Feast of Assumption has special meaning

For Acadians, the traditional Catholic observance of the Feast of the Assumption on Tuesday takes on a special meaning.

Since 1881, Acadians worldwide have honored the Virgin Mary as their patroness and have observed Aug. 15, the Feast of the Assumption, as their international holiday.

Activities have been planned by the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana to mark the occasion.

The "Fête des Acadiens" will begin with a flag-raising ceremony at Lafayette City Hall at 9:45 a.m. Throughout the day, Acadian Village, off Ridge Road, will be the setting for a day of cultural activities. Among them are: music and dancing demonstrations of Acadian cuisine (noon); and demonstrations of how fiddles, accordions and fiddles are made.

Acadian storytellers will be on hand and a barn dance in set at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Acadian Village at 521-925-216. At 6-30 p.m., there will be a Mass in French at St. John Cathedral, 314 N. John St.

For those unable to attend the day's events, to present Acadian Open Channel TV-5, Lafayette will broadcast various programs on the Acadian culture, history and people all evening long, Aug. 15.

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