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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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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.

### **CATHOLIC CEMETERY**

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# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**January 15<sup>th</sup>—21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

### **Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

No Mass

### **Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm— Pro Populo

### **Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

(Multiple Intentions)

7:00pm—Estela Pardo

### **Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm— En Valera

### **Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm— Virginia Bustamante

### **Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

5:00pm— Pro Populo

### **Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

10:00am— Pro Populo

12:00Noon—Geronimo Fulgencio  
Alma Escosio

5:00pm (Tagalog Mass) - Taguicana-Catipon  
Families

7:00pm— Pro Populo

### *Sunday Reflection.....*

***John the Baptist recognizes Jesus as the Lamb of God, and Jesus receives his first followers (John 1:35–42).***

Although the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, today's reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Today's reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptized by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist.



We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus—the Lamb of God. We hear it weekly at the fraction rite during Mass. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah's description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus' passion and death and the new interpretation of Passover that will begin with Jesus' Last Supper.

We learn in today's reading how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him *Peter*, which means "rock" in Greek. The renaming of Simon to Peter is reported in all four of the Gospels.

In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple, and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. In the passage that follows, John's Gospel tells us how Jesus took the initiative in calling Philip and Nathanael.

Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?

With grateful heart for your prayers, concerns, wishes and gifts that you gave to me during this joyous season. You will be in my prayers always.



God Bless! **Fr. Lorenzo**

### **VACATION TIME:**

Fr. Lorenzo will be away from the parish for few weeks. We thank Fr. Ben Ebcas, and Fr. Robie Paraan, S.J. and other priests for helping us at OLA while I am away.



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** (January 7, 2024)

Sunday Collection—\$8,325.00

Building Maintenance—\$2,637.00

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**Become  
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**We give a heartfelt welcome to all new parishioners!**

In order for us to better serve you, especially at the time of baptism, marriage, or funerals, it is most helpful if you are registered and attending mass regularly here with our parish community. This is especially IMPORTANT for marriage and baptism preparation.

All parishioners especially those who live outside of our parish boundaries are expected to complete the Parish Registration and use Sunday Offertory Envelopes. If you are already a registered member, but you need to update your registration information, please email your full name along with the changes to [olassumptionto@archtoronto.org](mailto:olassumptionto@archtoronto.org). If you're interested in becoming a registered member of the parish, please complete and submit the form available at the foyer or please call the parish office at 416-787-4547.

**2024 Parish Envelopes/ Pre-Authorized Giving**



Thanks to all who have picked up your 2024 envelopes and use them faithfully each Sunday - envelopes for pick up are in the parish hall. *Please remember to mark your name and address or use address labels on the first few envelopes you use in this New Year...we appreciate your support!*

I invite each family to consider the option of Pre-Authorized Giving for the new year. The PAG registration form can be found in the foyer of the church or on our website and can be returned (along with void cheque) to the office directly or by dropping it into next Sunday's Offertory basket! Or please call the parish office.

Thanks to all on behalf of our Property and Finance Council who will be making their annual financial report to the parish in February, 2024

Significant issues identified by the EXP report in July 2019 and the Parish Finance Council will require careful planning in the coming years. The most significant of these include 4 are:

1. **Masonry Repair** – The EXP report documents significant masonry deterioration at many areas of the building. Priority areas should be repaired immediately to prevent debris from falling, but a long term masonry repair plan should be developed.
2. **Foundation Repair** - The EXP report documents several foundation cracks. TMS conducted some waterproofing work below the rectory. An extensive foundation repair and waterproofing project should be planned around the parish hall.
3. **Electrical Deficiencies** – There are numerous electrical deficiencies noted in the EXP report and visible onsite that need to be corrected. Inappropriate wiring, improperly terminated wiring, open junction boxes, missing/broken exit signs, missing/inadequate emergency lighting need to be resolved.
4. **Fire Alarm System** – The OFC requires Assembly Occupancy buildings as large as Our Lady of the Assumption to have a fire alarm system. It is at the jurisdiction of the Fire Department when and if to issue a compliance notice. Had a permit been applied for, this review may have triggered a request to include a fire alarm system. A system should be added as soon as is feasible.

**MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2024**

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

*Marriage  
Sunday*



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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 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage). For questions, please email [formation@archtoronto.org](mailto:formation@archtoronto.org) or call 416-934-3400 ext. 523.



**THE FEAST OF  
STO. NIÑO**

Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024  
at 5:00pm Mass

Please bring your own Sto. Niño statue to be blessed

*Everyone is welcome to attend!!!*



**COFFE SUNDAY !!!**

"The Coffee time Ministry will resume their coffee time after the 10 am mass, Please come and join us at basement hall after the mass for fellowship.

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

Under spiritual guidance of Rev. Lorenzo Salandanan, Pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Toronto, ON Tour Coordinator: Ms. Patricia Martyn, 416-629-0350, [pmartyn132@gmail.com](mailto:pmartyn132@gmail.com) SEP 29 - OCT 12, 2024, 14 DAYS - \$5,090.00, incl. taxes and tips Connaissance Travel and Tours, 3852 Finch Ave East, Suite #306, Toronto ON, M1T 3T9, Tel: 416 291 2676.



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