

Feast of the Assumption
PRAY

1. The Olympics have started in Athens – years of preparation for that ultimate prize, VICTORY
2. Today the Church celebrates VICTORY
 - a. Because of Jesus' victory over sin and death – Mary has access to eternal life, and so do we.
3. God is faithful to His covenant – a young girl who trusted God and said Y
 - a. Not 1x, but over and over again throughout her life
 - i. Annunciation
 - ii. Flight into Egypt (refugee)
 - iii. Lost Child and Finding in Temple
 - iv. She watched Jesus say Yes to God in His ministry
One by one, facing each situation with trust
4. Faulkner – Mother told her daughter had an inoperable brain tumor.
 - a. Younger daughter started crying and the mother said:
 - b. “You can't live tomorrow's cross on today's grace.
We have enough to deal with today.
What we need tomorrow, God will supply in time.”
 - c. Same was true for Mary – each Yes strengthened her for next trial
 - i. Until the ultimate Y, cross – How did she deal with that?
 1. She kept the faith, trusted God
 2. Gathered with the Disciples and prayed for HS
5. Today we are reminded of VICTORY
 - a. The Cross, Easter, Ascension, Assumption.
 - i. Mary's Assumption points to OUR RESURRECTION
 - ii. Ascension and Assumption promise that life has destiny past death
6. This is why our 1st reading is from Revelation.
 - a. Its NOT about end times – it's a book about hope and life.
 - b. It tells us that the end of this life goodness does prevail over death
 - c. Everything is headed toward ultimate VICTORY