# **Our Lady of the Assumption Parish**

Home of the Filipino Catholic Mission

### PARISH STAFF

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### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday — 5:00pm Sunday — 10:00am; 12:00Noon 5:00pm (Filipino); 7:00pm

#### 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)



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** 416-733-8544

https://www.catholic-cemeteries.ca

### PARISH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Our Lady of the Assumption School 125 Glenmount Ave, North York, ON M6B 3C2 416-393-5265

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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.



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### THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

# Sunday Reflection.....

Jesus is the gate for His sheep (John 10:1-10)



This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of

Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.



## HOLY HOUR with Jesus

Thursday , May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 after the 7:00pm Mass

"Praying for the sick"



May 1st-7th, 2023

Monday, May 1st

No Mass

Tuesday, May 2nd

7:00pm—Estelita Averion

Wednesday, May 3rd

(Multiple Intentions)

7:00pm—Pro Populo

Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm—Pro Populo

Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm—Pro Populo

Saturday, May 6th

5:00pm—Intercession of Mother of Perpetual Help

Sunday, May 7th

10:00am— Raul Sales

12:00Noon—Community of Our Lady of Assumption 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.



### 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 <u>Pre-Authorized Giving Program</u>, or an electronic donation by credit card through the "Donate Now" button at the top right corner of the Archdiocese of Toronto <u>website</u>. For information, Please call the parish office at 416-787-4547.



# **Offertory Collection**

Sunday Collection—\$9,063.00

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### APRIL 30th, 2023

National Family & Life Week (NFLW), May 7-14, 2023, is an invitation from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to the faithful in Canada to celebrate the joy and beauty of family and life by seeking out new and creative ways to live out this call in our daily lives. The NFLW theme is Jesus' words, "Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (John 13:34). Love is at the heart of familial relationships and our families are a communion of love in Christ. We are "guardians of life" when we love one another within our families, as well as in wider society when we show kindness toward and care for the vulnerable and marginalized.



Did you move? Are you moving soon? Did your phone number change? Are you new to the parish and not registered? Do you have any changes in your family status? Are you newlyweds planning to remain in the parish?

If you answer **YES** to any of these questions, please call the parish office (416-787-4547) and help us update our records. Often mail is returned to us because of an incorrect address or we could not communicate because of an incorrect telephone number.

Also, be sure to use your envelopes so that we can give you proper credit for your participation and financial support. This is important for year end income tax preparation and also so that we can provide you with a letter of recommendation if you are asked to be a sponsor.

Thank you for your help in keeping our parish records accurate!

### **RAMPS REPAIRS UPDATE:**

The Chancery office and the Finance committee have approved of the removing of the existing none code

concrete steps and ramps around the church and put new stairs as they do not meet the Ontario Building Code Standards or AODA standards. The estimate quote for this project is \$278,432 (including tax and 10% contingency). These repairs might start as early summer.



Please ask Our Lady to help us finance these repairs!





### PILGRIMAGE 2023

### Fatima, Lourdes and Spain

September 17-30, 2023

For Information, please call Fr. Lorenzo at 416-787-4547 Email: olapastor@rogers.com Our Coordinator: Patricia Martyn 416-629-0350 Connaissance Travel and Tours Maria: 905-334-0559 /416 -291-2676

### maria@cttour.ca

Flyers are available in the website and at the foyer!

### Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations:

The Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations is on *Friday, May 5, 2023*. On this day, parishes throughout the archdiocese hold prayer initiatives dedicated to vocations. This year we are inviting you to take a moment on this day to pray for two intentions: for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for endurance in vocations already committed.

### PARISH GROUND MAINTENANCE

Calling for **Volunteers** to help with our gardening around the church and rectory this Spring. If you can help, please call the Parish office, 416-787-4547

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#### **SHARE LIFE 2023 CAMPAIGN** Living the Gospel locally and around the world

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

### **CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING:**

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in July 2023 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.



## ALL SUNDAY MASSES LIVESTREAM

At https://olassumptionto.archtoronto.org/

