



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**November 21, 2021**

**Our Mission**

**Love God.**

**Serve Others. Grow Disciples.**

**You Matter! + You Belong!**

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**Sunday, November 21st**

7:30 a.m. — Molly Drew & Timothy F. Connolly  
(Licari/Connolly Family)

Gloria Pedro (Tanya & Juan Concepcion)

9:30 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)  
Intention of Julia Wos (Parents)

11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

**Monday, November 22nd**

9:00 a.m. — Larry Santinon (Pat & Joe Carucci)  
Dawn Hearne (Peter Witkowski)

**Tuesday, November 23rd**

9:00 a.m. — Robert Scibelli (Sister)  
Robin L. Schober (Cynthin Naso)

**Wednesday, November 24th**

9:00 a.m. — John & Margaret Cahill  
Dawn Hearne (Scottaline & Loeffler)

**Thursday, November 25th**

9:00 a.m. — People of the Parish

**Friday, November 26th**

9:00 a.m. — Ted Gutmann  
Regina Caiazzo (Carrie Ann)

**Saturday, November 27th**

5:30 p.m. — Sue Mahoney  
Jenny Mattera (Nancy & Rosemarie MacDowell)

**Sunday, November 28th**

7:30 a.m. — Obdulio DeLeon (Vincent Palma)  
9:30 a.m. — Joseph Nugent (Ed & Diane Pozzi & Family)  
Intention of Thomas Schnell (Paola Schnell)  
11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

**We celebrate EUCHARIST**

Saturdays: 5:30 PM  
Sundays: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM  
Weekdays: 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.

**ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Every Thursday 7:00PM - 8:30PM**  
**in the Parish Center**

**All 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders are Welcome**

**P.S. Mask required for everyone inside the building**

For more information please contact Renata Tutka-Ptak at 631-585-8760 ext. 105 or rptak@abvmcentereach.com

**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 tacjs43@aol.com.

**Catholic War Veterans**

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

**Holy Name Society**

Usually the second Monday of the month: Sept - May at 7:30 PM in the parish center. Contact Sal Stingo at rtbhuntington@yahoo.com or Anita Wolf at hwolf96@aol.com.

**Rosary Altar Society**

A service-based women's organization that cares for the Church and promotes the spiritual life of its members. Contact the rectory for meeting dates and times.

**Scouting (Cub Scout, Boy Scouts)**

Contact Chantal Mears at Chantalmears@yahoo.com or 631-438-2468 or visit www.bsa356.com for more details..

Rest  
in  
Peace



Deceased brothers and sisters of our parish family.

**Time, Talent & Treasure**

**Fostering Stewardship  
as a Way of Life**

**Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary**  
(Regular Sunday Offering)

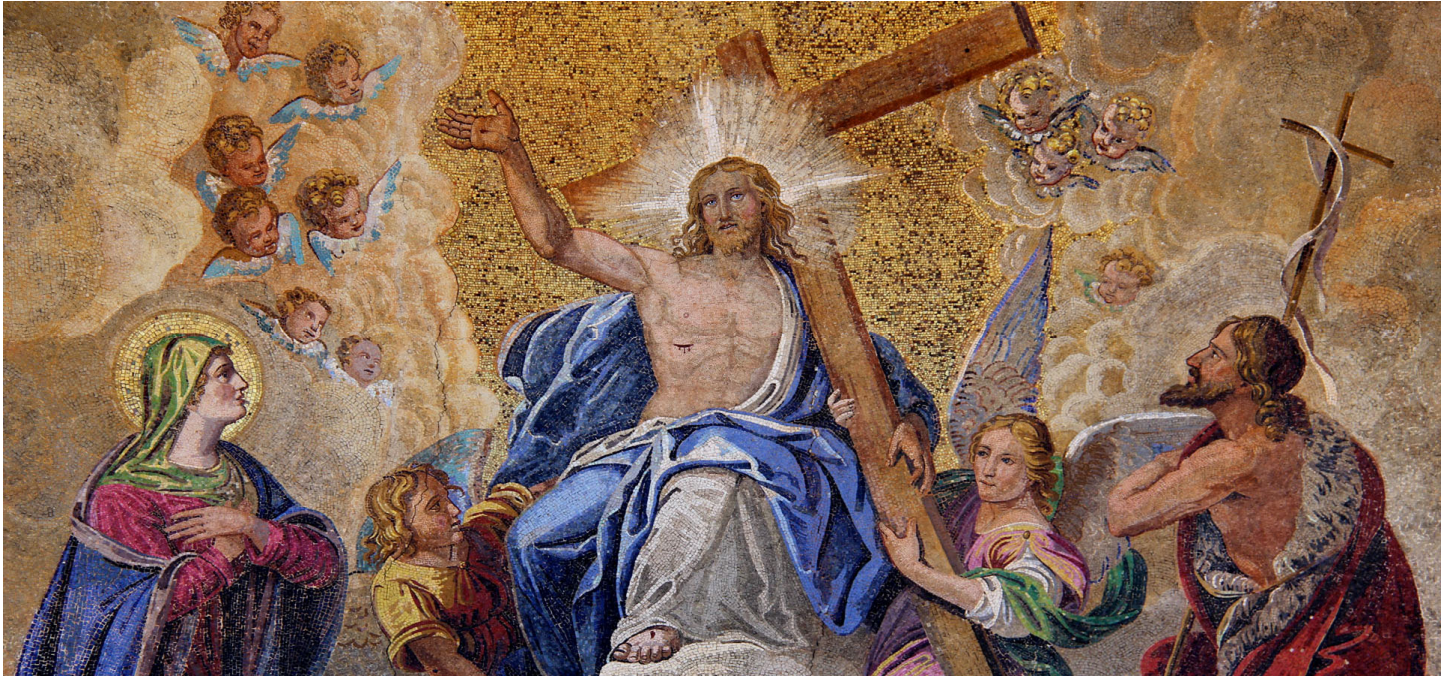
**Last Week's Collection \$9,401**  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

