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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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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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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT CYCLE B

Sunday Reflection.....

John gives testimony that he is preaching and baptizing in order to prepare for the coming of another. John 1:6-8,19-28

This Sunday's Gospel invites us to continue our reflection on the person and mission of John the Baptist. Today we depart from the Gospel of Mark and read a selection from the Gospel of John.



The Gospel for today combines a brief passage from the prologue to John's Gospel with a report about John the Baptist. As in Mark's Gospel, the Gospel of John contains no birth narrative. Instead, John's Gospel begins with a theological reflection that has come to be called the "prologue." This prologue places the story of Jesus in its cosmological framework. It speaks of Jesus' existence with God since the beginning of time. In John's Gospel, Jesus is presented as the fulfillment of the Old Testament and the culmination of the Word,

the light that is coming into the world's darkness.

Following this prologue, John reports on the ministry of John the Baptist. We learn about the attention that John the Baptist received from the Jewish authorities. Messengers from the Jewish priests, the Levites and the Pharisees question John about his identity and the meaning of the baptisms that he is performing. John's Gospel uses these questions to establish the relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist. John the Baptist is not the Messiah, nor is he Elijah or the Prophet. In John's denials, we hear echoes of the kind of messianic expectations that were common in first-century Palestine.

The only affirmative response that John the Baptist gives is when he quotes the prophet Isaiah. Upon answering the next question, John announces that the savior they seek is already among them, but as yet unrecognized. John's response highlights for us an important Advent theme: Jesus has already come into the world as our savior. During Advent, we pray that we will be able to recognize Jesus' presence in our midst. Advent also reminds us that Jesus will come again to fulfill the promise of salvation. We pray that we will continue to be watchful as we anticipate that great day.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete*, a Latin word which means "rejoice," is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass. This theme is echoed in today's second reading from the first Letter to the Thessalonians. It is a reminder that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.



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.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

December 18th-24th, 2023

Monday, December 18th

No Mass

Tuesday, December 19th

7:00pm— Community of OLA and AFCM

Wednesday, December 20th

(Multiple Intentions)

7:00pm—Community of OLA and AFCM

Thursday, December 21st

7:00pm—Community of OLA and AFCM

Friday, December 22nd

7:00pm -Community of OLA and AFCM

Saturday, December 23rd

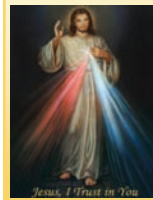
5:00pm— Community of OLA and AFCM

Sunday, December 24th

10:00am— Erlinda Magpili and Family

12:00Noon—Community of OLA and AFCM

See the Christmas Eve Masses Schedules



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.



Offertory Collection

Sunday Collection—\$8,460

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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5:00 pm - Filipino Mass (Tagalog)

8:00 pm - Family Mass (English)

10:30pm—Mass (English)

Carols 1/2 hour before all Masses

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CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25th, 2022

10:00 am - Mass (English)

12:00Noon—Mass (English)

(No Evening Masses)

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Tuesday, December 26th, 2023

Office and Church **CLOSED**

No evening Mass

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Sunday, December 31st, 2023

Regular Sunday Masses

(The Holy Family)

10:00am/12:00noon

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7:00 pm - Filipino Mass (Tagalog)

10:30am - Mass (English)

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NEW YEAR'S DAY

Monday, January 1st, 2024

10:00 am - Mass (English)

12:00 am—Mass (English)

(No Evening Masses)

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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 to others.

God bless you and your loved ones, Merry Christmas!



COFFEE SUNDAY !!!

Our last day Coffee time Sunday will be on December 17, 2023 Sunday after the 10 am mass.

We will resume it on the following Sunday after the Three Kings, which will be on January 14, 2024.

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.

The devotees of Black Nazarene are inviting everyone to join us as we celebrate

THE FEAST OF BLACK NAZARENE On Sunday January 14, 2024

Procession will start at 4:30 pm inside the church followed by Tagalog mass at 5pm.

Food will be served after the mass



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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