



ASSUMPTION

OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

April 26, 2026



LOVE GOD ★ SERVE OTHERS ★ GROW DISCIPLES
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Mass Intentions for the week



Sunday, April 26

9:30 a.m.—Aida Rivera Ford (Gochan Family)
Mnsgr Joseph Curley (Gochan Family)
11:30 a.m.—Helen Brinton (Aliperti Family)
Michael Anthony Aliffi (Weiss Family)

Monday, April 27

9:00 a.m.— George Leverock (Elizabeth Leverock)

Tuesday, April 28

9:00 a.m. —People of the Parish

Wednesday, April 29

9:00 a.m.— Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Gochan Family)

Thursday, April 30

9:00 a.m.— Patricia Campanelli (Frank Campanelli)

Saturday, May 2

5:30 p.m — Joan C. Wedin (Ed Pozzi)
Joseph Ferrara (Stingo Family)

Sunday, May 3

9:30 a.m.—Dominador Samson (Aida & Scott)
Alaide Goncalves (Family)
11:30 a.m.— Mnsgr Joseph Curley (Doyle Family)
Elizabeth Corozza (Charlie & Barbara Gange)

*The Lord has forgiven you,
so you also must forgive.
Colossians 3:13*

STEWARDSHIP GIVING to our parish as an act of worship

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

Last week's Collection \$8,811

(includes *Pushpay*)

Last Year's Collection \$21,224 (Easter Sunday)

Thank You!

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)

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



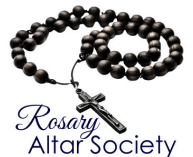
Catholic War Veterans

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.



*Rest
in
Peace*



*Patricia Campanelli
Marie Casilli*

April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 | 1 Pt 2:20b-25 | Jn 10:1-10

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Today's readings invite us to reflect on our willingness to hear the voice of the Lord, especially when he speaks a word that will convict our hearts. In the first reading, Peter stands up and proclaims Christ crucified and risen, and some three thousand people who heard this were "cut to the heart" and were baptized. Peter's message was not an easy one to hear; he was, in part, reminding them that they had put Jesus to death. But something about Peter's words made it clear that he was speaking the truth. And they repented. They recognized, as we hear in our second reading, that they "had gone astray like sheep" but now they "have returned to the shepherd and guardian of [their] souls." As we seek to grow in discipleship, may we learn to recognize the Lord's voice in our lives, especially when he speaks a word that convicts our hearts, because it is only through him that we find abundant life.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Our Gospel tells us that the sheep recognize the shepherd's voice. We "sheep" who know the Lord have the awesome task of helping others to come to know his voice. One of the most powerful tools we have at our disposal in the work of evangelizing is simply sharing about our own walk with the Lord. Take some time to talk with someone about the ways you recognize the Lord's voice in your life. Those for whom a relationship with God seems far-fetched or difficult can draw great encouragement from hearing about what that relationship looks like in your own life. Often, our own sharing can make it clear that it is possible to hear and communicate with God in a personal and life-changing way, leading them to seek that in their own life.

REFLECT

St. Ignatius of Loyola outlined several rules for the "discernment of spirits," a way of recognizing God's movement in our hearts. A simple summary of the rules says that when we stray from the Lord, the Spirit convicts our hearts, drawing us to repentance. When we are moving toward the Lord, the Spirit encourages our growth toward holiness by gifts of his peace and consolation. Spend some time reflecting on this current phase of your spiritual life. How is the voice of the Good Shepherd speaking to draw you toward his abundant life?