**Last Year's Collection \$8,278**  
**Thank You!**



**Good News Reflection****The King of Reality**

When the question of Christ's kingship comes up in this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus redirects us to the true meaning of divine kingship. Without denying that he is the king, he says: "The reason I was born into the world is to testify to the truth." He is not the king of a country or a world; he is the king of truth, the ruler of reality.



The perception of reality that we develop when Jesus is not our teacher and interpreter and revealer of truth is warped and blurred by the falsehoods and misunderstandings and counterfeits that float around in the kingdom of the world, which is ruled by Satan. But wait! The very idea that this world is ruled by Satan is a warping of the truth. It's not reality. Remember, Jesus came into the world to destroy the devil's domain and to bring all of creation into his kingdom. Those in this world who accept Christ's kingship listen to his voice and live in that truth.

When we sin, it's because we don't fully understand the reality of the situation. Jesus is not yet fully the king of that part of our lives.

For example, think of a person who has asked you for something that you cannot afford to give. Perhaps it's the building project at church. Or the sick neighbor. Or the co-worker who doesn't have the level of faith that you have. Or the aging parent who needs more and more assistance.

Do you feel like you don't have enough to satisfy their needs? Are you so tired and downtrodden from your own burdens that you cannot take on someone else's? Well, it's our flesh nature that says we cannot enjoy doing more for others than we're already doing. This is a warped view of reality; it looks like we'll be happier if we cater to our own desires instead of taking care of someone else's need.

In true reality, a joyful lifestyle develops when we listen to the voice of Jesus, even when he says, "go the extra mile" or "be like the Good Samaritan and take a detour to minister to others". We have to trust the truth that he teaches, regardless of how little we understand it.

Understanding grows in the doing of God's will more than in the thinking about it. Joy grows as we gain the understanding that comes from seeing some of the fruits of what we've done. When we sin, it's because we cannot envision the good fruits that will come from doing things the way Christ tells us to. Under his kingship and the Holy Spirit's wisdom, we gain freedom to overcome all of our sinful tendencies.

