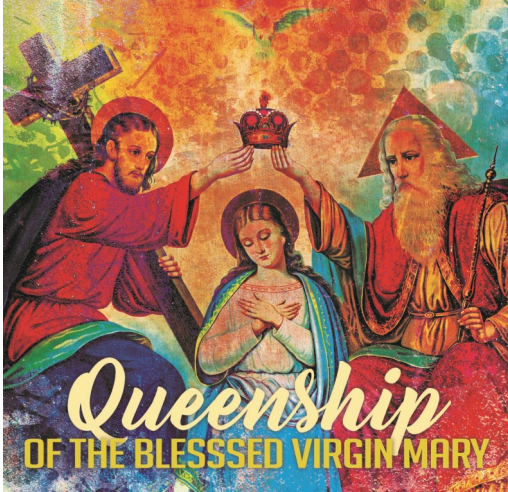


FROM FR. JASON



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On Saturday, September 7th at the 5:30 pm Mass, I will be officially installed by Bishop Saporito as Pastor. I have never participated in an installation Mass for a new Pastor. I have received the schema of how the Mass will flow; the additional elements in that schema that are not found in a regular Sunday Mass look to present a great opportunity for the people of the parish to participate and connect as a community. Everyone is invited! There will be a champagne toast afterwards in the McCarthy Center.

This Thursday, August 22nd, the Church celebrates the Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. What follows is an excerpt from a homily by St. Amadeus of Lausanne, at one point the Bishop of that city, for this Memorial. I have been helped quite a bit this month, the month of

the Immaculate Heart of Mary, discovering how the Mother of God always wants to help us and is interceding for our mission. Praying the Angelus everyday at noon has been particularly helpful and I recommend it, if you don't already. Here is the excerpt:

“Observe how fitting it was that even before her assumption the name of Mary shone forth wondrously throughout the world. Her fame spread everywhere even before she was raised above the heavens in her magnificence. Because of the honor due her Son, it was indeed fitting for the Virgin Mother to have first ruled upon earth and then be raised up to heaven in glory. It was fitting that her fame be spread in this world below, so that she might enter the heights of heaven on overwhelming blessedness. Just as she was borne from virtue to virtue by the Spirit of the Lord, she was transported from earthly renown to heavenly brightness.

So it was that she began to taste the fruits of her future reign while still in the flesh. At one moment she withdrew to God in ecstasy; at the next she would bend down to her neighbors with indescribable love. In heaven angels served her, while here on earth she was venerated by the service of men. Gabriel and the angels waited upon her in heaven. The virgin John, rejoicing that the Virgin Mother was entrusted to him at the cross, cared for her with the other apostles here below. The angels rejoiced to see their queen; the apostles rejoiced to see their lady, and both obeyed her with loving devotion.

Dwelling in the loftiest citadel of virtue, like a sea of divine grace or an unfathomable source of love that has everywhere overflowed its banks, she poured forth her bountiful waters on trusting and thirsting souls. Able to preserve both flesh and spirit from death she bestowed health-giving salve on bodies and souls. **Has anyone ever come away from her troubled or saddened or ignorant of the heavenly mysteries? Who has not returned to everyday life gladdened and joyful because his request had been granted by the Mother of God?**

She is a bride, so gentle and affectionate, and the mother of the only true bridegroom. In her abundant goodness she has channeled the spring of reason's garden, the well of living and life-giving waters that pour forth in a rushing stream from divine Lebanon and flow down from Mount Zion until they surround the shores of every far-flung nation. With divine assistance she has redirected these waters and made them into streams of peace and pools of grace. Therefore, when the Virgin of virgins was led forth by God and her Son, the King of kings, amid the company of exulting angels and rejoicing archangels, with the heavens ringing with praise, the prophecy of the psalmist was fulfilled, in which he said to the Lord: At your right hand stands the queen, clothed in gold of Ophir.”

Peace,