



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

AUGUST 15, 2025

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab 1 Corinthians 15:20-27 Luke 1:39-56

Prop: Orange markers

All of us here have done some driving in the car this summer, either as the driver or as a passenger.

What we see a lot of in the summer is road construction. It is highlighted by closed roads or lanes, and lots of orange cones and other signs to help us navigate the roads.

On the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother, I would like to highlight one thing I admire her for; she never was an orange cone – an obstacle to the Lord's grace.

It isn't like she applied for the role to be the Mother of God – of Jesus. She was chosen from her conception in her mother's womb to be the mother of Jesus, but when the Angel Gabriel came to ask her – she could have said "no." An opportunity to be an obstacle, but she said 'yes.'

That 'yes' led to many 'yeses' as parenthood does for those of you, who are parents. You know the commitment that being a parent takes. Mary did that with the help of Joseph.

She had to say 'yes' as her son shared the gospel of love, that met major opposition. So much so, she had to say "yes" in her tears as she watched her son die on a cross.

I admire her and other men and women like her, who live such a humble and faithful life in following the Lord. May we do the same.

Today we honor her assumption into heaven – not something she earned – but a gift from her Son. She will be there to greet us when our time comes to follow her.

Pray Hail Mary