

# Our Lady of the Assumption Parish

*Home of the Filipino Catholic Mission*



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## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday — 5:00pm

Sunday — 10:00am; 12:00Noon

5:00pm (Filipino); 7:00pm

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## WEEKEDAY MASSES

Tuesday — Friday — 7:00pm

## RECONCILIATION

Wednesday — 6:00pm - 6:45pm

Saturday — 4:00pm - 4:45pm

Or upon request

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## DEVOTIONS

(Before each Mass)

Recitation of the Holy Rosary

Our Mother of Perpetual Help

(Wednesday)

St. Jude (Thursday)

Divine Mercy (Friday)

## BAPTISM

Contact Parish Office 2 months in advance of anticipated baptismal date.

## MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest one year in advance. Preparation course is a prerequisite.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If one of your loved ones would like to receive this Sacrament of Anointing, please call the Parish Office.

## 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 notify the parish office.

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday — CLOSED

Tuesday — Friday

9:00am — 12:00noon

Closed for Lunch

1:00pm — 5:00pm

## CATHOLIC CEMETERY

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## PARISH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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*Welcome, new parishioners!* We invite new parishioners to register with the parish. Registration forms, Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) 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.

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE A

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

February 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>

No Mass

### Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm—Pro Populo

### Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

(Multiple Intentions)

7:00pm—Pro Populo

### Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm—Pro Populo

### Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm—Pro Populo

### Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

5:00pm— Zenaida Viray Fulgencio

Maria Lourdes Aitchison

### Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

10:00am—Pro Populo

12:00 Noon—Pro Populo

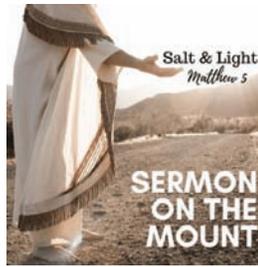
5:00pm (Tagalog)—Pro Populo

7:00pm—Pro Populo

## Sunday Reflection.....

*Jesus teaches that his disciples are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.*

*(Matthew 5:13-16)*



Following upon the teaching of the Beatitudes, Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavoring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent.

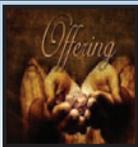
Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!



Let us pray!

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



## Offertory Collection

Sunday Collection—\$6,984.00

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.

## World Day of the Sick Saturday, 11 February 2023



**"Take care of him" - Compassion as a synodal exercise of healing**

In today's world, how often do we see or hear the sick experiencing deep loneliness and abandonment? In our families and close-knit circles, we can be particularly confronted by our human fragility and vulnerability, especially when a loved one falls ill or grows older. Pope Francis, in his message for this year's World Day of the Sick, reminds us that it only "takes a moment of our attention, of being moved to compassion within us" to overcome the throwaway culture and bring loving tenderness to someone in need. The Parable of the Good Samaritan reminds us of our call to approach, listen, and tend proactively to the sick. The Samaritan does not 'go it alone,' but asks the Innkeeper for help and says, "care for him." Face-to-face encounters are essential avenues for the healing ministry of the living Christ. As a faith-filled community, let us not be indifferent to suffering and find ways to pray for and accompany the sick, lonely and abandoned.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Health of the Sick, we entrust to you all who are sick, those who care for them within their families, through work, research or volunteer services. Inspired by your merciful care, may the Church walk together with the sick as a sign of humanity in which everyone is precious and wherein no one is discarded or left behind. Amen.

**REPAIRS UPDATES:**

**RAMPS REPAIRS:** We are on the process of fixing/replacing the existing concrete steps and ramps around the church as they do not meet the Ontario Building Code Standards or AODA standards. The estimate price for this project is \$250k. I will make a complete report to the community as soon as the information are available.

**SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS:** We are also on the process of updating our surveillance cameras. The cost of this project is \$23,020 + tax.

**N.B. The Chancery Office and the Parish Finance Committee approved these projects.**

Significant issues identified by the EXP report in July 2019 and the Parish Finance Council will require careful planning in the coming years. The most significant of these include 4 are:

1. **Masonry Repair** – The EXP report documents significant masonry deterioration at many areas of the building. Priority areas should be repaired immediately to prevent debris from falling, but a long term masonry repair plan should be developed.
2. **Foundation Repair** - The EXP report documents several foundation cracks. TMS conducted some waterproofing work below the rectory. An extensive foundation repair and waterproofing project should be planned around the parish hall.
3. **Electrical Deficiencies** – There are numerous electrical deficiencies noted in the EXP report and visible onsite that need to be corrected. Inappropriate wiring, improperly terminated wiring, open junction boxes, missing/broken exit signs, missing/inadequate emergency lighting need to be resolved.
4. **Fire Alarm System** – The OFC requires Assembly Occupancy buildings as large as Our Lady of the Assumption to have a fire alarm system. It is at the jurisdiction of the Fire Department when and if to issue a compliance notice. Had a permit been applied for, this review may have triggered a request to include a fire alarm system. A system should be added as soon as is feasible.

**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.

**Liturgical Coordinators' Meeting**

**Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 1:30pm**

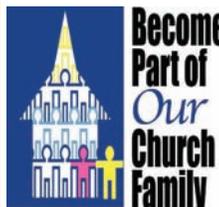
We invite all the Liturgical Coordinators for special meeting to discuss the upcoming Lent, Holy Week/ Easter Celebrations. These include: Choir, Lector, Usher, Altar Server, Sacristan, church decorator, Pabasa, Salubong, and others who are involved during Holy week



**Lift Jesus Higher Rally  
2023**

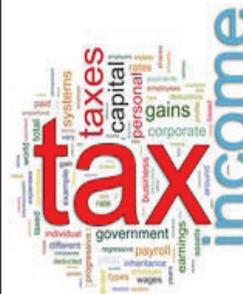
**Saturday March 4 – 9 a.m. to  
5:30 p.m. EST Metro Toronto**

**Convention Centre North Building, 255 Front  
Street West, Toronto**



**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 [olaparishoronto@rogers.com](mailto:olaparishoronto@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 416-787-4547.



**2023 Charitable Income Tax Receipts will be delivered directly in your home through mail by February.**

**Thank you for your continued support to the parish!**



**VOCATION CORNER**

You are the body of Christ, every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are you willing to do your part. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact: **Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997. email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org). [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)**

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