

# Sister's Spin

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You know it is a huge feast day when it overrides the Sunday Liturgy. The celebration of our Lady's Assumption is a reminder of the glory that awaits us all. Mary's yes to God's Will, while it brought her many pains, such as the crucifixion of her Son, also brought her many joys. Being united with her Son, body and soul is one of those joys. This feast is really quite new in terms of Church History. Pope Pius XII proclaimed this dogma in 1950 and I was a little girl when it was celebrated in our churches as a holy day of obligation for the very first time. However, early Christians celebrated Mary's being taken to heaven based on several facts: while relics of all the Apostles and many other early saints have been found, there are no relics of Mary found anywhere; there are writings from early Church Fathers relating Mary's being taken to heaven; both Eastern and Western Rites of the Catholic Church have celebrated this as a feast as early as the 4th Century. As we celebrate, we remember that Jesus gave Mary to us as Mother at the foot of the cross. We know she is always interceding for us with her Son. Let us today celebrate in gratitude for the gift of this Mother who reminds us that we, too, will someday be united with her Son in the glory of heaven.

Blessings,  
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