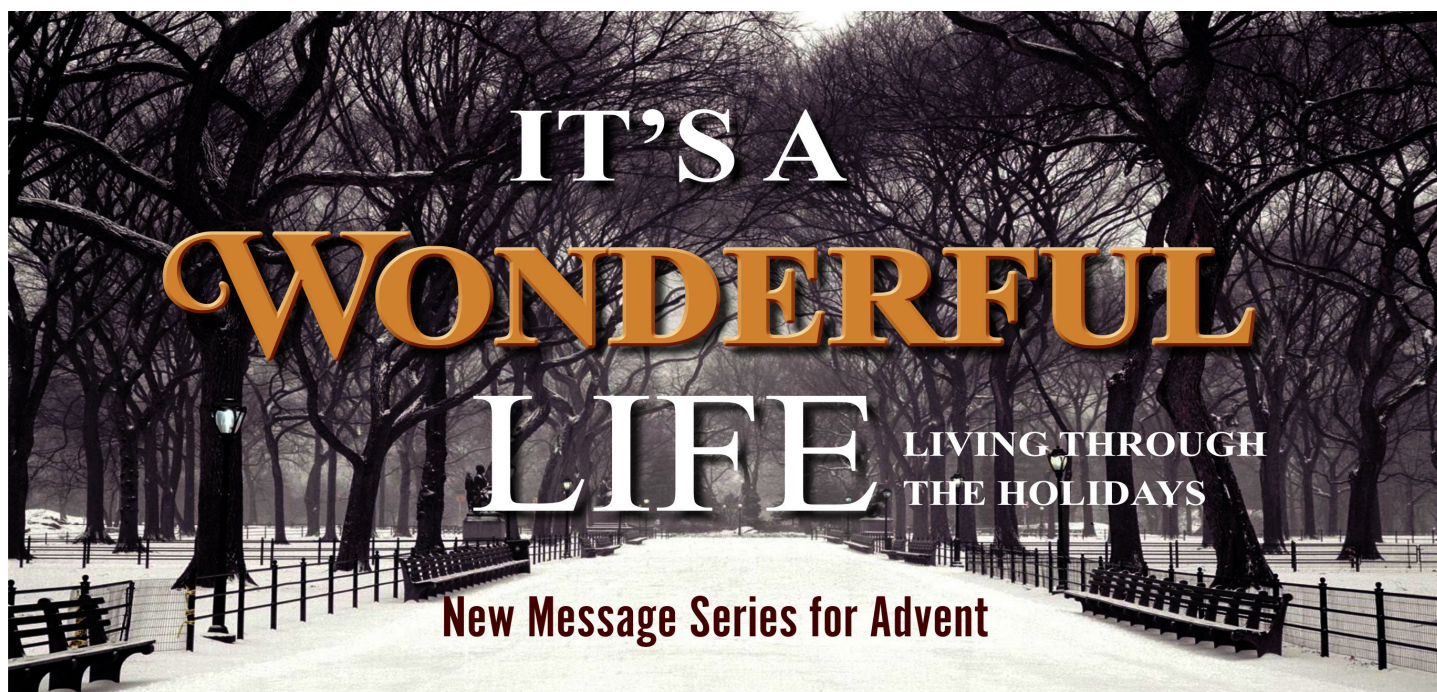
**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What lies are you believing? "FEAR" is "False Evidence Appearing Real." What is fear telling you about the ways of Christ? What teachings of the Church are you unwilling to trust? What beliefs about yourself give you low self-esteem? These are all areas where Jesus is not your king. What will you do to learn and understand the truth?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

Name a common misconception you've seen or experienced that keeps people away from Christ or away from church. Why do people believe this unreality? How can we help them feel safe in learning the truth and accepting the kingship of Christ?





Study after study shows there's no practice more effective at increasing your happiness and well being than practicing radical gratitude. While practicing gratitude is key to increasing our happiness we often forget to do it especially during the Christmas season. In this series we will look at practicing gratitude so that we can slow down and appreciate the many gifts God has given us.

This is a great opportunity to invite family members, friends and neighbors to come to church during this Advent Season with you or meet them here. New series begins on the First Sunday of Advent (11-27/28)

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PICK OF THE WEEK

November 21, 2021

WATCH

**33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY**

Ever considered consecrating yourself or your family to the Mother of God? Follow Fr. Michael Gaitley this Advent in order to draw nearer to Mary—the Mother of God—and her Son and to prepare yourself for a spiritual renewal.



To watch please visit [abvmcentereach.formed.org](http://abvmcentereach.formed.org)

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### **Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00 AM**

As in the past, our parish will celebrate one mass at 9:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day. There will be refreshments after the Mass in the Parish Center, sponsored by our Catholic Daughters of the Americas (Court St Gerard). A big thank you to the Catholic Daughters.

**GIVING THANKS GIVING BACK**

**Thanksgiving  
DRIVE**

### **Parish Social Ministry (Food Pantry) Needs for Thanksgiving**

Thanksgiving Donations: Thank you to all who gave to our Thanksgiving Drive. Because of your donations, we were able to give Thanksgiving baskets to 62 families in need that are living in our Parish. The generosity of our Parishioners is inspiring!

### **Parish Social Ministry**

The Outreach Food Pantry is available for individuals and families that are struggling to stretch their food budget. We can also refer those needing assistance to any program appropriate to their needs. 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](mailto:outreach@abvmcentereach.com). We are happy to assist people of all faiths. The Outreach Office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 AM to 1 PM. **Pantry Needs:** Shampoo, Deodorant, Dishwashing Liquid, Laundry Detergent, Liquid Hand Soap, Tea, Coffee, Hot Cocoa



**Coffee  
in the  
Courtyard**

You are invited to "Coffee in the Courtyard", on every **Sunday after the 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses in the Parish Center Hall**. Hang out with our fellow worshippers, spend a few minutes conversing with others, make new friends, and build a stronger community, in which we then become a stronger parish family. **All are welcome!** Join us after Mass in the Parish Center Hall for fellowship, wonderful conversations and of course coffee.

