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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**

Fr. Lorenzo Salandanan – Ext. 210

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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.

### **CATHOLIC CEMETERY**

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# Thirty First Sunday In Ordinary Time

## Sunday Reflection.....

**Jesus warns against following the example of the scribes and the Pharisees and teaches that those who would be great must be servants (Matthew 23:1-12)**

Today's Gospel continues to elaborate on the tension between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees. Our Lectionary sequence at this point, however, is not quite a continuous reading of Matthew. In between last week's reading from Matthew and this week's, we find Jesus' question to the Pharisees about the Messiah being "David's son." Having concluded a series of dialogues with the Pharisees and other religious leaders, Jesus now directs his words to the crowds, warning them not to follow the example of the scribes and Pharisees.



The scribes and Pharisees were teachers of the Mosaic Law. They were entrusted with its interpretation and, thus, were influential in determining Jewish practice. In order to appreciate the conflict that is evident in this passage, we must understand that Jesus was basing his teachings on the same laws and traditions available to the Pharisees. Both were interpreting the Law of Moses in order to better adapt it to contemporary Jewish life. The differences between their teachings, therefore, are often highlighted and amplified by Matthew.

This part of Matthew's Gospel reflects aspects of the conflict between his Christian community and Pharisaic Judaism. Matthew's Church is thought to have included many Jewish Christians who may not have believed that a break with the synagogue was necessary to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus tells the crowd that it is correct to do and observe what the scribes and Pharisees teach; it is their example that is to be avoided, namely, their love of being honored and exalted. Hence, the Gospel reflects the tension of an active internal debate within the early Church.

Jesus references two aspects of Jewish spiritual life prescribed by the Law of Moses. *Phylacteries* are small boxes which contain Scripture verses that are placed on the left forearm and forehead. *Tassels* refer to the fringes worn on the corners of a person's garments; the tassels help to remind those who wear them to keep the commandments.

The warning Jesus gives against seeking places of honor in the community was directed as much toward the Christian community as the named Jewish leaders. Indeed, it is a warning that resonates with us today. Christian leadership is a call to service for the glory of God; those who would be leaders among us must, like Jesus, be servants of all.

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**November 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

### **Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

No Mass

### **Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm—Pro Populo

### **Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

(Multiple Intentions)

7:00pm—Departed Love Ones  
of Loreto Valente Oliveros

### **Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm—Pro Populo

### **Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm—Pro Populo

### **Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

5:00pm—Community of  
Our Lady of Assumption  
Zenaida Viray Fulgencio  
Maria Lourdes Aitchison

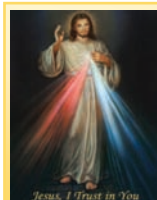
### **Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am—Pro Populo

12:00Noon—Pro Populo

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 [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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### **Offertory Collection**

Sunday Collection—\$8, 218.00

*Thank you for your generous hearts!*



# Archdiocese of Toronto

## Archdiocesan Consultation Underway – Share Your Ideas to assist with future planning!

Archbishop Francis Leo is inviting the Catholic community to share thoughts and ideas regarding future pastoral planning in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Feedback will help inform a renewed Pastoral Plan to be used in the years ahead. To learn more about the process, read the letter of invitation from the archbishop and **complete the short survey by December 15, 2023**, please visit: [www.archtoronto.org/consultation](http://www.archtoronto.org/consultation). Please take a few minutes to share your insights and ideas. Thank you for your collaboration in this archdiocesan initiative.

### RITE OF ENROLLMENT



#### Sacrament of Confirmation

Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 5pm or  
Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10:00am  
and 12:00noon

**NOTE: Please pick ONLY one Mass to attend**

We are still accepting the registrations for First Communion and Confirmation until November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

For information, please call the parish office at

416-787-4547

### 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 where this Basket of Remembrance will remain throughout November.

### Prayer for Eternal Rest

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

~Amen~



### Prayers for Peace in the Middle East



Let us not tire of asking through Mary's intercession for the gift of peace in the many countries throughout the world marked by war and conflicts.

*"We pray for peace in the Middle East especially in Israel and Palestine. For all those who are living through terror, war, anguish and violence. We pray to the Lord. "*

### COME AND SEE WEEKEND



On November 17-19, 2023, we are offering a weekend Discernment Retreat at St. Augustine's Seminary for single men aged 18+ who feel the Lord may be calling them to discern the priesthood. The retreat will start on Friday evening at 6:30pm and end on Sunday afternoon at 2:00pm. Meals & Accommodations will be provided. For Information: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) / (416) 968 0997

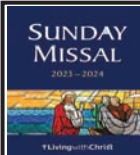
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### COFFEE SUNDAY !!!

Please come and join us at basement hall after the 10am mass.  
Please bring any baked goods you want to share with our fellow parishioners."



### NEW SUNDAY MISSALS

2024 Sunday Missals are on sale in the parish hall after all Sunday Masses. The cost is \$5.00 each.

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