



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.)

<u>BAPTISM</u>

Contact Parish Office 2 months in advance of anticipated baptismal date.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest <u>one year</u> 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.

<u>COMMUNION OF THE SICK AND</u> <u>HOUSEBOUND</u>

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

416-733–8544 www.catholic-cemeteries.ca

PARISH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Our Lady of the Assumption School 416-393-5265



2565 Bathurst Street, Toronto, ON M6B 2Z3 Tel. 416-787-4547 https://olassumptionto.archtoronto.org Email: OLAssumptionTO@archtoronto.org / www.filipinocatholicmission.com

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Roman Catholic Church

Archdiocesan Filipino Catholic Mission

SUNDAY MASSES Saturday - 5:00pm Sunday - 10:00am; 12:00Noon 5:00pm (Filipino); 7:00pm

WEEKEDAY MASSES Tuesday - Friday - 7:00pm

RECONCILIATIONWednesday - 6:00pm - 6:45pmSaturday -4:00pm - 4:45pm**Or upon request**

DEVOTIONS Holy Hour (every first Thursday of the Month)

(Before each Mass)

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, preauthorized 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.

Thirty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Sunday Reflection......

Jesus tells the parable of the talents, in which he teaches about the importance of using the gifts that God has given to us in service to the Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 25:14-30).



This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A *talent* is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of <u>last week's parable</u> of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.



The Shepherds' Trust Special Collection

The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to raise awareness and funds so retired priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. The trust supports the needs of retired clergy in the Archdiocese of Toronto who have served the faithful for many years. Through our support of The Shepherds' Trust, the retired priests are given the dignity of adequate income, healthcare and other assistance in their golden years. For more information about The Shepherds' Trust, please go to: www.shepherdstrust.org.



November 20th-26th, 2023

Monday, November 20th No Mass Tuesday, November 21st 7:00pm—Pro Populo Wednesday, November 22nd (Multiple Intentions) 7:00pm—Geronimo Fulgencio Thursday, November 23rd 7:00pm—Pro Populo Friday, November 24th 7:00pm—Pro Populo Saturday, November 25th 5:00pm—Pro Populo Sunday, November 26th 10:00am – Ester Liwanag Pedro Liwanag 12:00Noon–Community of

Our Lady of Assumption Alma Escosio 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.



Sunday Collection—\$8,738.00 Thank you for your generous hearts!

November 19th, 2023



2024 SUNDAY OFFERTORY

<u>ENVELOPES</u>

Parish Giving Envelopes: Essential Tool for the Church

In the next few weeks, we will be distributing the yearly offertory envelopes. These envelopes are much more than just a mechanism to receive your generosity. They are essential tools for our parish operations and allow us to serve you effectively. And they are incredibly important for you as well. Here are just a few of the reasons for everyone to use their envelopes:

- Participation in our Parish: Your use of the envelope when you come to Mass is the most direct illustration of your active participation at OLA. The envelope does not have to be filled with money to be important. By placing the envelope in our collection baskets, with whatever gifts you may be able to share with your Parish Family, we are able to reflect your attendance. The attendance is the first item we are asked to use when setting up letters for Catholic functions, like sponsorship for sacraments, direct assistance requests, or enrollment in church programs, pastoral letter, etc. Being a "Catholic in Good Standing" requires illustration of attendance, and we know that all of our Parish Family deserves to be considered "good", if not "amazing".
- Tracking Giving for Tax Purposes: You all give so generously, with your time, your talent, and your treasure to our Parish Family. We want to ensure any giving you provide to our parish is properly accounted for, especially in the case of your donations. By using the envelopes, we can properly account for those gifts and provide an appropriate letter at the beginning of each calendar year for your tax needs. That can only be accomplished if your donations are associated to your envelope number.
- Information Changes: From phone numbers to name changes, sometimes the church is the last to know of a change to your information. The envelope is a great way for you to pass on any changes to your contact information, or any comments you may have. That way, we can keep in touch with you as part of our Parish Family.

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: <u>www.archtoronto.org/consultation</u>. Please take a few minutes to share your insights and ideas. Thank you for your collaboration in this archdiocesan initiative.



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. "



FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, December 9th, 11:00am

1 Thessalonians. 5:18





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.

ellowship COFFE SUNDAY !!!

Come and join us at basement hall after the after the 10 am Sunday mass.

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



NEW SUNDAY MISSALS

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

2024 Religious Calendar

For Sale - \$5.00

