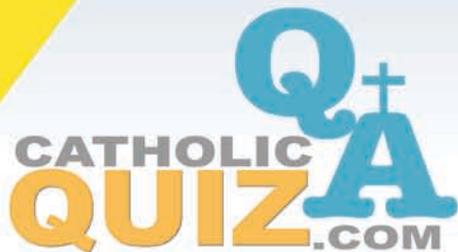


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CatholicQuiz of the Week™ Part A
Solemnity of the Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
August 15, 2010

1. Which is true of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven?
 - a. it is a station of the cross
 - b. it is a glorious mystery of the rosary
 - c. it is also known as the Immaculate Conception
2. What does the Church celebrate on the feast of the Assumption?
 - a. Mary visiting Elizabeth
 - b. Mary becoming the mother of Jesus
 - c. Mary going to heaven
3. When was the Assumption defined as a dogma of the Church?
 - a. in the 16th century at the Council of Trent
 - b. by Pope Pius XII in 1950
 - c. at the Second Vatican Council in 1963
4. What is the corresponding feast day of the Assumption celebrated in the Eastern and Orthodox Churches?
 - a. the Immaculate Conception
 - b. the Procession of the Cross
 - c. the feast of the Dormition
5. In the Book of Revelation, on what did the figure of the woman clothed with the sun stand?
 - a. the snake
 - b. the moon
 - c. the clouds
6. According to Luke, whom did Mary visit after she learned that she was going to have a baby?
 - a. Anne, her mother
 - b. Elizabeth, her cousin
 - c. Salome, her sister
7. Which is the Canticle of Mary?
 - a. the Magnificat
 - b. the Hail Mary
 - c. the Rosary

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CatholicQuiz of the Week™ Part B Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15, 2010

Reflection and Discussion

Do you have a hero? If so, might it be a celebrity, a sports star or an important historical figure? A majority of college students, when asked by the researcher “who was their hero?” responded with a very different answer. They said their hero was their mother. This Sunday’s feast day suggests something about whom Jesus considers his hero. Yes, no doubt, it is his mother. For on this feast day the Church affirms the glorious mystery that at the end of her life Mary was brought by God, body and soul, into heaven. Because of Jesus, Mary is lifted up for all to be the Queen of Heaven and to join her son in resurrected life. The Lord makes his mother a hero for us all.

- Who is able to guide, inspire and advocate for you at the same time?
- Consider who might be your personal and special hero. Is there someone you turn to no matter what the challenge, the issue or the request? How much do you admire and cherish your own mom?
- In a spiritual way, Mary is our mother – always there for us. Do you ever approach her for help, counsel or support?
- Being part of a family of faith means that we all together share the same spiritual mom. How does this make a difference in how we treat one another?
- Do you admire and cherish your heavenly mother in a way that helps guide you in this earthly life?

Some of the most popular prayers in the Church are those that have to do with Mary, the Mother of God: the Hail Mary, the Magnificat, the Memorare, the Angelus or the Regina Coeli are some that come to mind. The Magnificat from the Gospel of Luke was prayed by Mary herself and one worth repeating often. It might be a valuable exercise to listen to the music of one of these great prayers inspired by the Blessed Mother and let it open your spirit to the truth of her special presence and advocacy for all time.

Answers and References

1. b. it is a glorious mystery of the rosary (CCC 971)
2. c. Mary going to heaven (CCC 966)
3. b. by Pope Pius XII in 1950
4. c. the feast of the Dormition
5. b. the moon (Rv 12:1)
6. b. Elizabeth, her cousin (Lk 1:39)
7. a. the Magnificat (CCC 2619)

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