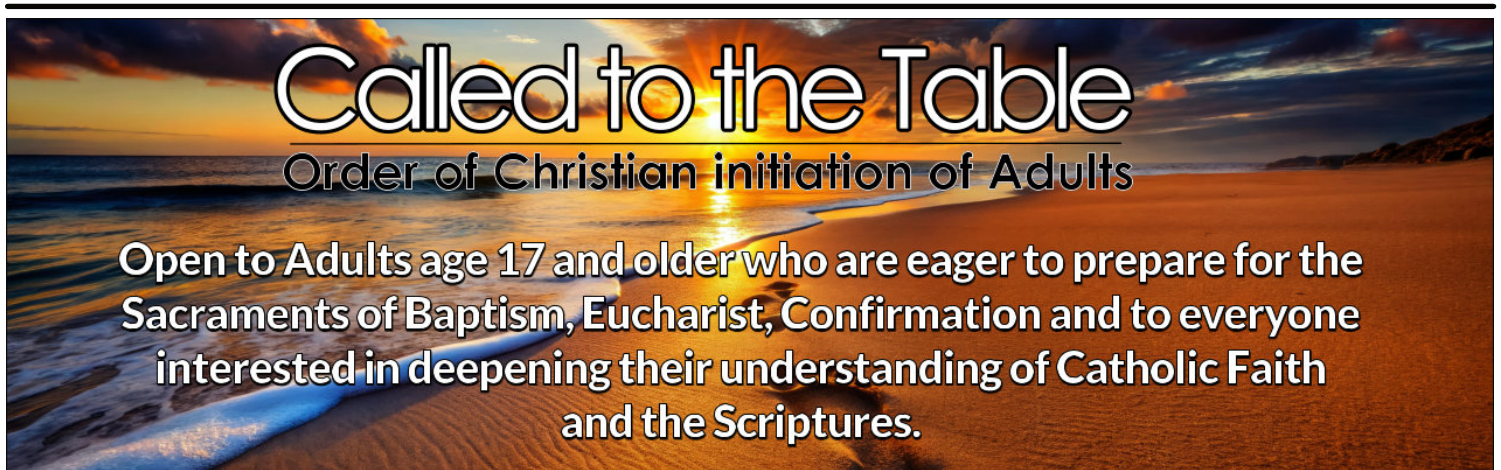


WEEK FOUR – The Benefits of Serving

This week continues the Easter series by showing how serving leads to deeper faith and lasting fulfillment. Drawing on Jesus' image of the Good Shepherd in John 10, the message explains that serving helps us recognize the Lord's voice more clearly, follow his direction more closely, and experience the abundant life he promises. True fulfillment does not come from the competing voices of culture but from a personal relationship with Christ lived out in service. The invitation is simple and direct: step into ministry, grow in relationship with Jesus, and discover the life of significance and abundance he desires for you.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What about serving others do you find challenging? What has prevented you from serving in ministry in the past?
2. Read aloud John 10:10. What do you define as a full or abundant life? How might serving in ministry lead us to the life Jesus wants for us?
3. Jesus said his sheep hear his voice. Which of these Scriptures about serving resonates with you?
 - a. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)
 - b. If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all. (Mark 9:35)
 - c. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.
(John 15:13)
 - a. And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' (Matthew 25:40)



Called to the Table

Order of Christian initiation of Adults

Open to Adults age 17 and older who are eager to prepare for the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation and to everyone interested in deepening their understanding of Catholic Faith and the Scriptures.



Assumption Small groups

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

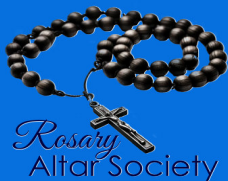
With one accord they continued
to gather together. Acts 2:46

Register at the Welcome Desk
or online at www.abvmcentereach.com
or Scan the QR Code.



Mother's Day Baby Shower Sunday, May 10

New baby clothing, blankets, diapers, etc. may be placed in the basinet in the sanctuary.
Please try to bring clothes for infant size, layettes and/or \$\$\$. All will be given to
mothers in need for their babies. Sponsored by the Assumption Rosary Altar Society



May Crowning Sunday, May 10 at the 9:30 am Mass

The Rosary Altar Society will hold the May crowning on May 10th, Mother's Day, during the
9:30 AM mass. All children are invited to participate, especially those receiving their first
Holy Communion on Saturday, May 2nd.



Assumption Middle School Ministry

Friday, May 8th

Parish Center Hall
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Come and Join us! Bring a Friend. Students 6th to 8th grades are invited



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

Parish Social Ministry

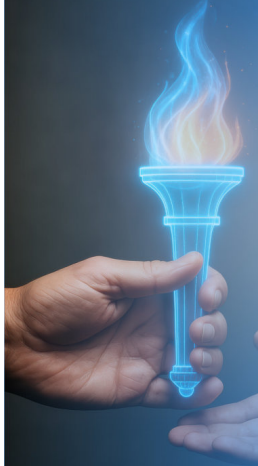
The Outreach Food Pantry is available for individuals and families that are struggling to stretch their food budget. If you or someone you know can use our services, please call us at 631 585-8760 x2 or by email to outreach@abvmcentereach.com. The Outreach Office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday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



PANTRY NEEDS: Toothpaste, Conditioner, Dishwashing Liquid, Cooking Oil, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Shelf Stable Milk, Fruit Juice, Syrup, Baked Beans, Canned Chili, Canned Pasta, Canned Tomatoes, Canned Peas and Peanut Butter. Thank You!

Giftgiving to Our Parish

A presentation on how to MAGNIFY your gift to our parish while preserving assets for your heirs. This presentation is suitable for adult parishioners at all stages of life.



LEAVE A LEGACY!

Saturday May 16th, 2026 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Tuesday May 19th, 2026, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Assumption Parish Center Library

Please Register: Call 631-585-8760, or scan the QR Code to register online.



