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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
RECONCILIATION	Wednesday - 6:00pm - 6:45pm Saturday - 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, 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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Rene Ng – Accountant – Ext. 212

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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT CYCLE B

Sunday Reflection.....

Jesus warns his disciples to be watchful so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes (Mark 13:33-37).

Today we begin the season of Advent, which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our readings from Mark's Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus.



Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face.

Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



December 4th-10th, 2023

Monday, December 4th

No Mass

Tuesday, December 5th

7:00pm—Pro Populo

Wednesday, December 6th

(Multiple Intentions)

7:00pm—Pro Populo

Thursday, December 7th

7:00pm—Pro Populo

Friday, December 8th

7:00pm—Loreto Valente Oliveros

Saturday, December 9th

5:00pm—Pro Populo

Sunday, December 10th

10:00am—Pro Populo

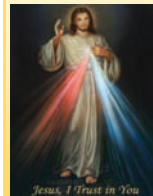
12:00Noon—Zenaida Viray Fulgencio

Maria Lourdes Aitchison

5:00pm (Tagalog)—Pro Populo

7:00pm—Community of Our Lady of

Assumption



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.



WELCOME TO SIMBANG GABI

(Evening Masses)

December 15th-23rd, 2023

at 8:00pm

(There will be no 7:00pm Mass)

Fellowship after Mass in the Pariah Hall

(You are most welcome to bring goodies to share with everyone)

Simbang Gabi ("Night Mass" in English) is a series of nine masses celebrated by Filipino and non-Filipino Catholics across the world, from Dec. 15 to 23. The tradition, which dates back nearly 500 years, promotes devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and prepares Catholics for Christmas.



Offertory Collection

Sunday Collection—\$8,174.00

Thank you for your generous hearts!



CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24th, 2023

- 5:00pm — Filipino Mass (Tagalog)
- 8:00pm — Family Mass (English)
- 10:30pm — Mass (English)

Carols 1/2 hour before all Masses

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CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25th, 2023

- 10:00am — Mass (English)
- 12:00pm — Mass (English)
(No Evening Masses)

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NEW YEAR'S EVE

Sunday, December 31st, 2023

- 7:00pm — Filipino Mass (Tagalog)
- 10:30pm — Mass (English)

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NEW YEAR'S DAY

Monday, January 1st, 2024

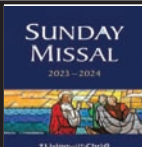
- 10:00 am - Mass (English)
- 12:00 pm—Mass (English)

(No Evening Masses)



FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, December 9th, 11:00am



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

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

NOVENA PRAYERS

November 29th-December 7th, 2023

- 6:30pm—Holy Rosary and Novena
- 7:00pm—Holy Mass

(No Novena and Mass on Monday)

Saturday and Sunday

- 4:30pm—Holy Rosary and Novena
- 5:00pm— Holy Mass

SOLEMN MASS

Friday, December 8th, 2023

- 6:30 pm —Praying the Holy Rosary
- 7:00pm — Holy Eucharist /Floral Offering



*There will be fellowships after the Mass in the Parish Hall
Everyone is invited!*



MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2024

*Celebration of Marriage Mass with Archbishop Francis Leo
February 11, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.*



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As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage. For questions, please email formation@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 523.



2024 Offertory Envelopes/Pre-Authorized Giving

Thank you for your continued support of our parish during these challenging times, especially through your use of offertory envelopes and/or Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG). Offertory envelopes for 2024 are now available in the parish hall. Thank you for picking up your offertory envelopes as soon as possible!

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

**Tuesday, December 12th, 2023
at 7:00pm—8:00pm**



HOLY HOUR with Jesus

Thursday, December 7th, 2023

after the 7:00pm Mass
"Praying for the sick"

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