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Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church

Home of the Filipino Catholic Mission

SUNDAY MASSES: Saturday: WEEKDAY MASSES:	5:00p.m. Sunday: 10:00a.m.; 12:00noon; 5:00p.m. (Filipino); 7:15 p.m. Tuesday-Friday: 7:00p.m.
RECONCILIATION:	Wednesday: 6:00-6:45 p.m. Saturday: 4:00-4:45 p.m. Or upon request
DEVOTIONS:	Before each Mass: Recitation of the Holy Rosary Tuesday: Sto. Nino Wednesday: Our Mother of Perpetual Help Thursday: St. Jude Friday: Divine Mercy First Friday Holy Hour (after the 7pm Mass)

Welcome, new parishioners!

We invite new parishioners to register with the parish. Registration forms, preauthorized giving forms and donation envelopes are available at the entrances of the church and at the parish office. Please drop completed forms into the collection basket or at the parish office.



PASTORAL TEAM Pastor: Fr. Lorenzo Salandanan Deacon: Rev. Mr. Alex Masongsong

PARISH STAFF Secretary: Nora Valera Accountant: Rene Ng Caretaker: Jhun Viloria Custodian: Rod Lalong Housekeeper: Lucille Sicat

PARISH OFFICE HOURS Monday-Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed for lunch: 12-1 p.m.)

BAPTISM Contact the parish office two months in advance. 174 - 2

MARRIAGE Contact a priest one year in advance. Preparation course is required.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK Contact the parish office for an appointment.

COMMUNION OF THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND The Eucharist is brought regularly to the sick and shut-ins. Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation are also available. Please contact the parish office.

PARISH CATHOLIC SCHOOL Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School Phone: 416-393-5265

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES Phone: 416-733-8544 www.catholic-cemeteries.ca



TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



September 20th-26th, 2021 Monday, September 20th No Mass Tuesday, September 21st 7:00pm Wednesday, September 22nd 7:00pm Thursday, September 23rd 7:00pm Friday, September 24th 7:00pm—Daniel Gabriel Capablanca Lydia Gorospe Saturday, September 25th 5:00pm—Epifanio and Aurea Estomo Sunday, September 26th 10:00am — Community of Our Lady of Assumption Sonia Aranda 12:00Noon — Asuncion Mercado **Editha Capablanca** Francisco Capablanca 5:00pm 7:15pm



Let us pray!

For those who are sick members of our parish and those who love and minister to them.



Offertory Collection

Last Sunday Collection: \$ 4,742.75 Holy Land Collection \$1,503.75 Boiler Donation \$4,563.50 Thank you for your generous hearts!



REGISTER for Mass on Eventbrite



Gospel Reading *Mark* 9:30-37 Jesus teaches his disciples that the greatest are those who serve all.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the

Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to preparing his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behavior. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week's Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging.

Mark paints a vivid picture in today's Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God's kingdom must be servants of all.

Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God's judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone.

Lectio Divina

In recent days, we've received requests from parishes and parishioners regarding the 2021-22 season of Lectio Divina. After 20 years of leading monthly Lectio Divina evenings from September through June (during his time in both Edmonton and Toronto), Cardinal Collins will not be moving forward with a new season this fall. We express our appreciation to His Eminence for his commitment and dedication in leading Lectio Divina over the past two decades as this prayerful meditation has been a tremendous support for parishioners throughout the archdiocese and beyond. We also extend our gratitude to the staff of St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica and Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation for their faithful assistance in supporting Lectio Divina over so many years. Archived recordings of Lectio Divina along with relevant resources remain available at (https://bit.ly/LectioArchive) to access anytime.

Happiest People Winfield C. Dunn

"The happiest people I know are those who have learned to live beyond their own special interests by discovering the rewards that come from giving of themselves."

SEPTEMBER 19th, 2021

CHURCH- STEAM BOILER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Chancery Office has approved to proceed with the replacement of our 35 years old church boiler by the AC Mechanical contractors Ltd., who won the lowest bid. The estimate amount of this project is **\$246,568** (with contingency and tax included). The funds will be coming from our parish investment **or** a loan from the Archdiocese. It depends upon the outcome of the litigation. For the meantime, we welcome and appreciate any donations for this project. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Registration for the 4th Annual Parish Ministry Conference

Calling all parish ministry leaders, coordinators and volunteers: Registration opens Saturday, August 7 www.archtoronto.org/conference If you are looking for an opportunity to connect with others serving in parish ministry, to pray together, to learn together and to be re-energized, you won't want to miss this upcoming conference! Come join us from October 26 through October 30 for our virtual 4th Annual Parish Ministry Conference, "With Burning Hearts!" Space is limited so register right away.

Cardinal Collins' Stewardship Sunday Homily

Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, has prepared his annual homily for Stewardship Sunday and asks that you share it at all your Masses on the 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time, which is on September 19. The homily comes in video or written formats, including translations into nine languages, and is now available on our website at: <u>www.archtoronto.org/stewardshipsunday.</u>



PLEASE CONNECT US THROUGH OUR WEBSITE <u>https://olassumptionto.archtoronto.org.</u>

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you can work wonders!

Share Life agencies need your support now, more than ever. That's why ShareLife-funded agencies have been providing phone and video counselling during the pandemic, so clients don't have to wait until walk-in counselling resumes. No one is ever turned away due to inability to pay. "The term 'mental health tsunami' refers to the increasing mental health issues that have, and will continue to emerge due to Covid-19," says Brenda Spitzer, Executive Director of Catholic Family Services of Toronto. Thanks to your support of ShareLife, agencies like CFS Toronto can continue to meet these growing needs.

Kindly use your Sharelife envelopes designated for this year, and just change the date accordingly.

Special Collection Sunday, September 26 for the Needs of the Church in Canada

From: Peter Okonski, Manager of Planned Giving and Personal Gifts The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) is involved in national and international areas of pastoral activity, including social justice, ecumenical and interfaith relations, collaboration with Indigenous peoples, life and family issues, liturgy, catechesis, doctrine and relations with Catholic associations and movement. Each year, the CCCB is asked to speak out, show leadership or provide guidelines for the faithful on a wide variety of topics. In order for our bishops to be able to make proper judgements on modern topics, they must have the benefit of research, expert advice and capable administration, which is funded by this collection. In addition to contributions, we are also asked to pray for the work of the bishops and to participate in and cooperate with the various projects of the CCCB.



the options of either through our <u>Pre-Authorized Giving</u> <u>Program</u>, or an electronic donation by credit card through the "Donate Now" button at the top right corner of the Archdiocese of Toronto <u>website</u>. For information, Please call the parish office at 416-787-4547.

Livestream of Sunday 10am and 5pm (Tagalog)Mass

For those not comfortable or able to return to mass quite yet we continue to encourage you to view the livestream of our Sunday 10am and 5pm Tagalog Mass via our new Parish website https://olassumptionto.archtoronto.org.

