



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

February 27, 2022

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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**Mass Intentions
for the week**

Sunday, February 27th

9:30 a.m. — Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Family)

11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Fr. Chris Aridas (Ursulita)

Monday, February 28th

9:00 a.m. — Doris Festa (Hilda Manitta)

Tuesday, March 1st

9:00 a.m. — Rosemary O'Connor (M/M V. Zustovich)

Ash Wednesday, March 2nd

7:30 a.m. (Scripture Service),

12:00 p.m. (Mass),

4:00 p.m. (Scripture Service),

7:00 p.m. (Scripture Service),

Thursday, March 3rd

9:00 a.m. — Fr. Chris Aridas (Sokolowski Family)

Friday, March 4th

9:00 a.m. — David & Kathleen Worrell

Saturday, March 5th

5:30 p.m. — Lorraine Schweers (Mary Ross)

Sunday, March 6th

9:30 a.m. — Audrey Riggs (Maureen & Sheila)

11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Fr. Chris Aridas (Catholic War Veterans)



Time, Talent & Treasure

**Fostering Stewardship
as a Way of Life**

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

**Last Week's Collection \$8,855
(includes Faith Direct)**

**Last Year's Collection \$8,347
Thank You!**

We celebrate EUCHARIST

Saturdays: 5:30 PM

Sundays: 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 6th - 8th & 9th - 12th 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 Denise Materazo at dmfl121@yahoo.com for more details..

*Rest
in
Peace*



Deceased Brothers and Sisters of our Parish Family

Good News Reflection

The 4 lies that have ruined lives

A blind person, in the analogy that Jesus makes in this Sunday's Gospel reading, is anyone who cannot see things in the light of truth. It can be due to sin or ignorance, but it's always dangerous. There are many wrong decisions that we bump into when we don't see things the way God sees them. We make mistakes that hurt us and others. We feel safe with temptations that lead us away from God.

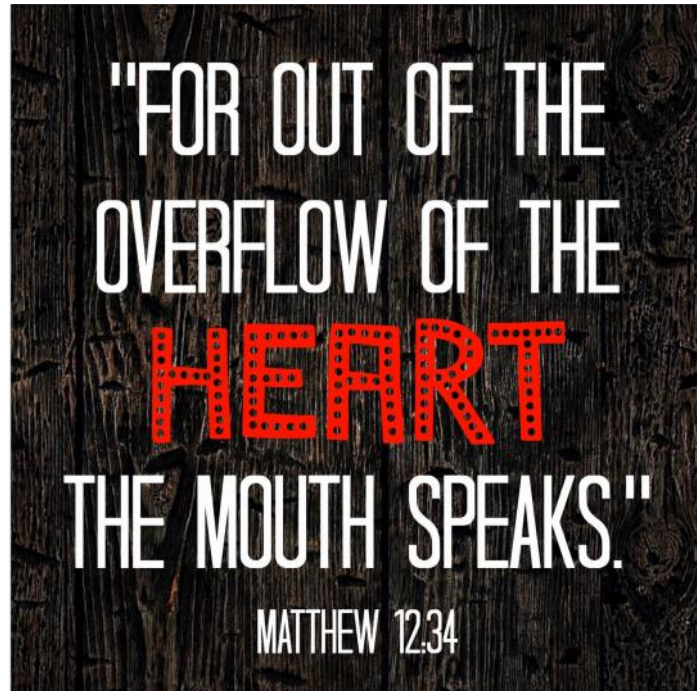
Here are four popular lies that are ruining lives by leading people into spiritual blindness, followed by the truths that everyone needs to know.

1. Your happiness is the most important goal. To achieve it:
2. Put yourself first.
3. Trust your feelings.
4. If you dream it, you can have it.

This never works. Happiness is elusive or, at best, short. So people try even harder, stuck in the trap of these lies. When it still doesn't work, they get rightfully angry, but at others, blaming others. Conflicts worsen. Anger increases. Violence is the eventual outcome, and spiritual hell.

The only way that does work is what Jesus revealed.

1. Happiness is based on externals, which you cannot control very long. Joy, on the other hand, comes from within and is discovered when you understand that God loves you so much that he gave you his only begotten Son to conquer evil and lead you to the eternal joy of heaven.
2. When you lay down your life for others, you experience fulfillment from making a difference, and this is a great joy. And it unites you to Christ, bringing heaven to earth.
3. Realize your natural tendency to sin and the limitations of your finite brain, which make it easy to misinterpret everything. Do not trust your own understanding. Feelings can change quickly. Receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit so you can discern God's guidance. Trust only God.
4. When you seek to know God's dreams for you, you develop good vision. You discover which talents, knowledge, and experiences will give you your greatest fulfillment, because he had these in mind when he created you. And when you work hard to make these dreams come true, forsaking distractions, persisting past obstacles, and accepting the lessons that are hidden in hardships, you realize the best that life can offer.



Questions for Personal Reflection:

Which of the four lies described above have you been blinded by? How has believing them made you feel?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

Give an example for each of the four truths described above. How has each one given you joy? How do they help you see Jesus more clearly?

SERIOUSLY, GOD?

Making Sense of Life Not Making Sense

Week One—Introduction – The Seeing — Leading the Blind

Scripture: Luke 6:39-45

Jesus tells a parable or uses an illustration that the blind cannot lead the blind. We simply cannot know God on our own, and we are blind without help. Christianity is a revelation of who is and what he is doing. In this first week, we will look at three principles that will form the basis of the series to see life more as God sees it.

First: It makes sense that God does not make sense.

Second: When God does not make sense, we can get to know him better.

Third: Do not confuse life not making sense with God not making sense.

