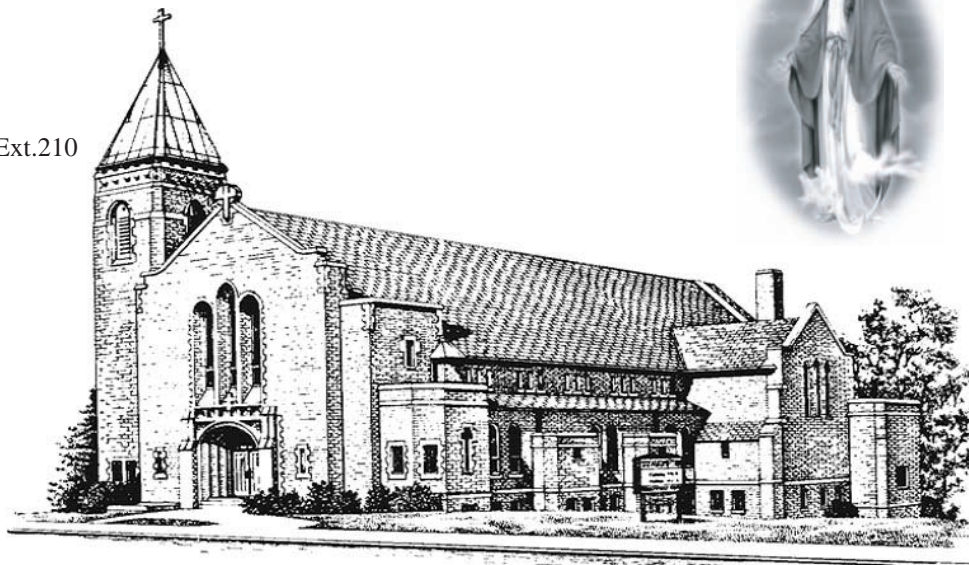


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Home of the Filipino Catholic Mission



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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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, CYCLE A

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



March 13th—19th, 2023

Monday, March 13th

No Mass

Tuesday, March 14th

7:00pm—Pro Populo

Wednesday, March 15th

(Multiple Intentions)

7:00pm—Pro Populo

Thursday, March 16th

7:00pm—Pro Populo

Friday, March 17th

7:00pm—Pro Populo

Saturday, March 18th

5:00pm—Community of

Our Lady of Assumption

Sunday, March 19th

10:00am—Ariston Pulumbarit

Ester Liwanag

Violeta Loresco

Soren Carran

Venerable Aloysius Schwartz

12:00 Noon—Pro Populo

5:00pm (Tagalog)—Pro Populo

7:00pm—Pro Populo

Sunday Reflection.....

On this Sunday and the next two Sundays, we break from reading the Gospel of Matthew to read from John's Gospel. The Gospel of John is the only Gospel not assigned to a particular liturgical year. Instead, readings from John's Gospel are interspersed throughout our three-year liturgical cycle.



In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands."

Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh, but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come.

The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshiping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people.

The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.



Let us pray!

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



Offertory Collection

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His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, Apostolic Administrator, Archdiocese of Toronto, joins the faithful of the archdiocese in prayer and thanksgiving as we welcome a new shepherd.

The Mass of Installation of His Grace, Archbishop Francis (Frank) Leo as Archbishop of Toronto by His Excellency, Archbishop Ivan Jurković Apostolic Nuncio to Canada

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica
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Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
Saturday, March 25, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

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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.

LENTEN RETREAT

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish and the Archdiocesan Filipino Catholic Mission invite you for a Lenten Retreat
Please mark these dates in your calendar and plan to attend!

Tuesday, March 28th, 2023

6:30pm—Praying the Holy Rosary
7:00pm— Holy Mass
7:30pm—Lenten Talk with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

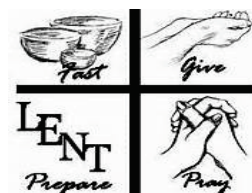
Wednesday, March 29th, 2023

6:30pm—Praying the Holy Rosary
7:00pm—Holy Mass
7:30pm—Lenten Talk with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, March 30th, 2023

7:00pm—Holy Mass
7:30pm—Community Lenten Confession

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



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