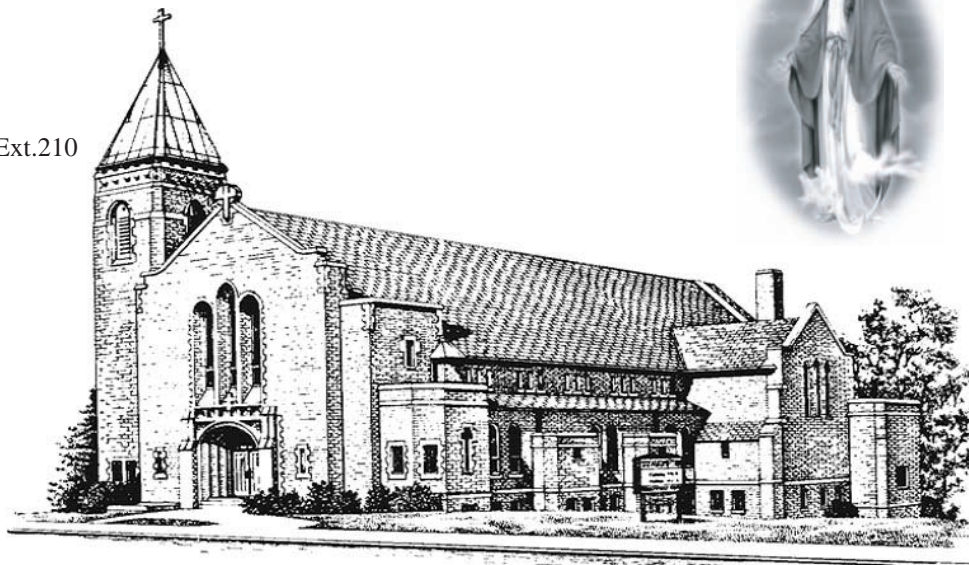


# Our Lady of the Assumption Parish

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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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# PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION, CYCLE A

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**April 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 2023**

### **Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

No Mass

### **Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm—Pro Populo

### **Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

(Multiple Intentions)

7:00pm—Nelson Dolette

### **Holy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

7:30pm—Pro Populo

### **Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

12Noon and 3:00pm—Liturgical Celebration

### **Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

8:00pm—Pro Populo

### **Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am—Dyna Rose Fernandez

12:00Noon—Pro Populo

5:00pm (Tagalog)—Community of Our Lady of Assumption

## *Sunday Reflection.....*

**Jesus is crucified, and his body is placed in the tomb.**  
(*Matthew 26:14—27:66*)

Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. In communities that celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with catechumens, these liturgies take on special importance because they invite the catechumens and the community to enter together into the central mysteries of our faith. These days are indeed profound and holy.

In Cycle A, we read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew on Palm, or Passion, Sunday. (On Good Friday, we will read the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John). The story of Jesus' Passion and death in Matthew's Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father (Matthew 26:18). In Jesus' prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, Jesus concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father's will (Matthew 26:39-44). Even Matthew's description of Jesus' death shows Jesus' obedience to the Father.

Another theme of Matthew's Gospel is to show Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture. Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the events were foretold, then God is in control. In addition, Matthew is particularly concerned that the reader does not miss the fact that Jesus is the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament.

Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven. Matthew makes this clear in the story of the Lord's Supper. As Jesus blesses the chalice, he says: ". . . for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:28)

While the Gospels of Matthew and Mark have many parallels in their narrative of the Passion, there are a few details worth noting that are unique to Matthew. Only Matthew indicates the price paid to Judas for betraying Jesus. The story of Judas' death is also found only in Matthew, as is the detail that Pilate's wife received a warning in a dream and that Pilate washed his hands of Jesus' death. Finally, Matthew's Gospel alone mentions the earthquakes and other phenomena that happened after Jesus' death.

Matthew places the responsibility for Jesus' death on the Sanhedrin, the chief priests and elders who were responsible for the Temple. However, the animosity that those Jewish leaders and the Jewish people demonstrate toward Jesus is not to be interpreted in ways that blame the Jewish people for Jesus' death. Throughout Matthew's Gospel, the narrative reflects the tension that probably existed between the early Christian community and their Jewish contemporaries. At the Second Vatican Council, the Council Fathers made clear that all sinners share responsibility for the suffering and death of Jesus and that it is wrong to place blame for Jesus' Passion on the Jewish contemporaries of Jesus or on Jewish people today.

There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus' Passion. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven.

The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. After we have examined and studied the stories we have received about these events, we are left with one final task—to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us.



*Let us pray!*

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



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APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

# Holy Week Schedule



## MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:30pm

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow until midnight*

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## "PABASA NG PASYON"

"Chanting the Passion of Christ"

At 8:30pm until Good Friday morning

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## GOOD FRIDAY

### THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### THE SEVEN LAST WORDS (Huling Pitong Wika in Tagalog)

at 9:00am—1:45am

### LITURGICAL CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

12:00noon / 3:00pm

### NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY

at 4:30pm

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

at 5:00pm

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## EASTER VIGIL MASS

Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 8:00PM

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### THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### ENCOUNTER / SALUBONG

4:30am – Procession at the parking lot

5:00am – Holy Mass (Filipino)

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

NO 7:00pm Mass



## 2022 Free Personal Income Tax Return

The AFCM - Social Action, Family Apostolate Ministry in collaboration with the Association of Filipino-Canadian Accountants (AFCA), is inviting everyone to avail of the 2022 Free Personal Income Tax Return Preparation on April 23, 2023 (Sunday) from 10am to 4pm. **Income Tax Preparation will be at the Parish Hall.** This is on a first-come, first served basis. Please ensure that the information that will be provided to the income tax preparers are complete and accurate so that your income tax returns are prepared correctly and in a timely manner. We wish to emphasize that taxpayers are responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the information they are providing. Please grab the opportunity of this free service. Thank you.

## THE FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY

Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022



4:00pm – Praise and Worship

4:20pm—In Church Procession

4:30pm— The Divine Mercy Chaplet

5:00pm—Holy Mass

## Installation of Archbishop Francis Leo: Regional Mass and Live Broadcast

Tuesday, April 11, 2023— at 7p.m.  
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