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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 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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www.catholic-cemeteries.ca



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



March 21st-27th, 2022

Monday, March 21st

No Mass

Tuesday, March 22nd

7:00pm—Geronimo Fulgencio

Wednesday, March 23rd

7:00pm—Pro Populo

Thursday, March 24th

7:00pm—Pro Populo

Friday, March 25th

7:00pm—Pro Populo

Saturday, March 26th

5:00pm—Pro Populo

Sunday, March 27th

10:00am—Reynaldo Caraan

12:00Noon—Ligaya Rosaldo

5:00pm—Eufrocina Salloman

7:15pm—Felicidad Sanchez

Gospel Reading (Luke 13:1-9)

Jesus preaches a lesson on repentance.



Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. Today's reading is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that describe Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals. He must also respond to those who question and challenge his authority and actions. There is no parallel in Mark's or Matthew's Gospels for today's reading from Luke. While Mark and Matthew

describe an incident in which Jesus curses the fig tree, today's reading makes the barren fig tree the subject of a parable.

Luke tells us that some among the crowds report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people's suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus. Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin.

Jesus' words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence, "Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit.

Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us.

This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. Next week's Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us.



Let us pray!

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

Updated Guidelines for Places of Worship



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.

We are pleased to share with you the following updates on Covid-19 Restrictions:

- capacity limits at our churches, including physical distancing requirements, has been removed.
- Indoor masking requirements end in churches, parish halls and offices starting on Monday, March 21, 2022.
- Starting Monday, March 21, all Covid-19 restrictions end in our parish halls.
- Starting on Monday, March 21, restrictions on choir activities end.
- Parish hall is not available at this time for meetings/prayer groups.
- Holy Communion on the tongue can resume, but those receiving Holy Communion on the tongue should ideally be at the end of the Communion line

We look forward to sharing more details in the days ahead. Thank you for your ongoing assistance.



Offertory Collection

Last Sunday Collection \$6,095.00
Boiler—\$595.00

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.

Parish Pastoral Planning continued.....

(viii) A Strong Witness to an Apostolic Mission - Outreach Ministries and Service.



The parish will have a strong commitment to its missionary identity, witness and outreach. It will strive to direct some of its annual financial resources and services to the marginalized, both within and outside the parish. Guest speakers and educational opportunities will help parishioners become aware of these needs. The parish will also be involved in advocacy initiatives on issues of social justice and actively participate in outreach programs (such as Right to Life, Refugee Sponsorship, Out of the Cold Programs, soup kitchens, food banks, etc.). The parish will work actively with its lay associations befriending those who are poor and serving their needs. The pastor and parish staff will help parishioners to access archdiocesan Catholic Charities and actively encourage parishioners to support the ShareLife campaign which helps to fund such agencies. An effective parish will be engaged in the life of its local community. In cooperation with others, ecumenically and civilly, the parish contributes to addressing the various social needs of its community. The parish will reflect this commitment to ecumenism in all of its outreach to the broader community.

To be continued.....

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

Humanitarian Relief for the People of Ukraine

Ukraine has been plunged into war after the Russian military invaded the country resulting in widespread violence and an ongoing humanitarian crisis. In response to the request of parishioners, the Archdiocese of Toronto has launched a humanitarian relief effort to help the Ukrainian people at this time. Hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian civilians have already fled their homes and are trying to find shelter in neighbouring countries. The United Nations estimates that there could eventually be up to five million Ukrainian refugees, depending on how the war transpires. The Archdiocese of Toronto will channel donations to support the Office for Refugees, Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT) and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA). CNEWA is a papal agency with a long history of humanitarian relief; it is currently working in Eastern Europe, providing Ukrainians with food, shelter, medicine, and transportation to safe locations. ORAT is Canada's largest private Sponsorship Agreement Holder, which helps bring hundreds of newcomers to our country each year; it will use donations to bring Ukrainian refugees to Canada as soon as possible. If you would like to make a monetary donation, • please use the yellow Humanitarian Relief envelopes found at each door of the church and mark them Ukrainian Relief (or drop off or mail any envelope marked Ukrainian Relief) OR • Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org OR • By phone through the Development Office, 416-934-3411



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Every Friday at

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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.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience

Friday, March 25 to Sunday, March 27

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CONTACT: Gerard & Marge, 905-792-1925. gerard.marge@rogers.com

WEBSITE: wwme.org

MINISTRY OF THE WORD (LECTOR) WORKSHOP



Saturday, March 26th, 2022 at 2pm

OLA Church

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

SL ShareLife

Next weekend is ShareLife Sunday Have you considered supporting ShareLife through monthly giving? You can enroll in monthly giving via our website by clicking on the "donate" button. You can also do so at sharelife.org. If you need help or have any questions, please call 416-934-3411 or email slife@archtoronto.org. **March 27th is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.**

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