



ASSUMPTION

OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

May 3, 2026

Love God. Serve Others.
Grow Disciples.
You Matter + You Belong

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Mass Intentions for the week



Sunday, May 3

9:30 a.m.— Dominador Samson (Aida & Scott)
 Alaide Goncalves (Family)

11:30 a.m.— Msgr Joseph Curley (Doyle Family)
 Elizabeth Corozza (Charlie & Barbara Gange)

Monday, May 4

9:00 a.m.— People of the Parish

Tuesday, May 5

9:00 a.m. — Living and Deceased Members of the
 Rosary Altar Society

Christopher Burke (Pamela Levine,
 Allison & Bernie Brenner)

Wednesday, May 6

9:00 a.m.— Patricia Campanelli (Gochan Family)
 Salvatore Fontana (Josephine Scala)

Thursday, May 7

9:00 a.m.— Anna Byrnes (Pat Rivers)

Intentions of Rich Thienel (Rose
 Picariello)

Saturday, May 9

5:30 p.m — Mother's Day

Sunday, May 10

9:30 a.m— Mother's Day

11:30 a.m— Mothers's Day

*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 \$11,904
 (includes *Pushpay*)

Last Year's Collection \$10,987

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*



Harold Ralph Baker

May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Acts 6:1-7 | 1 Pt 2:4-9 | Jn 14:1-12

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

When the needs of ministry became overwhelming, the Apostles did not say they would sleep less or pray less in order to have more time to serve others. Instead, they appointed leaders from the community to help so they could continue to devote themselves to prayer and preaching. This reminds me of a story I read about Saint Teresa of Calcutta, in which the sisters of the Missionaries of Charity asked to be excused from the mandatory daily Holy Hour because the needs of the poor were so overwhelming. Saint Teresa is said to have responded that the sisters should then spend not one, but two hours in prayer each day. She knew that the foundation of a life of service was a life of prayer. We are asked in all that we do to rely not on our own abilities, but to humbly recognize that all we have to give comes from God.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The cornerstone of our lives – the piece that gives strength to everything else that grows within us – is our relationship with God. The works of our vocation are meant to flow from that relationship. And so coming to know Jesus through prayer is at the core of serving others. In my vocation as a wife and mother, I sometimes get consumed in completing tasks and only realize at the end of the day that I have not prayed. But even Christ, the Son of God, tells us in the Gospel that “the Father who dwells in me is doing his works.” Life in the Trinity means that the love of the Father flows through the Son. If Jesus does not rely on his own being to preach and serve, I certainly cannot respond to God’s call to love my family apart from him. As we complete the daily tasks of our vocations, we must remember that the ultimate call of a life of holiness is to allow God’s love to flow forth through us.

PRAY

This week, consider how you can develop or strengthen a habit of prayer as the first act of your day. You might be able to pray in silence, or you might choose to incorporate prayer into the activity of your morning. However you are able to establish this routine, be intentional about how you recognize prayer as the cornerstone of all that you do.



WEEK FIVE – Serving & Increase

This week concludes the Easter series by emphasizing that serving strengthens both the individual and the Church. Drawing from Acts 6, it shows how the apostles shared responsibility with others so they could focus on preaching and the sacraments, leading to renewed unity and growth. When parishioners step into service, they share in the Church's mission, grow spiritually, and help create a community that draws others in. The message underscores that the Church becomes most attractive and impactful when its members move from consuming to contributing and make God's love visible.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read aloud Acts 6:1-2. When there is a problem, we often think we are the ones to solve it. What wisdom did the apostles show? How does it apply to your life? What is it wrong for you to neglect?
2. How can we ensure we serve in the Church and not neglect our other responsibilities?
Read aloud Acts 6:7. On a scale of 1-5, how much personal responsibility do you feel for the Church to grow? How do you see yourself contributing to the growth of our parish?
3. Two thousand years from now, there will still be a Church. What are your thoughts on that statement?
4. How does that help us to see the significance of what we do in the parish?
5. What insights or lessons have you learned as we wrap up this series? What are one or two key takeaways from the series? What will you do differently?



Many of us engage in work daily, often forgetting that it is a gift from God and part of His plan. Even in the perfect garden of Eden, God gave Adam a job to tend to His creation. In this series, we will explore work as a blessing from God and how it can help us grow closer to Him and live out our faith.



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.



Called to the Table

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

OCIA (the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a program designed for adults seeking to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and strengthen their relationship with Jesus Christ. It prepares participants for the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation, as well as for those baptized Catholic who wish to receive their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The program includes prayer, community engagement, service, and learning about our faith. We welcome you to join us! For more information, please contact Al the office at 631-585-8760 ext. 104.



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

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!





Axel Amaya
 Paityn Ambrose
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 Dustin Cook
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 George Ferrante
 Alfonso Fiore
 Owen Fischer
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 Brady Kesner
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