



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

November 23, 2025

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Mass Intentions for the week

Sunday, November 23

9:30 a.m.— Poor Souls (Phyllis Solimeno)
Peter & Majorie Gochan (Gochan Family)
11:30 a.m. — Frank Albergo (Harry & Luz Gaviola)
Helene & Krzysztof Adamczyk (Terese Bogdan)

Monday, November 24

9:00 a.m.— Eugene O'Connor Jr. (Family)
People of the Parish

Tuesday, November 25

9:00 a.m.— Madeline Morton (Pat Rivers)

Wednesday, November 26

9:00 a.m.— Eugene O'Connor Jr. (Elizabeth Leverock)

Thursday, November 27

9:00 a.m.— People of the Parish

Saturday, November 29

5:30 p.m.— Gerladine & Harold Musselwhite
(Musselwhite Family)
Michael Rivers (Pat Rivers)

Sunday, November 30

9:30 a.m.— John & Nilda Zecca (Zecca Family)
Father Chris Aridas (Ron & Marty Homa)
11:30 a.m. — Julia & Felix Bravo (Cecelia Cortes)
People of the Parish

We celebrate EUCHARIST

Saturdays: 5:30 PM
Sundays: 9:30, 11:30 AM
Weekdays: Mon—Thurs 9:00 AM

We celebrate PENANCE

Saturdays: 4:00 – 5:00 PM and by appointment.

Faith Formation Office Hours

Regular Office Hours: Monday and Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7:30 pm; Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Sacraments

For more information on Baptism, Marriage and Anointing of the Sick, please visit our parish website www.abvmcentereach.com or call the office at 631-585-8760 during regular office hours.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas (Court St. Gerard)

First Thursday of the month: Sept - June at 7:30 PM in the Parish Library. Contact Alexandria McMahon at 631-585-3938.



Catholic War Veterans

Second Saturday of the each month at 10 AM in the Parish Library. Contact Vincent Zecca, papazecca@aol.com, or phone 631 588 3423.



Rosary Altar Society

A service-based women's organization that cares for the Church and promotes the spiritual life of its members. Meetings are held on every first Tuesday of the month from September thru June.



*Whoever is begotten by God
conquers the world,
and the victory that conquers the world
is our faith. 1John 5:4*

STEWARDSHIP
GIVING to our parish as an act of worship

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

Last Week's Collection: \$8,045
(includes Faith Direct)

Last Year's Collection: \$10,224

Thank You!

Rest
in
Peace



Grace Ann Bartolomeo



November 23, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

2 Sm 5:1-3 | Col 1:12-20 | Lk 23:35-43

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Since the birth of my oldest child, I have seen and heard many things about what I *should* do as a mother. I have heard everything from which products I should purchase to how I should help my child develop a healthy sleep routine. But my identity as a mother is not dependent upon any of these things; instead, it rests on my relationship with God as his beloved daughter and who he has called me to be as a mother. Those living at the time of Jesus were also trying to understand his identity as king according to their own expectations of what a king was meant to be. They certainly did not expect their king to be crucified by the Romans as we read about in our Gospel today. But Jesus did not come to rule as an earthly king. He *is* king because of his identity as the beloved Son of God, whose mission it was to offer his life for the salvation of all. Jesus did not allow society's understanding of a king to dictate how he lived his mission. Likewise, we must act confidently in accordance with the particular call that God has entrusted to us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I find it interesting that when David was anointed king of Israel, he is designated as a commander whose vocation it was to *shepherd* the tribes of Israel. Of course, now we also readily associate the term *shepherd* with Christ, the Good Shepherd who cares for his sheep. The notion of kingship and shepherding, therefore, seem to be intertwined. In the sacrament of baptism, each of us is invited to participate in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king. To join Christ in his mission as king, we must also lead lives of service in which we allow the love of God to generously flow through us by caring for others. Let us strive to be shepherds for those in our communities who are seeking to know Christ more intimately; let us participate in Christ's mission as king through humble service to others.

PRAY

Today, take a few minutes to pray for all leaders. Ask the Lord to guide them in their leadership to be good shepherds to all those who fall under their governance. As you participate in your local community and parish, ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to join in Christ's mission as king by serving those in need.

STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND

November 22-23

GIVING to our parish is an act of WORSHIP

This weekend, we celebrate Stewardship weekend. God has given us abundant gifts in our lives, including our financial resources. All that we are and everything that we have belongs to God. He has appointed us as stewards of His blessings. Giving to God by giving in my place of worship is an act of worship, and giving to the poor is a sure and certain way to grow my faith right now and invest in my future by building up treasure in heaven.

