



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**September 11, 2022**



**Our Mission**

**Love God.**

**Serve Others. Grow Disciples.**

**You Matter! + You Belong!**

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## Sunday, September 11

- 9:30 a.m. — Jim Reilly (Family)  
 Dennis Russell Bengtson (Annette Wolz)  
 11:30 a.m. — Rudolph & Caroline Spadaro  
 (Coates Family)  
 People of the Parish

## Monday, September 12

- 9:00 a.m. — Christie Aridas  
 Mathew O'Mohony (Family)

## Tuesday, September 13

- 9:00 a.m. — Living & Deceased Members of the Romeo & Wolz Family  
 Intentions of Fr. Douglas Arcoleo (Franciney)

## Wednesday, September 14

- 9:00 a.m. — Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society  
 Joseph Molick (Family)

## Thursday, September 15

- 9:00 a.m. — Isabel Buccola (Sokolowski Family)  
 Mary McConnon (Bea Hallinan)

## Saturday, September 17

- 5:30 p.m. — Helen Nimpfius (Eleanor Rupolo & Family)  
 Fred Stancampiano (Mr. & Mrs. George VanSchaick)

## Sunday, September 18

- 9:30 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)  
 Dennis Russell Bengtson (Diane)  
 11:30 a.m. — Mary McConnon—(Uy Family)  
 People of the Parish

Rest  
in  
Peace



Jaime Riutort  
Jake Thomas Scott

**STEWARDSHIP**  
**GIVING to our parish as an act of worship**

### Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

Last Week's Collection \$9,048  
 (includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$9,596  
**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.

## ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY

**Every Thursday 7:00PM - 8:30PM**

**in the Parish Center Hall**

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

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

### Sacraments

For more information on Baptism, Marriage and Anointing of the Sick, please visit our parish website [www.abvmcentereach.com](http://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 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 Denise Materazo at dmfl1121@yahoo.com for more details..

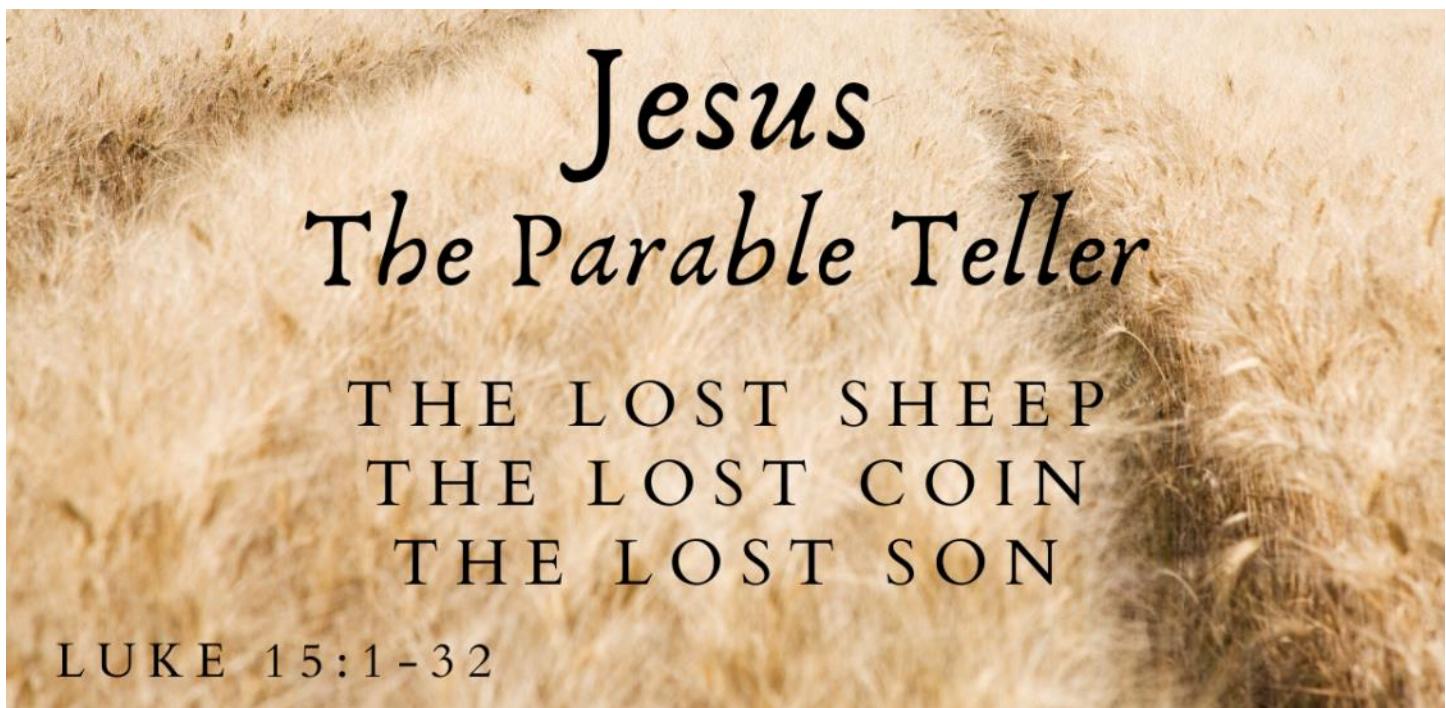
**Good News Reflection****Recovering the lost**