Engage in the series by committing to reading the book, *Seriously, God?*; participating in a small group, and attending Mass each week.

Sign up today!



Nocturnal Adoration

Come and be in the presence of the Lord who is present in the Holy Eucharist. Silent Adoration, readings and benediction.

***First Friday of the month at
1:00—2:00 PM in the church.
Friday, March. 4***



Help Wanted/ Part Time: Holy Cross Parish in Nesconset. Bookkeeper and some Business Manager du-

ties. Approx. 20 hours a week, can be flexible with schedule. Accounting background and knowledge of QuickBooks, Excel and Word necessary. Send resume to frmholzmann@holycrossrc.org

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. **COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD will be coming back soon.**



This gives us an opportunity to become a stronger parish family. **All are welcome!**

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. 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: Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Kleenex, Toilet Paper, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Canned Chili, Snacks, Jello Mix.**



Ash Wednesday Schedule

7:30 AM Scripture Service

12:00 PM Mass

4:00 PM Scripture Service

7:00 PM Scripture Service



Coming to Our Senses through Honesty, Humility and Hope.

By Fr Larry Lewis Mary Knoll
(Popular speaker and Retreat Director)

March 11-13, 2022 at Immaculate conception Seminary,
440 W Neck Rd, Lloyd Harbor, NY 11743

\$245.00 two overnights/\$50.00 day commuters.

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Sunday, Feb 27, 2022

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lord, that we may see

People of goodwill generally assume they're not complicit in racism or racist practices. That's because we describe racism as attitudes, words, and acts intended to harm or subordinate people whose origins are different from ours. However, racism involves omissions as well as actions: in what we fail to do or say to make equality tangible for everyone. Racism can also be institutionalized in laws, education, hiring practices, economic opportunities, zoning regulations, and voting restrictions. Racism operates best under the surface. As Pope Francis reminds us: Let none of us imagine that the conversion of hearts isn't meant for us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45 (84). *"Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?"*

Monday, Feb 28, 2022**Build it up**

Ever wonder what the kingdom of God will be like? Well, look around, because you're already living in it. Not seeing all the love, peace, and justice you were promised? The kingdom of God began with Christ's death and Resurrection and will be brought into perfection by Christ at the end of time. Until then, it's our job as Christians to build the Kingdom up. Pray, discern what God is calling you to do, and act to make this world more harmonious and respectful of the dignity of others. And then of course, wait with hope.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Peter 1:3-9; Mark 10:17-27 (347). *"For men it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God."*

Tuesday, Mar 01, 2022**Your Rx for Lent**

While many Christians focus on feasting today—ahead of tomorrow's fasting—it's also a good time to survey a smorgasbord of penitential spiritual practices, perfect for the upcoming Lenten season. Saint John Chrysostom identifies five in one of his homilies: "I have shown you five paths of repentance: acknowledgement of your own sins, forgiveness of our neighbor's sins against us, prayer, almsgiving, and humility." Sounding more like a doctor than one of the doctors of the church, he concludes: "Now that we have learned how to heal our wounds, let us apply the cures." How will you fill your prescription?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Peter 1:10-16; Mark 10:28-31 (348). *"Do not act in compliance with the desires of your former ignorance."*

Wednesday, Mar 02, 2022

ASH WEDNESDAY; DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Add another step to your Lenten journey

Ash Wednesday is full of rituals and traditions of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. But it includes an extra step. As Pope Francis puts it, it is a time "to find concrete ways to overcome our indifference." So in addition to your regular Lenten practices, try to care more deeply about the suffering and disaffected in your community. Volunteer at your parish, a local charity, or for a social cause. Or simply go for a walk and reflect on how Jesus is present in those you encounter along the way.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 (219). *"And your Father who sees in secret will repay you."*

Thursday, Mar 03, 2022

THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY; MEMORIAL OF KATHARINE DREXEL, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

Exceed expectations

Katharine Drexel was a wealthy heiress in late 19th-century Philadelphia. She rocked that world one day: "Miss Drexel Enters a Catholic Convent—Gives Up Seven Million," the *Philadelphia Public Ledger* announced when she decided not to simply become a nun but to found her own religious order. Head of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, she used her family fortune to found the nation's only Catholic university for African Americans (Xavier University in New Orleans), schools for Native Americans, and more. Are you, too, being called by God to do something unexpected?

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25 (220). *"What profit is there for one to gain the whole world yet lose or forfeit himself?"*

Friday, Mar 04, 2022

FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

A cleansing fast

A couple years ago, two young white women decided that they needed to more closely align their spiritual practices of Lent with their commitment to being anti-racist. They chose, as they wrote in *Sojourners* magazine, to try fasting from media that lacked a diversity of voices and to spend Lent engaged with books, films, and podcasts written or directed by women of color. Their goal was to take a step toward repentance, which is one of the hallmarks of Lent. To repent is to turn away from sin, including the sin of racism. What Lenten practice of prayer, fasting, or almsgiving might you contribute toward being more intercultural and helping end racism?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15 (221). *"This, rather, is the fasting that I wish."*

Saturday, Mar 05, 2022

SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

Tax forgiveness

Tax collectors in Jesus' time were particularly despised. The Roman occupiers auctioned off the right to collect taxes to the highest bidders, who then aggressively collected taxes from their neighbors in order to turn a profit on their "investment." When Jesus calls Levi the tax collector to follow him and attends a celebration with Levi's tax-collecting cohorts, the shock among the Jewish leaders is evident. But Levi became Matthew, the evangelist, and wrote a vivid account of the Good News. Jesus sees beyond the worst in us and brings out the best. Follow his lead.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32 (222). *"Jesus saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the customs post. He said to him, 'Follow me.'"*

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



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