



“Do Whatever He Tells You”

August 1, 2021

African American Community of the Diocese of Phoenix

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our next Gospel Unity Mass will be Sunday, August 15th, the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Assumption of Our Blessed Mother celebrates Our Lady being taken up body and soul into the glory of Heaven. Mama Mary continues to pray for us with the heart of a mother from the glory of Heaven. The first Christians prayed in union with Mama Mary and sought her powerful and maternal intercession to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ. When Mary said, “Do whatever he tells you” (John 2:5), she reveals her mission of leading others to Jesus Christ.

For this reason, at our next Gospel Unity Mass, celebrated on August 15th, the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and following a very ancient Christian tradition, we will consecrate our families and our entire faith community to the Blessed Virgin Mary. There are so many blessings that will flow from our consecration to Mary. Here are a few:

1. Spiritual protection for our families and our entire faith community.
2. An increase in growth of our faith community.
3. A more intense faith among our community and increased reverence for sacred scripture.
4. Adoration of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.
5. Longer confession lines and the return of those who have left the faith

Please bring your family and invite your friends to participate in this beautiful consecration to the Blessed Virgin. As an external sign of our consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary, a scapular of Our Blessed Mother will be offered to all those who participate in the consecration. May Mary, the Mother of God, through her powerful and maternal intercession keep us safe from all harm and bring us closer to the Heart of her Son, Jesus Christ. Let the Church Say AMEN!

With my priestly blessing,

Fr. Andrew McNair, Chaplain

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