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Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Roman Catholic Church

Archdiocesan Filipino Catholic Mission

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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 |
| 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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Nora Valera – Secretary – Ext. 200

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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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Sunday Reflection.....

John the Baptist preached repentance and baptized the people, in preparation for the one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8)

Today's Gospel is taken from the beginning of Mark. Unlike Luke and Matthew, Mark does not include any details of Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins with the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert. On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us.



Mark's description of the appearance of John the Baptist highlights John's continuity with the Jewish prophetic tradition. Mark combines quotations

from the Old Testament books of Malachi, Isaiah, and Exodus. Mark's description of John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptized. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John.

Many scholars believe that the Gospels reflect the tension that likely existed between followers of John the Baptist and disciples of Jesus. Each of the four Evangelists report on John's preaching and baptizing, and they each emphasize the importance of Jesus' baptism by John. The four Gospels also explain that John was sent to preach in preparation for another. In the Gospel of Luke, the question is raised as to whether John the Baptist was himself the Messiah. Just as in today's Gospel, however, John speaks quite explicitly that the Messiah was to come after him.

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus.

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK



December 11th-17th, 2023

Monday, December 11th

No Mass

Tuesday, December 12th

7:00pm— Rosary Crusaders

Wednesday, December 13th

(Multiple Intentions)

7:00pm—Pro Populo

Thursday, December 14th

7:00pm—Pro Populo

Friday, December 15th

8:00pm—(Simbang Gabi) Pro Populo

Saturday, December 16th

5:00pm—Pro Populo

Sunday, December 17th

10:00am—Daphne Villanueva

12:00Noon—Pro Populo

5:00pm (Tagalog)—Pro Populo

8:00pm —(Simbang Gabi) 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.



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday, December 12th, 2023

at 7:30pm– 900pm

(A number of Priests are available for Confession)



Offertory Collection

(December 2, 2023)

Sunday Collection—\$11,510.00

Building Fund—\$2,723.00

Thank you for your generous hearts!



CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24th, 2023

**Regular Sunday Masses
(Fourth Sunday of Advent)**

10:00am/12:00noon

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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)

12:00Noon — Mass (English)

(No Evening Masses)

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Sunday, December 31st, 2023

**Regular Sunday Masses
(The Holy Family)**

10:00am/12:00noon

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7:00pm — Filipino Mass (Tagalog)

10:30pm — Mass (English)

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NEW YEAR'S DAY

Monday, January 1st, 2024

10:00am — Mass (English)

12:00Noon — Mass (English)

(No Evening Masses)

Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024

Office and Church **CLOSED**

No evening Mass

THE GIVING TREE



In this season of Advent, we are bringing back the GIVING TREE, allowing us to spread the holiday cheer and share this joyous season with everyone.

In the spirit of giving, you can bring in a present for deserving members of our community by picking one or more Recipient Cards on the tree.

Kindly make sure to attach the recipient card to your gift and place it under the tree. We will collect gifts until Friday, December 29th.

We ask that you bring your gift unwrapped or in a gift bag for security reasons and for ease of sorting. If donating food items, please ensure these are non-perishable and neatly packed.

The coming of our Savior is a precious gift to mankind. May we show our gratitude for the gift that is Jesus Christ by sharing our blessings with others.

God bless you and your loved ones, Merry Christmas!

**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!

**PILGRIMAGE TO AUSTRIA, SLOVAKIA,
GERMANY, SLOVENIA, CROATIA AND
BOSNIA (MEDJUGORJE)**



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Marriage Sunday



MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2024

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

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.

**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 Parish 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.

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