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## Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church

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*Home of the Filipino Catholic Mission*

### SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00p.m.  
Sunday: 10:00a.m.; 12:00noon;  
5:00p.m. (Filipino); 7:15 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES: 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 Vilorio  
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.

### 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  
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Phone: 416-393-5265

### CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Phone: 416-733-8544  
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# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**December 13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

No Mass

Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm—Daphne Villanueva

Josefina Peregrino

Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

8:00pm

Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

8:00pm

Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

8:00pm

Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

5:00pm

Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

10:00am—Community of Our Lady of Assumption

12:00Noon—Florentino, Emelda, Gil and Marciana Puzon

5:00pm—Arturo Corpuz

8:00pm

Gospel Reading (*Luke 3:10-18*)

## John the Baptist teaches the path of repentance and announces Christ.



This Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ. Recall that last week's reading described John's appearance in the desert and established his connection with the prophetic tradition of Israel. If we were to read Luke's Gospel continuously, we would learn about John the Baptist challenging the crowds who came to him and calling upon them to show evidence of their repentance. John tells his listeners that they cannot rely on their lineage as Israelites

because children of Abraham can be raised up from stones. Repentance, rather, must be observable in one's actions. Here, Luke is continuing to set up two important themes of his Gospel message: the Christian faith is expressed in one's actions, and the call to salvation is extended to everyone, Jews and Gentiles.

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel.

When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.



### 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: **\$6,918.00**

Building Maintenance **\$1,646.25**

Boiler Donation **\$ 335.00**

*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 [Pre-Authorized Giving Program](#), or an electronic donation by credit card through the "Donate Now" button at the top right corner of the Archdiocese of Toronto [website](#). For information, Please call the parish office at 416-787-4547.

## WELCOME BACK To Our SIMBANG GABI (Night Mass)

**December 15<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 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.



### 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 Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021. God Bless!



**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULES**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
 5:00 pm—Filipino Mass (Tagalog)  
 (Livestreaming)  
 8:00 pm— Family Mass (English)  
 12:00 am—Midnight Mass (English)  
 (Livestreaming)

*Carols 1/2 hour before all Masses*

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**CHRISTMAS DAY**

Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
 9:00 am—Mass (English)  
 10:30 am—Mass (English)  
 (Livestreaming)  
 12:00 Noon—Mass (English)  
 (No 5:00pm Mass)

**THE HOLY FAMILY**

Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
 10:00am—Mass (English)  
 (Livestreaming)  
 12:00Noon—Mass (English)  
 5:00pm—Filipino Mass (Tagalog)  
 (Livestreaming)  
 (No 7:15pm Mass)

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**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021  
 5:00 pm—Filipino Mass (Tagalog)  
 (Livestreaming)  
 8:00 pm—Family Mass (English)  
 12:00am—Midnight Mass (English)  
 (Livestreaming)

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022  
 9:00 am—Mass (English)  
 10:30 am—Mass (English)  
 (Livestreaming)  
 12:00 Noon—Mass (English)  
 (No 5:00pm Mass)

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**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022  
 10:00am—Mass (English)  
 (Livestreaming)  
 12:00Noon—Mass (English)  
 5:00pm—Filipino Mass (Tagalog)  
 (Livestreaming)  
 (No 7:15pm Mass)



**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!



**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 adding OLA Church in your list. As you all know, we are replacing our Boiler this Fall and it will cost us **\$246,568**. 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!*

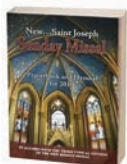
**Total cost of the Boiler project—\$246,568.00**  
**Total donation up to date: \$23,0755.00**



**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at  
 7:00pm– 8:00pm  
 (priests are available for confession)

Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm– 6:45pm



**NEW SUNDAY MISSALS**

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

**We give a heartfelt welcome to all new parishioners!**

In order for us to better serve you, especially at the time of baptism, marriage, or funerals, it is most helpful if you are registered and attending mass regularly here with our parish community. This is especially IMPORTANT for marriage and baptism preparation.

All parishioners, especially those who live outside of our parish boundaries are expected to complete the Parish Registration and use Sunday Offertory Envelopes. If you are already a registered member, but you need to update your registration information, please email your full name along with the changes to [olaparishToronto@rogers.com](mailto:olaparishToronto@rogers.com). If you're interested in becoming a registered member of the parish, please complete and submit the form available at the foyer or please call the parish office at 416-787-4548.



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