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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

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.

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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



## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



March 14th-20th, 2022

Monday, March 14th No Mass Tuesday, March 15th 7:00pm-Paolo Zeverino Quarta Wednesday, March 16th 7:00pm—Pro Populo Thursday, March 17th 7:00pm—Pro Populo Friday, March 18th 7:00pm—Pro Populo Saturday, March 19th 5:00pm—Angelito Racca Ester Liwanag Rene Racca and Family Sunday, March 20th 10:00am—Aloysius Schwartz Soren Caraan 12:00Noon—Ariston Pulumbarit 5:00pm—Pro Populo 7:15pm—Beatriz and Floriano Gracia



## 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—\$ 7, 388.00 Building Maintenance—\$2,986.00

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-Authorized Giving</u> <u>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 9:28b-36)



### Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, John, and James.

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. On the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The report of Jesus' Transfiguration is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels— Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The context for Luke's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew and Mark. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his Passion. After the prediction there is a discussion of the cost of discipleship in each of these Gospels. The placement of the Transfiguration story close to Peter's confession and Jesus' prediction encourages us to examine the Transfiguration in the larger context of the Paschal Mystery.

The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death.

As they awake, Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity with the Law and the Prophets. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospels, there is reference to conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel explains that this conversation is about Jesus' later accomplishments in Jerusalem. Luke describes this as his exodus, connecting Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection with the Israel's Exodus from Egypt.

On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Having just awoken, perhaps Peter's offer was made in confusion. We also notice that Peter reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus "master" instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.

### MINISTRY OF THE WORD (LECTOR) WORKSHOP



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We invite those who are interested to be part of this Ministry to proclaim the Word of the Lord.



## March 13th, 2022

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

#### (vi) Supporting the Family, the Domestic Church

The parish will provide support for the family, and will encourage any programs that are designed to assist those who are living the sacrament of marriage, such as Worldwide Marriage Encounter or ecclesial lay movements. Each parish will seek every possible way to help families grow stronger and to participate fully in parish life.

#### (vii) Commitment to a Renewed Evangelization—Catechesis and Formation in the Faith

The parish will promote active programs of evangelization that help parishioners and those desiring to become Catholic to respond to the call of Christ and to witness to the Gospel. The pastor and pastoral staff will be committed to collaborating with the Catholic schools, offering religious education, catechesis and faith formation within the schools and the parish. Parishes will develop or continue initiatives and programs such as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), faith formation and spiritual care for families, programs of outreach to youth and young adults, and sacramental preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist), Reconciliation, and Marriage. Adult faith formation is important now, and will become even more so in the years to come. The archdiocese and the parishes need to have in place effective programs for teaching the faith to adults as well as to youth. Well-catechized adults will provide faith formation within their families.

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

For other information, please visit www.archtoronto.org.

#### No Physical Distancing Restrictions

Lift up your Hearts in

Thank you for your ongoing patience and co-operation over the past two years in adapting to the Covid-19 reality and the many associated restrictions.

Special thanks to our Hospitality Ministers for their assistance in seating

parishioners during these many months. They will continue to be on hand to assist you when needed.

We are pleased to share news that as of Tuesday, March 1, 2022, places of worship, that wish to do so, will be in a position to offer 100% seating capacity with <u>no physical distancing restrictions</u>. **Please note that masks will still be required.** We will be implementing the changes slowly as the time comes...





## **JOIN US**

**Every Friday at** 

STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 6:15pm HOLY EUCHARIST at 7:00pm

## What do you do for Lent?

**Few Suggestions:** 

Daily Prayers, Holy Rosary, reading the Scriptures, Daily Masses, Charitable acts, Sacrament of Confession and Visiting the Blessed Sacrament.

# **Do you want to FAST this Lent?...** In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

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Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

### **Steubenville Youth Conference 2022**

Catholic Youth Steubenville Toronto is back! This year, Canada's largest annual summer youth conference for high school students will take place on July 15-17, 2022. We are excited to host the conference at a new venue: in the auditorium of Canada Christian College located at 300 Water Street in Whitby, Ontario. This year's theme is: "Fearless (John 16:33)." Group Registration opens on March 1, 2022 at 10 a.m. A group can be a youth ministry from a parish, a high school chaplaincy group, or even a group of friends with parent chaperones. Due to COVID-19, we will be offering groups the opportunity to choose between attending the conference for the entire weekend or attending the Saturday only. To view this year's ministry team, theme promo video, photos from previous years, more details and to register, please visit: www.steubenvilletoronto.com. EMAIL: youth@ocytoronto.org WEBSITE: www.steubenvilletoronto.com

#### Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience Friday, March 25 to Sunday, March 27

A VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Where are you in your marriage journey? Every marriage could use a boost. Learn easy-to-use communication tools to help enhance your relationship. Our proven program will guide you through practical and private exercises to refresh your wedding vows and to spark up your romance. Based on Catholic values, but married couples of all faiths are welcome. Are you ready to rediscover each other?

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