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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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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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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



January 22-28, 2024

Monday, January 22nd

No Mass

Tuesday, January 23rd

7:00pm— Pro Populo

Wednesday, January 24th

(Multiple Intentions)

7:00pm— Pro Populo

Thursday, January 25th

7:00pm— Pro Populo

Friday, January 26th

7:00pm — Pro Populo

Saturday, January 27th

5:00pm— Loreto Valente Oliveros
Corazon Oliveros

Sunday, January 28th

10:00am— Pro Populo

12:00 Noon— Pro Populo

5:00pm (Tagalog Mass) - Community of Our Lady of Assumption

7:00pm—Taguicana-Catipon Families

Sunday Reflection.....



Jesus calls the fishermen, Simon and Andrew, James and John, to be his disciples (Mark 1:14-20)

Today we begin a continuous reading of Mark's Gospel that will carry us through this segment of the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. Remember that in Cycle B of the Lectionary, most of the Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel according to Mark.

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus' baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' own ministry.

As we learn at the beginning of today's Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfillment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.

In contrast to last week's Gospel, in Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples. As mentioned last week, it was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them, but he does report that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee, was left behind in the boat.

Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?



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 14, 2024)

Sunday Collection—\$8,362.00

Thank you for your generous hearts!



2023 Charitable Income Tax Receipts will be delivered directly in your home through mail by February.

Thank you for your continued support to the parish!



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 olaparishtoronto@rogers.com. 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 416-787-4548..



THE FEAST OF STO. NIÑO

Sunday, January 21st, 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. Please come and join us at

basement hall after the 10am Sunday mass for fellowship.

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



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.

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 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.

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. **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.
2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **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.

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