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## Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Roman Catholic Church

### *Archdiocesan Filipino Catholic Mission*

<b>SUNDAY MASSES</b>	Saturday - 5:00pm Sunday - 10:00am; 12:00Noon 5:00pm (Filipino); 7:00pm
<b>WEEKEDAY MASSES</b>	Tuesday - Friday - 7:00pm
<b>RECONCILIATION</b>	Wednesday - 6:00pm - 6:45pm Saturday - 4:00pm - 4:45pm <b>Or upon request</b>
<b>DEVOTIONS</b>	Holy Hour (every first Thursday of the Month)
<b>(Before each Mass)</b>	Recitation of the Holy Rosary Sto. Niño (Tuesday) Our Mother of Perpetual Help (Wednesday) St. Jude (Thursday) Divine Mercy (Friday)

### *Welcome, new parishioners!*

We invite new parishioners to register with the parish. Registration forms, pre-authorized giving 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.



#### **PARISH STAFF**

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#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday is **CLOSED**

Tuesday-Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

(closed for lunch: 12–1p.m.)

#### **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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# Twenty Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

## Sunday Reflection.....

### Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast (Matthew 22:1-14)



Immediately after criticizing the religious leaders through the parable of the tenants in [last Sunday's Gospel](#), Jesus proceeded to tell another parable, again directed at the religious leaders. We hear this parable in today's Gospel.

In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today's psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests. Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable. The context for this parable is the growing tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem. This has been the case for the past two Sundays and will continue to be true for the next several weeks.

The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.

We might stop here for a moment. Why would some guests kill the servants sent to invite them to the king's wedding feast? It might be possible that the king was a tyrant, evidenced by the destruction of the city of those who refused his invitation. But if we follow this idea, then the allegory seems to be about something other than the kingdom of heaven. It is more likely that the destruction of the city would have been a powerful image corresponding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, which would have been an important event for Matthew's audience.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins.

Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**October 16<sup>th</sup>– 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

### **Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

No Mass

### **Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm—Pro Populo

### **Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

(Multiple Intentions)

7:00pm—Pro Populo

### **Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm—Pro Populo

### **Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm—Pro Populo

### **Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

5:00pm— Andre Shawjehan Azeez

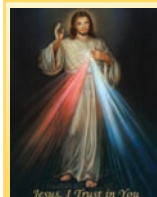
### **Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

10:00am—Pro Populo

12:00Noon—Community of  
Our Lady of the Assumption  
Geronimo Fulgencio

5:00pm (Tagalog)—Luis Bustamante

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 [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.



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November 5,  
2023

Daylight Saving  
Time Ends



### Offertory Collection

Sunday Collection—\$8,108.00

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**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS  
FACE TO FACE SESSIONS in the Parish Hall**

**First Reconciliation/First Communion**



Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at  
10:00am-12:00Noon

**Sacrament of Confirmation**



Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023  
at 2:00pm-4:00pm

**We are still accepting the registrations  
for First Communion and Confirmation  
until November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**For information, please call the parish  
office at 416-787-4547**



**ROSARY — MONTH OF OCTOBER**

The Rosary is such an important tool for prayer in our lives that the entire month of October has been dedicated to the Rosary. The liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated every year on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. In the month of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we too can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

*The Family That Prays Together, Stays Together!*



**World Mission Sunday  
Special Collection, October 22**

Since 1922, the Pontifical Missions Societies through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith has supported the temporal needs of missions as well as created awareness of the work of the missions throughout the world. Some examples of projects include: building churches, pastoral centres, cathedrals damaged by tsunamis and earthquakes, religious houses of formation, homes for the clergy, formation programs for lay missionaries, radio and television production, audio-visual materials for remote mission areas as well as support of pastoral work in various rural dioceses. For more information, please visit the Society for the Propagation of the Faith: [www.missionsocieties.ca](http://www.missionsocieties.ca)



**PARISH HEAD  
COUNT**

Will be held at all weekend masses at OLA the weekends of **October 14/15 and October 22/23**. The purpose of this count is to provide an accurate profile of Mass attendance in the Archdiocese.



**COFFE SUNDAY !!!**

"The Coffee time Ministry will resume their coffee time after the 10am mass, next Sunday Oct 15, 2023. Please come and join us at basement hall after the mass.

Please bring any baked goods you want to share with our fellow parishioner."



**MEMORIAL MASS**

**REMEMBERING OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES**

**Eternal Rest Grant unto Them O Lord...**

Beginning on All Souls Day (Thursday, November 2) and each weekend mass throughout the month of November, the Church's tradition of praying for our deceased relatives and friends will be observed at OLA Parish. Again, this year you are asked to record the names of those you wish us to remember at Mass in November on the envelopes provided for that purpose (available at the doors of the church) and to place your envelope in the box near the altar of remembrance beginning on the weekend of October 22<sup>nd</sup>, where this Basket of Remembrance will remain throughout November.



**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**

**PARISH REGISTRATION**

If you are new to Our Lady of the Assumption Parish and AFCM and you will be staying to worship with us, please fill out a registration form located at the foyer or on the parish website. If your children attend OLA School, you are not automatically registered in the parish. Also, if you are recently married or an adult no longer living with your parents, we kindly ask that you also register as member of the parish.



**ALTAR SERVERS  
NEEDED!**

Catholic boys and girls who are in the 3<sup>th</sup> grade and above are eligible. Our parish needs young people to serve the Holy Mass who are: serious about their faith + reliable + trustworthy + able to work with others. If interested, please contact the parish office at 416-787-4547.

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