**  
**Bernice Morgan**  
**Kyle Rogers**  
**Jim Perra**  
**Bill Wilburn**  
**Sheila Kerr**  
**Jonathan Kessler**



**Repose of the  
Soul of**