

# Our Lady of the Assumption Parish

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**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

# THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

**January 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

### **Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

No Mass

### **Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

7:00pm—Pro Populo

### **Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

(Multiple Intentions)

7:00pm—Pro Populo

### **Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm—Pro Populo

### **Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm—Pro Populo

### **Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

5:00pm—Pro Populo

### **Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am—Community of Our Lady  
of Assumption

12:00Noon—Pro Populo

5:00pm (Tagalog)—Pro Populo

7:00pm —Pro Populo



*Let us pray!*

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



### *Offertory Collection*

Sunday Collection—\$9,451.00

*Thank you for your generous hearts!*



### **Thank You for Your Financial Support**

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## *Sunday Reflection.....*

**The shepherds find Jesus in a manger in Bethlehem. (Luke 2:16-21)**



Today's reading is a continuation from the Gospel proclaimed at the Christmas Mass at midnight. In it the shepherds act upon the message they receive from the angel and go to find Jesus in the manger in Bethlehem. In their visit to the manger, the shepherds find things just as the angel had said. The shepherds' visit, therefore, is a moment of fulfillment, manifestation, and the beginning of the salvation we receive through Christ.

In the context of today's Solemnity, this reading also helps us focus on Mary as the Mother of God. The reading tells us at least three things about Mary as a mother. First, Mary is described as a reflective person, keeping the reports of the shepherds in her heart. Second, we are reminded of how obedient Mary was to God when she named the baby *Jesus* as the angel Gabriel had directed. Third, this reading shows Mary and Joseph faithfully observing their Jewish tradition by having Jesus circumcised.

Mary's faithfulness to God is evident in all three of these things. Her reflection upon the events in her life indicates that she was a person of prayer. This prayer made possible her obedience to God and God's will, even if the outcome was not clear. Finally, her faithfulness to a community of faith grounded her relationship with God and enabled her to participate in God's plan of salvation.

Because of Mary's faithfulness to God, she was able to receive the gift of God's Son and accept her role in God's plan for salvation. By doing so, she models for us the path of discipleship and is also called Mother of the Church.

Our call to discipleship also includes these three aspects. First, discipleship means prayer and reflection on the events of our lives that we might see God's presence and work in our lives. Second, discipleship means obedience to God and God's will. Third, discipleship includes fidelity to a community of faith.



**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 [olassumptionto@rarchtoronto.org](mailto:olassumptionto@rarchtoronto.org)

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



## *SO MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR!*



and gracious hospitality those like Mary and Joseph, who are seeking room in the inn.

As your pastor, I have been touched by your generosity of your talents, time and resources throughout the year. I thank you also for your generous gifts to the parish on this Christmas.

Many thanks to our different ministries (Choirs, Organists, Cantors, Sacristans, Altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, Lectors, Ushers, decorators, Counters) who worked so hard for this year and specially during the Christmas season.

A big thank you to those who organized our Simbang Gabi and sponsors every Masses who prepared food for fellowship and those who donated flowers for our sanctuary during this Christmas and the priests who celebrated Masses.

My thanks to all of you who have been faithful parishioners, for all you do even through the tough times. It is with humble joy that we give thanks for the honor of serving as your Pastor. Thank you for all your support and prayers.

“Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the City of David a Savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” (Lk2:10-14)

*May Jesus, born in the silence of this night at Bethlehem, bless you and your loved ones with His love and peace!*

*Christ's Joyful Peace & Love,*  
**Fr. Lorenzo Salandanan**

*The devotees of Black Nazarene are inviting everyone to join us as we celebrate the*

### **FEAST OF BLACK NAZARENE**

On January 8, 2023 Sunday  
Procession will start at 4:30 pm inside the church followed by Tagalog mass at 5pm.  
Food will be served after the mass



## **PARISH SACRAMENTAL SESSIONS**

### **FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES**



Classes for children who will be receiving their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2023 will begin on Saturday, **January 14, 2023 at 9:00am-**

**11:00am in the parish Hall.** All candidates are required to attend in person. This is also an opportunity to follow up the online preparation sessions to be done throughout the program. If you have any question, please call the office or the catechist in charge.

### **Confirmation Preparation Programme...**



Our preparation programme continues with the first session on January 14th, 2023 at 2:00pm-4:00pm in the parish hall. All candidates are required to attend in person. This is also an

opportunity to discuss the online course to be taken through out the program. If you have any question, please call the parish office or the catechist in charge.

## **Notice!**

**The 7:00 Mass on Sunday Evenings be changed to 7:00pm starting on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

**Thanks you!**



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