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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

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# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



February 14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> 2022

**Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

No Mass

**Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm— Pro Populo

**Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm—Pro Populo

**Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm—Pro Populo

**Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm—Pro Populo

**Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

5:00pm—Pro Populo

**Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am—Maurillo Lopez

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12:00Noon—Pro Populo

5:00pm—Pro Populo

7:15pm—Pro Populo

## Gospel Reading

Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus teaches the crowd the way to happiness.

## Background on the Gospel Reading



Last Sunday we heard Jesus call Peter to be his disciple. Jesus then travels with Peter and the other disciples. Luke reports acts of healing (a person with leprosy and a paralytic man) and the call of Levi, the tax collector. Jesus also replies to questions from the Pharisees regarding fasting and the observance of the Sabbath. In the verses immediately before today's gospel reading, Jesus is reported to have chosen 12 men from among his disciples to be apostles. *Apostle* is a Greek word that means "one who is sent."

Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in [Matthew 5:1-7,11](#) that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. As these titles suggest, there are differences and similarities between these gospel readings.

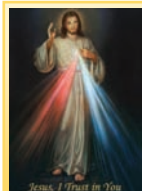
When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the [Ten Commandments](#). As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us.

Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the [Beatitudes](#) in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel—Luke uses the article "you" whereas Matthew uses "they" or "those." There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning.

The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God. The word *blessed* in this context might be translated as "happy," "fortunate," or "favored."

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.



## 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 \$ 5599.50  
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## 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.

**Parish Pastoral Planning continued....**

**The Third Core Directives.....**

(iii) A Communal Life in the Parish Which Offers Welcome, Hospitality and Outreach.



Each parish will possess a strong and inclusive identity as a community of faith, offering to everyone an experience of welcome, hospitality and accessibility. In every parish there is a “stranger in our midst” and thus the entire parish community is called to serve as the face and hands of Christ, welcoming each new member to a warm and loving family of faith. Across the archdiocese, we are blessed with many diverse ethnic and linguistic communities; these many languages and cultures together reflect one rich expression of Catholic faith. This unique experience of diverse communal life needs to be promoted and integrated into the life of the archdiocesan church. A vibrant parish will make sure to reach out to the various groups within the parish, e.g., family and youth, students, young adults, men and women, and the elderly. The Catholic schools connected to the parish should be active partners in parish life, affirming the ongoing relationship between parish, home and school. The active stewardship of every parishioner will ensure the parish’s vitality, namely, an increase in committed parishioners and volunteers. Ideally, the age, race, sex and ethnicity of the volunteers will reflect the demographics of the parish itself.

**[ To be continued.....**

For other information, please visit [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org).

**Note on the Indigenous Reconciliation Efforts**

Since the last Archdiocesan Update, there have been a number of developments on the Indigenous reconciliation effort. All this information is on the Archdiocese of Toronto’s website, but in case you missed it: Canada’s bishops provided more information on the national \$30 million reconciliation fund; the Indigenous delegation to Rome has been rescheduled for the week of March 28; and the Archdiocese of Toronto committed to raising \$6 million for the national fund.



**2021 Charitable Tax Receipts and Annual Parish Financial Reports are available for pick up in the parish hall.**

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**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](http://www.archtoronto.org/synodality).

**SACRISTANS VOLUNTEER NEEDED:**

Sacristans are confirmed active Catholics trained to oversee preparation and clean-up of liturgical celebrations. The sacristan’s duties vary, but usually include taking care of the sacristy and the sacred items therein; performing duties before, during and after Mass; and training altar servers. To prepare for Mass, the sacristan ensures that the priest has the vessels, linens, candles, liturgical books, and sufficient fresh hosts and wine required for the Mass; sets the offertory table for the Presentation of the Gifts; sets the credence table; and confirms the presence of all required ministers. When there is a special ceremony at Mass, such as a Baptism, the sacristan sets out the required additional items. If no altar servers are present, the sacristan must either find substitute servers in the congregation or personally assume that position. Before, during and after Mass, the sacristan manages the church lighting and PA system. After Mass, the sacristan oversees the cleaning of vessels, altar, credence table and sacristy area; supervises the transfer of parishioner donations to the safe; and stores all items.



**SACRISTAN**

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

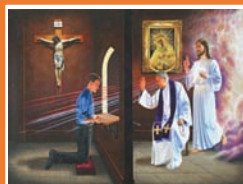


In order for us to better serve you, especially at the time of baptism, marriage, or funerals, it is most helpful if you are registered and attending mass regularly here with our parish community. This is especially IMPORTANT for marriage and baptism preparation.

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.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION**

**Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am**



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