**Sunday, Nov 21, 2021**

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

**A game of 20 questions**

Actually, only 11 questions are exchanged in the fateful interview between Pilate and Jesus. Pilate asks 10, the most famous being, "What is truth?" Equally significant, however, is Pilate's other inquiry, "Are you the King of the Jews?" To which Jesus replies with his own bold interrogation: "Are you saying this on your own or have others told you about me?" It remains a significant inquiry. On this day when the church honors Jesus as King of the Universe, we might ponder the question ourselves: Does Jesus rule our hearts? Or is his authority just something we hear tell about?

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37 (161). *"Pilate said to Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' "*

**Monday, Nov 22, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF CECILIA, MARTYR

**Sing out your life**

Saint Cecilia is the patron of music and musicians—because as she was wed against her wishes to a nobleman of no particular faith, she sang in her heart to God. (Her husband ended up becoming Christian and both were martyred by the Romans.) Her patronage of music has created an immense legacy as musical institutions all over the world are named after her, and concerts and festivals are held today on her feast day—all because of a sweet, simple, silent song of fidelity to the Lord. You may not be blessed with musical talent, but God loves to hear your heart-song nonetheless.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4 (503). *"I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest."*

**Tuesday, Nov 23, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF COLUMBAN, ABBOT

**Take the gospel everywhere**

After years of studying scripture in an Irish monastery, Saint Columban sought permission at age 40 to depart for Europe with a boatload of companions. Their mission: to preach the gospel everywhere they went, proclaiming Christ after barbarian invasions collapsed the Western Roman Empire. Pray some of Columban's eloquent words to begin your day: "Lord, may everything we do this day begin with your blessing and continue with your help. May everything we say this day begin with your love and continue with your grace. May everything we plan this day begin with your inspiration and continue with your peace."

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11 (504). *"The God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed."*

**Wednesday, Nov 24, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF ANDREW DŨNG-LẠC, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

**Make me an instrument of your peace**

The Catholic church has a long and complex history in Vietnam, going back to the first European missionaries in the 15th century. Over the centuries, church-state intrigue and foreign colonial interests competed with genuine pastoral work, and Catholic missionaries often were caught in the crossfire. The martyrs remembered today suffered during a particularly difficult period when Catholic families were broken apart and some were branded on the forehead with the Vietnamese words for "false religion." Church-state relations have gradually improved in recent decades

as wounds from the past heal. May we all learn the lessons history offers, so that our witness may be a reconciling one.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Luke 21:12-19 (505). *"I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute."*

**Thursday, Nov 25, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, MARTYR; THANKSGIVING DAY

**Attitude of gratitude**

Truth will out. As we give thanks this day for blessings in our lives, let's treasure the gift of faith, of truth. Little is known of the life of Catherine of Alexandria, whose memorial is today—perhaps not surprising given she was born quite early in Christian history, around 287. Nonetheless, the legends surrounding this early saint demonstrate her persistence in sharing the truth of her faith in Christ. Roman authorities expended great energy in killing those she converted and finally in killing her, but her truth, the Christian gospel, still shines brightly. Let's give thanks for it.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 6:12-28; Luke 21:20-28 (506). *"When these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."*

**Friday, Nov 26, 2021**

NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK

**The source of our "inspo"**

The Bible has been and continues to be a treasure of inspiration (or "inspo" to the younger set), guiding us through the difficult, ordinary, and joyful moments of everyday life. Instead of tweets, there are verses; instead of hashtags, there are the great biblical themes of creation, love, mercy, and faithfulness. #awesome Even better than tweets and hashtags, however, is the fact that inspo for Christians is not just a feel-good motivation; it is also a real-time experience of God. God *inspires*—"in-spirits"—us. God breathes God's very spirit with us. What does or could this inspo mean for you today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33 (507). *"Know that the Kingdom of God is near."*

**Saturday, Nov 27, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**Every day a new challenge**

Seems lately that every day is D-Day: division, disease, disaster. The news can be overwhelming, and the temptation, which Jesus warned against, is to pull the covers over our heads and sleepwalk through life. Call on the courageous example of Mary, who faced challenges few of us can imagine as she carried out her mission and trusted the Word living within her. We share in that mission to bring God into the world. Trust and stay strong in the storm!

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36 (508). *"Jesus said to his disciples: 'Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy . . . Be vigilant at all times.' "*

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



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