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# Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church

### 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 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.

#### **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





Jan. 24th-30th,2022

Monday, January 24th

No Mass

Tuesday, January 25th

7:00pm

Wednesday, January 26th

7:00pm

Thursday, January 27th

7:00pm

Friday, January 28th

7:00pm

Saturday, January 29th

5:00pm

Sunday, January 30th

10:00am-Maurillo Lopez

12:00Noon—Community of Our Lady of

Assumption

5:00pm

7:15pm



### Let us pray!

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



# 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-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.

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin."

- Mother Theresa



#### Pastor's Corner....

#### Dear Parishioners,

I hope and pray that you have a chance to read the two previous bulletins giving you an introduction about the Parish Pastoral planning that we are going

to embark in our parish.....every week, I will try to reflect and share with you the important information so that you may be aware of what is going on....This weekend, what came to my mind is the reading from last Tuesday from St. Paul to the Romans:

"As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ." Many parts, one body through Christ. (Roman 12:4-5)

Seeing our parish at this present moment with different cultures, I cannot help but be amazed on how we are similar from almost 2000 years ago, we are coming together from many different backgrounds to form one body through Christ and His Holy Spirit.

And this is one of the things that I reflected on the most as I read the readings today, one of the things I never really paid attention to before. At the time, Judaism as a whole was fragmented. It's even stated in the reading from Acts how the Jews staying in Jerusalem at the time were from many different regions and backgrounds. But after the resurrection and most definitely the arrival of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, it was the start of something new. As it says in the Psalm, *God sent down His Spirit, and renewed the face of the earth.* 

This was the start of something new. There was a renewal. The new covenant was sealed and it was a game changer. In the Gospel, Jesus breathes on the disciples and effectively breathes new life into them, and into us. We are filled with His Spirit.

No longer are we Parthians, Medes, Egyptians, Elamites. No longer are we English, Italian, Hispanic, Nigerian, Kenyan, Jamaican, Trinidarian, Chinese. No longer are we from the Philippines, or from the United States, or from India, or other parts of the world. Starting at Pentecost and up through today, we are simply Christians.

We are One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. We were truly many parts, One Body in Christ. And this is *the one thing* that I wish all of our parishioners could experience and see and feel – the joy and love and *power* of the Holy Spirit when people come together in Christ.

To witness the Holy Spirit at work in both these seemingly different, but at the same time strikingly similar realms is truly amazing and inspiring. It is and only can be, the work of the Holy Spirit, through which we truly are many parts, One Body!

As we continue on our reflection on the Pastoral Planning and looking at our present parish community, we can ask these questions: Where have we been? Where are we going in the next 5-10 years from now? Where have we gone off course?

I invite you, therefore, to reflect on the eight core directions of the Pastoral Plan that The Archdiocese has identified:

- 1. Celebration of the Sunday Eucharist with full, conscious and active participation by the faithful
- 2. Opportunities for prayer, spiritual formation and enrichment
- 3. A communal life in the parish which offers welcome, hospitality and outreach
- 4. Strong pastoral leadership in the parish which promotes diverse and collaborative roles of pastoral service
- 5. Effective pastoral governance structures and committees in the parish which promote stewardship and ensure accountability
- 6. Supporting the family, the domestic church
- 7. Commitment to a renewed evangelization catechesis and formation in the faith
- 8. A strong Witness to an Apostolic Mission—Outreach Ministries and Service.

#### To be continued.....

For other information, please visit

www.archtoronto.org.

#### FUTUTRE REPAIRS ......

Significant issues identified by the EXP report in July 2019 and the Parish Finance Council will require careful planning in the coming years. The most significant of these include:

- 1. <u>Masonry Repair</u> The EXP report documents significant masonry deterioration at many areas of the building. Priority areas should be repaired immediately to prevent debris from falling, but a long term masonry repair plan should be developed.
- 2. <u>Foundation Repair</u> The EXP report documents several foundation cracks. TMS conducted some waterproofing work below the rectory. An extensive foundation repair and waterproofing project should be planned around the parish hall.
- 3. <u>Boiler Replacement</u> –The steam boiler is in need of replacement. (still ongoing....)
- 4. <u>Electrical Deficiencies</u> There are numerous electrical deficiencies noted in the EXP report and visible onsite that need to be corrected. Inappropriate wiring, improperly terminated wiring, open junction boxes, missing/broken exit signs, missing/inadequate emergency lighting need to be resolved.
- 5. Fire Alarm System The OFC requires Assembly Occupancy buildings as large as Our Lady of the Assumption to have a fire alarm system. It is at the jurisdiction of the Fire Department when and if to issue a compliance notice. Had a permit been applied for, this review may have triggered a request to include a fire alarm system. A system should be added as soon as is feasible.

# Marriage Sunday 2022 – Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2022 celebrations, Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB, will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries

(25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 60+) in 2022. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 13 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage to register and to access resources for parishes and couples.



#### SYNOD on SYNODALITY

Archdiocesan Survey on Synodality

Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God's

will in the world today. The comments of the faithful will ultimately be discussed at a meeting of the bishops in the Vatican in 2023. You are encouraged to watch a video featuring Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, explaining the synod and inviting all Catholics to participate: https://bit.ly/SynodalityVideo . To learn more about the Synod on Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/synodality.

#### PARISH SACRAMENTAL SESSIONS BEGIN



FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES: Classes for

children who will be receiving their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2022 begun online on Saturday, January 15, 2022. The catechist will send the sessions every week. If you have any question, please call the office or

the catechist in charge.

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> Due to the new restrictions, the First Confession on February 12th, 2022 will be cancelled until further notice.



**Confirmation Classes:** Our preparation programme continues with the first session on January 8th, 2022. The sessions will be taken online from Ascension Press. Please follow through the sessions every week. The catechist in charge on your group will be contacting you on

your progress. If you have any questions, please call the parish office or the catechist in charge.

# We give a heartfelt welcome to all new parishioners!



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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. 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 416-787-4547..



#### 2022 Parish Envelopes/ Pre-Authorized Giving

Thanks to all who have picked up your 2022 envelopes and use them faithfully each Sunday - envelopes for pick up are

in the parish hall. Please remember to mark your name and address or use address labels on the first few envelopes you use in this New Year...we appreciate your support!

I invite each family to consider the option of Pre-Authorized Giving for the new year. The PAG registration form can be found in the foyer of the church or on our website and can be returned (along with a void cheque to the office or by dropping it into next Sunday's Offertory basket! Or please call the parish office.

Thanks to all on behalf of our Property and Finance Council who will be making their annual financial report to the parish in February, 2022.

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