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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 Vioria

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



March 28th– April 3rd, 2022

Monday, March 28th

No Mass

Tuesday, March 29th

7:00pm— Pro Populo

Wednesday, March 30th

7:00pm—Jeffrey Dolette

Thursday, March 31st

7:00pm—Pro Populo

Friday, April 1st

7:00pm—Pro Populo

Saturday, April 2nd

5:00pm—Pro Populo

Sunday, April 3rd

10:00am—Pro Populo

12:00Noon—Corazon Sumaway

Telesfora Sanchez

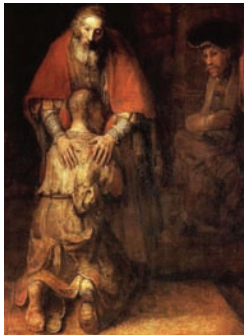
5:00pm—Pro Populo

7:15pm—Pro Populo

Gospel Reflection..... (Luke 15:1-3,11-32)

Jesus teaches about forgiveness in the parable of the Prodigal Son.

The parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel is unique to the Gospel of Luke. Jesus has been teaching the crowds as he journeys to Jerusalem. As he teaches, the Pharisees and scribes complain and challenge Jesus because he is welcoming sinners at his table. Today we hear the third of three parables that Jesus tells in response to his critics. These three familiar parables—the lost sheep, the lost coin, and today's parable of the prodigal son—invite us to consider the depth of God's mercy and love.



The Pharisees taught a scrupulous observance of Jewish Law. In their interpretation and practice, observant Jews who shared table fellowship with sinners would be made unclean. Like Jesus, the Pharisees hoped to lead sinners back to God. The Pharisees, however, required that sinners first become ritually clean—observant of the Pharisees' interpretation of Jewish Law—before sharing table fellowship. This appears to be one of the major differences between the Pharisees and Jesus. Jesus reaches out to sinners while they are still sinners, inviting them to conversion through fellowship with him. Jesus is God acting among us; by befriending us, he is inviting us to return to friendship with God. Through friendship with Jesus, our sins are forgiven and we, in turn, bear fruit for God. Recall last Sunday's Gospel and the barren fig tree.

Our familiarity with today's parable risks dulling us to its tremendously powerful message. We call this the parable of the lost son or the prodigal son. Any focus on the younger son, however, must also be balanced by an examination of the unusual behavior of the father.

First we must imagine our first response to the audacity of a son who asks for his inheritance before his father has died. Indignation would certainly be a justifiable response to such a request. Yet the father in this parable agrees to honor the son's request and divides his property among his two sons. How might we describe such a father? Foolish comes to mind, but so does trusting. Without property of his own, the father must rely upon his sons to provide for his well-being.

The younger son takes his inheritance and leaves home. The older son remains, continuing to provide for the father and the household. Having been disgraced by the younger son, the father spends some time watching the road for the return of the lost son. When he eventually sees his wayward son returning, the father not only welcomes him but also runs out to greet him and then honors him with a party. We say that this father is loving and forgiving. Yet these adjectives only begin to describe the depth of love and mercy that characterize the father.

We find no surprise in the anger of the older son. Yet the father appears sad and even confused by the older son's indignation. He says in reply that they should celebrate because the lost son had returned. The father is filled with gratitude and love for the older son's faithfulness. This love is in no way diminished by the father's rejoicing at the return of the younger son. Yet the older son's jealousy reveals his limited understanding of the depth of his father's love.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Today's Gospel describes the reason for our joy: God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another.



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 \$ 7,526.00

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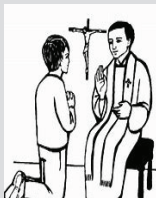
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If you are unable to join us for mass at this time please consider the options of either through our [Pre-Authorized Giving Program](#), or an electronic donation by credit card through the "Donate Now" button at the top right corner of the Archdiocese of Toronto [website](#). For information, Please call the parish office at 416-787-4547.

PARISH LENTEN CONFESSION

Thursday, April 7th, 2022 at 7:30pm

(A number of priests will be available to hear Confession)



HOLY WEEK/ EASTER SCHEDULES

PALM SUNDAY - THE LORD'S PASSION

APRIL 10, 2022

SATURDAY: 5:00pm

SUNDAY : 10:00am / 12:00noon

5:00pm (Filipino) / 7:15pm

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MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

April 14th, 2022 at 7:30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow until midnight

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PABASA

In the Parish Hall until Good Friday Morning

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GOOD FRIDAY- THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

April 15th, 2022

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS

(Hulin Pitong Wika in Tagalog)

at 9:00am

LITURGICAL CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

12:00noon / 3:00pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

at 5:00pm

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EASTER VIGIL MASS

April 16th at 8:00pm

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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Sunday, April 17th, 2020

10:00am / 12:00noon / 5:00pm (Filipino)

NO 7:15pm Mass

ShareLife



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SHARE LIFE 2022 CAMPAIGN

First Collection March 26/27

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Please prayerfully consider how you can be supportive today on ShareLife Sunday."

As we approach our first collection this weekend, please reflect on your own ability to contribute in our parish campaign this year. *May God continue his blessings upon you in return.*



**Our Lady of the Assumption
Lenten Retreat**

April 4th, 5th and 6th, 2022

Holy Eucharist followed by a Lenten Reflection

Everyone is welcome!



Prayer Vigil for Peace and Unity in Ukraine

Sunday, April 3 – 4:30 p.m. Join Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian faithful and leadership to pray for "Peace and Unity in Ukraine." This vigil is a choral evensong of prayerful solidarity for our suffering brothers and sisters in Ukraine. It is organized by the Archdiocese of Toronto and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches. All are welcome to join in person or watch at St. James Cathedral's YouTube channel. CONTACT: The Office for Promoting Christian Unity and Religious Relations with Judaism PHONE: 416 934-3400 ext. 343 EMAIL: ecumenical@archtoronto.org LIVESTREAM: www.YouTube.com/tordio135

SPECIAL WORSHOP / MEETINGS

Saturday, April 2nd, 2022

- MINISTRY OF HOLY COMMUNION (for both OLA and AFCM) at 10:30am.
- MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY (Ushers for both OLA and AFCM) at 2:30pm

Attendance is a **MUST**. We also welcome to those who would like to join in these Liturgical ministries.

**Needs of the Holy Land Special Collection on Good Friday,
April 15, 2022**

The Good Friday collection "Needs of the Holy Land" is coordinated by the Commissariat of the Holy Land. These funds are used for the upkeep of the sanctuaries and to help with pastoral work, Catholic schools and social assistance in the Holy Land. For more information please visit: www.commissariat.ca.

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