Stewardship weekend is the one time each year when we ask you to make a financial commitment to the parish. Please take a Stewardship Commitment Card with you when you leave the church today. Evaluate your giving, pray about it, and commit. If you are new to the parish and haven't registered yet, you will see more details there. Please keep in mind the four Ps

Planned – Be intentional in your giving to the parish, don't just give as an afterthought. Stewardship Cards can be your plan.

Priority - Make giving to the Church a priority in your budget.

Percentage – Keeping in mind the biblical standard of the tithe, choose a percentage to give back to God, even if you start with 1%, ½ of 1%. Pick a percentage. We believe the percentage is the game-changer in your personal faith walk.

Progressive – then, look to progress in your giving, growing your percentage year after year, budgeting and spending in ways that allow you to do that.

Let me also mention briefly our Automatic Worship Offering platform Pushpay. Electronic giving is the simplest, most effective, and most helpful way to give, and the most helpful way for the church to receive your gift. It is very simple to sign up (<https://pushpay.com/g/abvmcentereach>) or scan the QR Code below this note with your cellphone camera.

This weekend, our parish's 2024-25 financial report is available in the bulletin. Thank you very much for your commitment to our parish as we journey together rebuilding our parish by Loving God, Serving Others, and Growing Disciples. -Fr. Joe



Pushpay®

In today's digital age, it's essential to embrace technology that supports our mission of Christ while enhancing our operations, engagement, and offertory. We are excited to introduce Pushpay as our new platform for

online donations and financial transactions. This transition is a significant step forward and will help us save resources as well!

We encourage you to prayerfully consider supporting our parish through electronic donations via Pushpay. Signing up is easy and takes only a couple of minutes. If you are transitioning from Faith Direct, you should have already received emails from Pushpay. Please make this transition as soon as possible. If you need assistance, feel free to contact Doreen at the office 631-585-8760 ext 105. Thank you for your support!





With one accord they continued
to gather together. Acts 2:46

Register at the Welcome Desk
or online at www.abvmcentereach.com

'We learn in rows, but grow in circles.'



Journey Through the Bible

Join us every Thursday morning as we journey through the Holy Bible, covering selected books from Genesis to Revelation. Sessions begin Thursday December 4, 2025, and are held in the Parish Library at 10:00 am. Sessions are approximately one hour. All are welcome.

Sunday, December 7th

4:00 PM Christmas musical
5:00 PM Tree Lighting
Followed by Music, Food & Celebration
in the Parish center

All are invited

Assumption Prayer Team

We pray for every request in the prayer Petition Books, from Adoremus and those given to us in person. Prayer Petition Books are in the back of the church. When others pray for you, it can be very powerful and effective.

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16



PRAYER TEAM

MISSING PEACE

Brand New Advent Message Series

Begins on First Sunday of Advent
November 30

Parish Social Ministry

The Outreach Food Pantry is available for individuals and families that are struggling to stretch their food budget. If you or someone you know can use our services, please call us at 631 585-8760 x2 or by email to outreach@abvmcentereach.com. The Outreach Office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 10AM to 1PM.

PANTRY NEEDS: Toothpaste, Razors, Liquid Hand Soap, Deodorant, Dishwashing Liquid, Ketchup, Salad Dressing, Jell-O Mix, Coffee, Fruit Juice, Instant Potatoes, Snacks, Canned Fruit, Canned Chili, Canned Potatoes, Canned Chicken. Thank You!

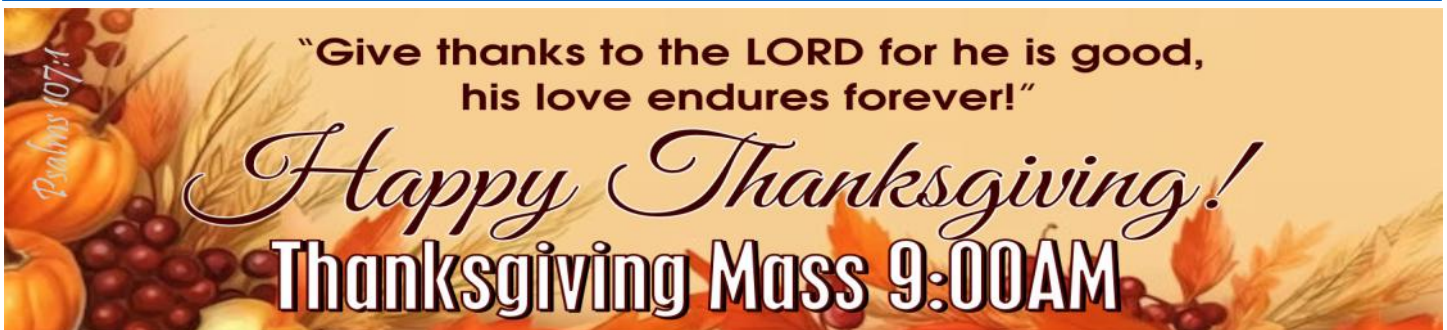


Thank You
FOR
GIVING
GENEROUSLY

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Assumption Parish Social Ministry. Thanks to your generous donations, we will be providing over 60 families with a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner. If you still food donations can be left in the container by the main entrance of the Church or at the Parish Office during the week. Gift card donations and monetary donations can be placed in the collection baskets or left at the Parish Office. Thank you again for making this a happy Thanksgiving for our neighbors in need!

