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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



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



November 29th-December 5th, 2021

Monday, November 29th No Mass Tuesday, November 30th 7:00pm Wednesday, December 1st 7:00pm Thursday, December 2nd 7:00pm Friday, December 3rd 7:00pm Saturday, December 4th 5:00pm Sunday, December 5th 10:00am 12:00Noon 5:00pm—Community of Our Lady of Assumption Inocencia, Felomino and Alex Samonte

Rose Resos

7:15pm



Let us pray!

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

Offertory Collection



ONLINE GIVING

Last Sunday Collection: \$ 5,637.00

Shepherd Trust \$ 2,856.75

Boiler Donation \$ 1,970.00

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 either through our <u>Pre-</u>

<u>Authorized Giving 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. Gospel Reading (Luke 21:25-28,34-36)

Jesus teaches his disciples to be vigilant so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes in glory.



Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.

Closing Liturgy and Program for the Quincentennial Celebration



Wednesday, December 1st, 2021 at 4:00pm

By: Thomas Cardinal Collins

The Holy Mass can likewise be viewed online on December 1st.

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 16th.

NEW FAMILIES / INDIVIDUALS :

Welcome to all new families / individuals who just moved into our parish. We invite you to register and become a part of our parish community. Registration forms are available at the foyer and at the parish office.

NOVEMBER 28th, 2021



THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

NOVENA PRAYERS

November 28th-December 7th, 2021

SOLEMN MASS

Wednesday, December 8th, 2021

6:00 pm — Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Praying the Holy Rosary

7:00pm — Holy Eucharist

2022 Offertory Envelopes/Pre-Authorized Giving



Thank you for your continued support of our parish during these challenging times, especially through your use of offertory envelopes and/or Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG). Offertory envelopes for 2022 are now available in the parish hall. Please observe social distancing in picking up your envelopes before

or after mass. Thank you for picking up your offertory envelopes as soon as possible!

Please note the following.

1. it is going to be your permanent number offertory envelope 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 these envelopes until January 2022 as credit will not be issued if they are used earlier.

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

5. Disregard and do not use the old number or envelope.

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

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



WELCOME TO SIMBANG GABI

(Night Mass)

December 15th-23rd, 2021 at 8:00pm

(There will be no 7:00pm Mass)

Simbang Gabi ("Night Mass" in English) is a series of nine masses celebrated by Filipino and non-Filipino Catholics across the world, from Dec. 15 to 23. The tradition, which dates back nearly 500 years, promotes devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and prepares Catholics for Christmas.



NEW SUNDAY MISSALS

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

RITE OF ENROLLMENT

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

Sponsor is required to attend

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

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE



DECEMBER 14-18, 2021 Tuesday-Friday 6:00 am—6:45pm

SL ShareLife

you can work wonders!

Thank you to all those who have supported ShareLife this yearwe have collected **\$16,143.85** towards our parish goal of **\$25,000 (64.6%)** If you have yet to contribute to ShareLife or would like to make an additional donation, I invite you to do so by placing your ShareLife envelope in the collection, or by donating online at www.sharelife.org. Together, we are living the Gospel by providing for those in need! Your support is appreciated.



BOILER DONATION NEEDED!

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 **\$246,568.00** and for this reason, we wish to ask for your financial donation of any amount. 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!

Total cost of the Boiler project—\$246,568.00 *Total donation up to date:* \$23,0755.00



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Parishioners are invited to sponsor this year's display of Christmas decors in our Sanctuary. You may dedicate your offering for your loved ones or

in thanksgiving to God for the many blessings you have received. Envelopes are available in your pews, at the foyer or at the parish office. Dedications will be accepted until Friday December 20th, 2021. God Bless!