SAVE THE DATE

Vacation

Bible School

July 20 - 24, 2026



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



Pushpay®

We invite everyone to prayerfully consider supporting our parish through electronic donations via Pushpay. Signing up is easy and only takes two minutes. You can use Pushpay to make one-time and recurring contributions.

If you need any assistance, feel free to contact Doreen at the office at 631-585-8760, ext. 105. Thank you for your support!



Sunday, Apr 26, 2026**Hope beyond hope**

One of the greatest gifts that comes with the knowledge of Christ's death and Resurrection is hope. Christians live free from existential fears of meaninglessness and extinction because Christ showed us that our lives have eternal purpose: To love and serve God and others. The vocation that is right for you is the one that enables you in your own unique way to follow the call of love and service most joyfully.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY; WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10 (49). *"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."*

Monday, Apr 27, 2026**Pure grace**

The notion of what is "clean" and "unclean" is very important in Judaism, especially among Orthodox Jews. Purification rituals are observed for various occasions, and many of them require the ritual washing of the hands, or at times a full immersion. Early Christianity had to struggle with questions of purity as it grew and encountered the Gentile world. Some say that Baptism represents a form of ritual purification adapted from Judaism, and that even the dipping of fingertips in holy water upon entering church is part of that tradition. The apostle Peter helped the Early Church move beyond a narrow definition of purity. Spend some time today reflecting on what helps you feel "clean and pure" spirituality, and then practice it.

EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 11:1-18; John 10:11-18 (279). *"What God has made clean, you are not to call profane."*

Tuesday, Apr 28, 2026**How to define the Word**

In today's reading the Jewish leaders ask Jesus to be straight with them: Are you or are you not the Messiah? Jesus says he's answered the question and they chose not to believe. In essence, Jesus says, "Every part of my mission screams savior." But Jesus is a man of metaphor. For Jesus, words are directly related to love. Words and deeds go hand in hand. If you aren't living out his saving mission, then you will have a difficult time recognizing the meaning and truth behind his teachings. Follow Jesus in deed, and his words will become easier to understand.

EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30 (280). *"If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."*

Wednesday, Apr 29, 2026**Bringing truth and love to light**

Saint Catherine of Siena (1347-80) was a fearless defender of the faith and papacy during fractious times. When declaring her a doctor of the church in 1970, Pope Paul VI referred to Catherine's unique "charism of exhortation," which is to say she never minced words. She sent copious letters to church officials and monarchs across Europe offering a piece of her mind. She berated cardinals for treachery, urged Pope Gregory XI not to be a coward, and told Pope Urban VI to control his temper. Catherine's spirituality centers on self-knowledge as the path to love and truth. Heed her advice and spend time in honest self-

reflection, which, says Catherine, allows you to know God's goodness toward you, and "upon knowledge follows love."

MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF SIENA, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Acts 12:24-13:5a; John 12:44-50 (281). *"I came into the world as light."*

Thursday, Apr 30, 2026**Home-grown forgiveness**

Home cooking is great, but sometimes we are hurt the worst by the folks who share food at our table. Our spouses, our siblings, our children, and our grandchildren often betray the family trust and cause us pain that's hard to forgive. Yet there is within us the presence of the one who carried the cross of our own sinfulness. Just as Jesus forgave his closest disciples, those who betrayed him, denied him, and abandoned him in his hour of need, we have the power to forgive our family members for their offenses against us. "Sometimes 'plates fly,'" said Pope Francis about family life, "but if love is real, then peace is made quickly." Indeed, peace, like charity, begins at home.

EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20 (282). *"The one who ate my food has raised his heel against me."*

Friday, May 01, 2026**The winding path of faith**

The apostles didn't know who they were destined to be when they began to follow Jesus. The same could be said of all of us who start down the path of faith with faltering and uncertain steps. Maybe someday we'll be part of the canon of saints like Thomas, who up to the Last Supper was still asking Jesus where this road was headed. Obviously it had yet to occur to him that he would be one of the 12 founders of our apostolic tradition. Nor can we imagine who we might become if we continue on this faith journey. Saint Angela Merici has some advice that might help us plan our course: "Do now—do *now*—what you'll wish you had done when your moment comes to die."

EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6 (283). *"Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?"*

Saturday, May 02, 2026**Stand firm**

Saint Athanasius was the fourth-century bishop of Alexandria, an important city in Egypt. He is best known for his opposition to the Arian heresy, which denied the full divinity of Christ. In taking this stand, Athanasius faced opposition by many within the church and incurred the wrath of emperors, who banished him five times. He spent a total of 17 years in exile. His courageous witness gave rise to the expression *Athanasius contra mundum*: "Athanasius against the world." When you take a stand against misinformation and moral error, you may share in the pain of persecution. In those moments remember these encouraging words attributed to Athanasius: "No one, ever, will prevail against your faith."

MEMORIAL OF ATHANASIUS, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14 (284). *"Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time

