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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 Lalog 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



# Mass Intentions

# November 22<sup>nd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> No Mass Tuesday, November 23rd 7:00pm—Geronimo and Zenaida Fulgencio Maria Lourdes Aitchison Wednesday, November 24th 7:00pm Thursday, November 25th 7:00pm Friday, November 26th 7:00pm Saturday, November 27th 5:00pm—Pedro and Ester Liwanag Sunday, November 28th 10:00am- Antonio and Liduina Medeiros Souls in Purgatory 12:00Noon-Community of Our Lady of Assumption Zosimo Cabili 5:00pm

5:00pm 7:15pm



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



# Offertory Collection

Last Sunday Collection: \$ 5,071.25

Boiler Donation \$1,460.00

Thank you for your generous hearts!



Thank You for Your Financial Support If you are unable to join us for mass at this time please consider the options of ei-

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



### **Gospel Reading** (*John 18:33b-37*) Jesus is questioned by Pilate about the charge brought against him that he is "King of the Jews."

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. On this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. Each year we set aside this Sunday to reflect upon this title that we have given to Jesus. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read a portion of the passion from the Gospel of John, which is also part of the Gospel reading proclaimed each year on Good Friday.

In John's Gospel, Pilate is shown in a more favorable light than in the other Gospels. In today's reading, we hear one of two dialogues

between Jesus and Pilate that are reported in John's Gospel. Pilate questions Jesus about the charges brought against him. Caiaphas and the high priests have charged Jesus with a political crime, one that would require a punishment of death. Pilate distances himself from the Jewish leaders who accuse Jesus; he is not a Jew, and he seems to want little to do with this Jewish affair.

In his responses to Pilate's questions, Jesus distinguishes his kingdom from the political powers of this world. King and kingdom may be appropriate terms for Jesus' mission and promise, but only by analogy. Jesus is king, but not the kind of king we imagine or expect. He was certainly not the kind of king Pilate feared he might be.

Jesus refers to a kingdom that does not belong to this world. This has been mentioned earlier in John's Gospel. Recall that in his prayer during the Last Supper discourse (see <u>John 17:6-18</u>), Jesus prayed for his disciples who are in the world but do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world's salvation. In today's reading, we see Jesus identify the final proof that his kingdom is not of this world: If his kingdom were of this world, then there would be people fighting to save him. Again we hear echoes of John's theme—salvation is worked out through a cosmic battle. It is helpful to return to the first chapter of John's Gospel to understand the context for Jesus' words to Pilate. Jesus came into the world, but the world did not know him. In John's language, the world prefers the darkness, and yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness.

Truth has been another important theme in John's Gospel. We see it emphasized in the conclusion of the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate. Those who know the truth will recognize Jesus as king and will know how to interpret this insight. Yet Jesus' kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries. Only those chosen, those who have the eyes of faith, are able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognize Jesus as king. Today's Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognize that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed king and Savior of all.



# Closing Liturgy and Program for the Quincentennial Celebration

I am pleased to invite you to join us at the closing liturgy and program for the 500<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary of the arrival of Christianity in the Philippines. The mass will be celebrated

by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins on December 1, 2021 at 4:00pm at the Our Lady of Assumption Parish (2565 Bathurst St, Toronto, ON M6B 2Z3). A short program will immediately follow. We encourage everyone to wear Filipino attire and bring a crucifix or wear a cross.

The Holy Mass can likewise be viewed online on December  $1^{\mbox{\scriptsize st}}$  .

In compliance with the WorshipSafe and social distancing protocols set for churches, the number of attendees is limited. As such, registration will be on a first come, first served basis. The registration link will be posted on our website: <u>www.ph500toronto.com</u> or <u>www.facebook.com/500yocTO</u> starting on November 16<sup>th</sup>.