This Sunday's Gospel reading is an assurance of God's desire to regain what has been lost. Our Lord is a God of reconciliation and renewal. He pursues those who have strayed from the truth. Why? Because he cares — he cares more than we do about the people we know who are "lost sheep" or "lost treasures" like the coin in this parable.

Think of the people who have been lost to you because they have abandoned you. God cares and is pursuing them to bring healing to the relationship, and he will continue his efforts even until they take their last earthly breath (sometimes the healing comes after death).

Think, too, of people who are neglecting their faith. Jesus is a Good Shepherd who will never give up pursuing them. Why? Because their value to your family and the Church is important! Their absence is depleting the strength of the community. And God, who is the source of the life of the community, is doing everything possible — well, even the impossible — to lead them to repentance and healing and a safe return.

However, we cannot leave it all up to God. He works through us. Only when we've tried and our influence is nil does God say, "Let go. Trust that I am continually working on the problem." We can believe that Jesus is still chasing after them, even though they hide from him. He is not far from them, even though they push him away.



If there is something else we can do to invite them back into the sheepfold, but we don't, someday we will have to explain to Jesus why we didn't. Why did we fail to love as much as he loves them? Why did we let them stray away without researching how we could help them? Have we done anything to push them away?

No matter how difficult it gets as we partner with Christ to bring others back to the sheepfold, the most important thing we can do is keep loving them unconditionally. Hopefully, they will see in us the love that Jesus is offering to them.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

Who are the lost sheep and missing treasures of your family and your parish community? What will you do this week to reveal Jesus and his merciful love for them? Is there a parish ministry or an evangelization program that you could join to learn how to better help others turn to Jesus?

**Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:**

When the lost are not ready yet to turn to Jesus or return to us or to the Church, how do our attempts to give them Jesus prepare them for an eventual conversion? Why is it worth trying, even if we don't see any fruits for our efforts? Even if it includes sacrifice and extra humility on our part?



Many of us grew up going to Catholic School and attending CCD, where faith was taught as a subject, rather than as a relationship with Christ. In this “kickoff” message series of our ‘new year’ (starting in September), we will look at how our religious education experience was (and sometimes continues to be) viewed at as a checklist, and often “stopped” after Confirmation. We will look deeper into what God wants for our life and discipleship as mature, growing Christians, and discuss practical methods to help us grow in faith. After all, can you imagine doing your job, if you stopped learning at 8<sup>th</sup> grade? It’s the same for your faith.



You are invited to “Coffee in the Courtyard”, on every **Sunday after the 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses at the Plaza between church and the Parish Center**. 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 for fellowship, wonderful conversations and of course coffee.



Our Parish goal this year is \$56,400. We have surpassed our goal last year (54,200) and got back more than \$13,000 as rebate to use it in our parish. Your generosity helps to make all of this, and so much more, possible! **Thank you for your support.**

## 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:** Household Cleaner, Laundry Detergent, Shampoo, Liquid Hand Soap, Cooking Oil, Mustard, Ketchup, Fruit Juice, Jell-O Mix, Biscuit Mix, Coffee, Syrup, Pasta Sauce, Canned Chili, Jelly, & Cat Food.



*Faith Formation*  
Registration 2022-23 ends on September 12<sup>th</sup>  
Register ONLINE at [www.abvmcentereach.com](http://www.abvmcentereach.com)

**ADOREMUS**  
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

WITH CONTEMPORARY AND TRADITIONAL MUSIC

**Friday, September 16, 2022**

**7:30 - 8:30 PM**

**in the church & LIVE  Streaming**

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### Important DRVC Information

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims of sexual abuse who were over 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred and the forms to use, can be found on the following link to the Diocese's bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page: <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>

**Sunday, Sep 11, 2022****Forget them not**

The commemoration of Grandparents' Day the second Sunday of September was signed into law by President Carter in 1978. On this day we honor elders who fill in as parents. Oprah Winfrey, Carol Burnett, Jack Nicholson, Maya Angelou, Willie Nelson, and Presidents Obama and Clinton are among the 2 percent of U.S. children raised by grandparents. The designated flowers for this day are forget-me-nots, a clever reference to how elders can be overlooked in a fast-paced world. These elders also reclaim the overlooked, providing encouragement for the lost sheep in our family systems. Honor your grandparents, living and deceased.