SPROUTS
Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Ministry for ages
FOUR to FIFTH Grade on
Sundays during 9:30 AM Mass



"For the vision is a witness for the appointed time, a testimony to the end; it will not disappoint. If it delays, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not be late." (Habakkuk 2:3 NAB) This verse encourages us to patiently wait for God's vision. It emphasizes that God's promises will be fulfilled, even if their timing seems slow. We are reminded to live by faith, as God's plans have a specific appointed time for fulfillment. If it seems to be taking a long time, we are instructed to wait patiently; it will surely come and will not be delayed.

Financial Report: September 2024 through August 2025



It is my responsibility to ensure that the parish remains informed on our financial situation. Below is our parish's financial report for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2025. To provide a clearer picture of where our money comes from and how it is used, income and expenses have been divided into four categories: Parish Office, Faith Formation, Church, and Rectory. Expenses that applied to all areas were proportionately distributed based on each area's share of total activity.

The goal, of course, is to have our operating income cover our operating expenses, without needing to use our savings. As shown in the Income/Expense chart below, we had a operating deficit, primarily due to the additional cost of employing a full-time priest for three months. On a positive note, we did have a 3.5% growth in our collections, while our expenses in most other areas either decreased or stayed consistent. To understand how much we spend just to keep the doors open, here are a few of our total annual bills: Gas \$22,132; Electric \$20,965; Water \$2,071; Insurance \$55,754; Grounds maintenance \$59,754. Our greatest investment continues to be in our children as we expand our Faith Formation and Sprouts programs to better serve our students and families.

For our parish to thrive, we must continue growing as disciples who embrace the STEPS of Discipleship: Serve, Tithe, Engage, Prayer and Sacraments, and Share. Thankfully, our online giving has continued to increase over the past year since it is the best way of improving and stabilizing our financial situation. Encouraging more families to participate in PushPay, our electronic giving program, is a simple way to make a financial commitment toward a life of stewardship. I use this for my own weekly parish offering.

Together we rely on God's abundance. I remain convinced that the Lord is much more prepared to bless us than we are receiving.

Below is the Income/Expense chart that summarizes where we have been over the past fiscal year. If anyone wishes further information or explanation, do not hesitate to contact me at the rectory to set up an appointment. -Fr. Joe

Income		
Amount our parishioners contributed to the parish	555,273	Sunday, Christmas, Easter collections.
What the parish received from Catholic Ministries Appeal Rebate	11,360	This is the diocesan rebate the parish receives because of your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal.
What the parish collected from program fees	57,330	Faith Formation and VBS
What the parish received from auxiliary sources	48,932	Baptisms, weddings, funerals, Outreach donations, bulletin income, candles, miscellaneous donations.
What the parish received for diocesan collections	15,008	All the monies collected are given directly to the diocese. None stays in the parish.
Capital Gain & Extraordinary Revenue	126,489	Non-operating revenue. This includes Capital Campaign, insurance claims, investment income/loss.
TOTAL operating income received by the parish to carry on its mission.	687,903	Does not include Diocesan collections, Capital gain and extraordinary revenue
Expenses		
What it costs to maintain our Rectory Office	\$186,817	Includes salaries, utilities, supplies, etc. Also includes Outreach.
What it costs to maintain our Faith Formation programs and other adult formation	162,471	Includes salaries, utilities, supplies, etc. used for the ongoing formation of our adults and children
What it costs to use our Church for liturgy	166,820	Includes salaries, utilities, supplies, etc.
What it costs to maintain our priests' residence	64,734	Includes food, utilities, maintenance
What our parish contributes to our Catholic Schools Subsidy	63,859	The diocese taxes all parishes 12% of a parish's collections to support Catholic schools.
What our parish paid the diocese for assessments/ collections	42,944 15,008	Diocesan assessment, - pay 8% of collections to diocese Diocesan collections.- given directly to Diocese-
Capital improvement /non operating exp	165,958	Not part of operating expense.
TOTAL Operating Expense:	\$702,653	Does not include Diocesan collections, and Capital improvements
Total operating surplus/deficit	(\$14,750)	LOVE GOD SERVE OTHERS GROW DISCIPLES