Parish Giving Envelopes: Essential Tool for the Church

These envelopes are much more than just a mechanism to receive your generosity. They are essential tools for our parish operations and allow us to serve you effectively. And they are incredibly important for you as well. Here are just a few of the reasons for everyone to

use their envelopes:

- Participation in our Parish: Your use of the envelope when you come to Mass is the most direct illustration of your active participation at OLA. The envelope does not have to be filled with money to be important. By placing the envelope in our collection baskets, with whatever gifts you may be able to share with your Parish Family, we are able to reflect your attendance. The attendance is the first item we are asked to use when setting up letters for Catholic functions, like sponsorship for sacraments, direct assistance requests, or enrollment in church programs, pastoral letter, etc. Being a "Catholic in Good Standing" requires illustration of attendance, and we know that all of our Parish Family deserves to be considered "good", if not "amazing".
- **Tracking Giving for Tax Purposes**: You all give so generously, with your time, your talent, and your treasure to our Parish Family. We want to ensure any giving you provide to our parish is properly accounted for, especially in the case of your donations. By using the envelopes, we can properly account for those gifts and provide an appropriate letter at the beginning of each calendar year for your tax needs. That can only be accomplished if your donations are associated to your envelope number.
- Information Changes: From phone numbers to name changes, sometimes the church is the last to know of a change to your information. The envelope is a great way for you to pass on any changes in your contact information, or any comments you may have. That way, we can keep in touch with you as part of our Parish Family.

Please help our parish help you by utilizing your envelopes when you attend Mass. If you forget your envelope (which I do all the time), we have un-numbered envelopes at each door of the church and you can write your name and/or envelope number on those. And if you are a guest or new to our Parish Family, please go ahead and use those envelopes as well. You can even start to register with our Parish via those envelopes or ask questions about how to become more involved in our community. If you do not know your envelope number, or have asked to not receive envelopes in the past, please contact our office (416) 787-4547 or olaparishtoronto@rogers.com to get your questions answered.

# **2022 SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

In the next few weeks, we will be distributing the yearly offertory envelopes. This time it is going to be different from what we used to do. Please note the following:

1. it is going to be your permanent offertory envelope number every year. Your envelope has to be used every time you give donations. Otherwise, it will be given to someone else and we will remove those who have not used envelopes over the last year.

2. If you are a guest or do not attend regularly, you do not need to use the yearly envelope. We just ask you to use the blank envelope and write your name and address for our record and income tax purposes

3. Please do not begin using them until January 2022 as credit will not be issued if they are used earlier.

4. You can select your desired number from 01-700. (if it is still available)

5. Disregard and do not use the old numbered envelope.

6. Write your name/address and telephone or cell number in your offertory envelop for a few weeks for recording and verification.

7. We strongly encourage you to use PAG (Pre-Authorized Giving).

#### **RITE OF ENROLLMENT**

#### **First Holy Communion**



November 27 at 5:00pm November 28 at 10:00am or 12:00pm

#### **Sacrament of Confirmation**



December 4 at 5:00pm December 5 at 10:00am or 12:00pm

# NOTE: Please pick <u>ONLY</u> one Mass to attend

We are still accepting the registrations for First Communion and Confirmation until November 30th, 2021

For information, please call the parish office at 416-787-4547

## **BOILER DONATION NEEDED!**



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Christmas time is on the air and once again, we celebrate this wonderful event of the birthday of Jesus. We will observe our traditional giving

and exchange of gifts. This year, as Christmas approaching, you might want to consider OLA Church adding in your list. As you all know that we are replacing our Boiler this Fall and it will cost us **\$\$ 246,568** and for this reason, we wish to ask for your financial donation of any amount. If you would like to donate, you might want to consider the following:

- saving your coins until before Christmas
- Donate as a lump-sum before Christmas.
- Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

We hope that you will grant us this simple request and the Lord will bless you with your good deeds.

#### Thank you and God bless!



The Shepherds' Trust Special Collection

#### November 21, 2021

Thank you for your generosity!

# **NEW SUNDAY MISSALS**



2022 Sunday Missals are on sale in the parish hall after all Sunday Masses. The cost is \$5.00 each.