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32 ([132](#)). *"What [person] among you having a hundred sheep and losing one . . . would not . . . go after the lost one?"*

**Monday, Sep 12, 2022****A name for the ages**

Mary, the mother of Jesus, is known to us by many names and titles: Virgin Mary, Blessed Mother, Our Lady, Queen of Heaven, Star of the Sea, Mystical Rose, Untier of Knots, Cause of Our Salvation—and the list goes on. Catholics venerate her actual name "Mary" because it belongs to the mother of God. In the Aramaic language that she and Jesus spoke, her name was pronounced "Mariam," and by some accounts it meant "bitterness." Mary knew terrible suffering as well as great joy. Whatever you are going through, you can bring it to Mary and call on her for help—by any and all of her names. Say a Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary today.

**MEMORIAL OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY**

**TODAY'S READINGS:** 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33; Luke 7:1-10 ([443](#)). *"I did not consider myself worthy to come to you; but say the word and let my servant be healed."*

**Tuesday, Sep 13, 2022****Nearer my God to Thee—times three**

Beauty, goodness, and truth—known in theology as the "three transcendentals"—naturally uplift humans toward the Divine. Saint John Chrysostom tapped all three. His preaching was so beautiful that he earned the name *Chrysostomos*, meaning "golden mouth." As archbishop of Constantinople, he exemplified goodness by using his household budget to take care of the poor and build hospitals. But it was John's tapping of biblical truth—admonishing the wealthy and politicians for abuses of privilege and prestige—that got him into hot water with the powers that be, ultimately contributing to his death. Which of these transcendentals speaks most to your heart?

**MEMORIAL OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

**TODAY'S READINGS:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a; Luke 7:11-17 ([444](#)). *"Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts."*

**Wednesday, Sep 14, 2022****Cross purposes**

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, celebrating three historic events in early church history: the finding of the True Cross in the Holy Land in the early fourth century by Saint Helena, the mother of Constantine (himself a saint in the calendars of the Eastern Catholic Churches); the dedication of what would become the Church of the Holy Sepulchre that same year; and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem after it was taken by the Persians in 614. The feast is most obvious in the Eastern Churches

(Catholic, Orthodox, and otherwise) and features small processions and veneration of a large cross during and after the liturgy. Make sure to pay special attention to the Passion of Christ today, regardless of your tradition!

**FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17 ([638](#)). *"He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him."*

**Thursday, Sep 15, 2022****Mary understands your pain**

In scripture, when Jesus is presented in the temple, Simeon notes that Mary's heart will be pierced. Later when Jesus recognizes her presence at the foot of the cross as he is dying, Simeon's prediction is fulfilled. Mary's steadfast faith during the ordeal of the Crucifixion serves as a beacon for anyone who suffers. Because today is the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows, it's an appropriate moment to ask Mary—who understands pain so well—to pray for our suffering loved ones and all who are enduring great trials.

**MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS**

**TODAY'S READINGS:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 ([446](#)); John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35 ([639](#)). *"Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene."*

**Friday, Sep 16, 2022****¡Vivan las buenas noticias!**

On Sept. 16, 1810, after being stymied in his efforts to promote economic advancement for his parishioners, Jesuit Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla stood in the town square of Dolores in New Spain and declared what became known as *El Grito de Dolores* ("The Cry of Dolores"): "Long live religion! Long live our Blessed Mother of Guadalupe! Long live America and death to bad government!" Thus, the Mexican War for Independence began. Today is a good day to continue the fight for economic justice. Consider beginning with morning Mass, for as Saint Cyprian wrote to his friend Pope Cornelius: "It is not only the weak but the strong who need defense . . . strengthening them for combat with the Body and Blood of Christ!"

**MEMORIAL OF CORNELIUS, POPE, AND CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS**

**TODAY'S READINGS:** 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 8:1-3 ([447](#)). *"Jesus journeyed from one town and village to another, preaching and proclaiming the good news."*

**Saturday, Sep 17, 2022****Worth the wait**

To be named a saint, one must complete the official Roman canonization process, right? Well, not exactly. Today's saint, Hildegard of Bingen, was entered into the process four times. But all the lengthy examinations and documentations were never completed. So she remained beatified but not canonized for almost a thousand years! Yet, many popes, including John Paul II, referred to her as Saint Hildegard. Finally, in 2012, Benedict XVI promoted her to sainthood in a process called "equivalent canonization" that cuts through all the red tape. And he named her a doctor of the church to boot. Your faithful witness will be recognized—even if it takes a thousand years!

**MEMORIAL OF HILDEGARD OF BINGEN, ABBESS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

**TODAY'S READINGS:** 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49; Luke 8:4-15 ([448](#)). *"Knowledge of the mysteries of the Kingdom of God has been granted to you."*

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



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