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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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



January 29th– February 4th, 2024

Monday, January 29th

No Mass

Tuesday, January 30th

7:00pm— Pro Populo

Wednesday, January 31st

(Multiple Intentions)

7:00pm— Pro Populo

Thursday, February 1st

7:00pm— Pro Populo

Friday, February 2nd

7:00pm — Pro Populo

Saturday, February 3rd

5:00pm— Community of Our Lady of the Assumption

Sunday, February 4th

10:00am— Narciso and Donna Figueroa
Santino Alonzi
Dyna Rose Fernandez

12:00Noon— Pro Populo

5:00pm (Tagalog Mass) — Pro Populo

7:00pm— Pro Populo

Sunday Reflection.....



Jesus heals a man with an unclean spirit and his fame spreads throughout Galilee (Mark 1:21-28).

Today's Gospel continues our reading from Mark and describes what some believe was likely to have been a typical day in Jesus' ministry. Jesus and the disciples that chose to follow him in last week's Gospel arrive at Capernaum, a small village on the Sea

of Galilee. Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Mark reports that the people respond to Jesus' teaching with astonishment, noting Jesus' authority and contrasting it with the scribes'. Early in Mark's Gospel we already find evidence of the tension that will manifest itself fully in Jerusalem.

After Jesus' preaching, an even more astonishing thing happens. A man possessed with an unclean spirit calls out to Jesus. As we see in this example and throughout Mark's Gospel, the spirits and demons seem to know Jesus and are often fearful of him. In fact, they seem to understand Jesus' identity better than his disciples. As we will read again and again in Mark's Gospel, Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet and drives the unclean spirit out of the man. Jesus' ability to heal those possessed by demons is an indication of his power over evil.

In the prescientific age of Jesus' time, all illnesses were understood to be manifestations of evil and sinfulness. Our modern understanding of illness is very different. Possession by unclean spirits may have been a way to describe what we might call mental illness today. It may have even been a way of describing certain kinds of physical conditions. There is evidence that there were many kinds of exorcists and healers in first-century Palestine. Jesus appears to be like these healers, but he heals with unique authority and connects his healing activities with the words of his preaching.

We are missing the point that Mark is trying to make in this Gospel, however, if we try to explain away the healing work of Jesus. The crowds see in Jesus' cure of the possessed man further affirmation of his authority. Jesus' power to heal gives greater credence to his teaching. Jesus impresses the crowds through his words, which are manifested with power in his deeds. Mark's Gospel tells us that because of the authority with which he healed, Jesus' fame spread throughout all of Galilee.



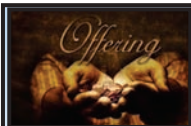
Let us pray!

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 21, 2024)

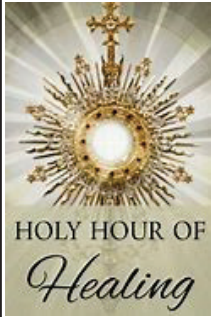
Christmas Collection—\$10, 407.00

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!



**HOLY HOUR
with Jesus**

Thursday , February 1st, 2024
after the 7:00pm Mass
"Praying for the sick"



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.



Candelaria Mass and Blessing of Candles

Friday, February 2nd, 2024 at 7:00pm

You are most welcome to bring your own candles to be blessed.



COFFE SUNDAY !!!

Please come and join us at basement hall after the Sunday, 10am mass.

Please bring any baked goods you want to share with our fellow parishioner."



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. 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..

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.



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

Under spiritual guidance of Rev. Lorenzo Saladanan, 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.

Reflecting on Archbishop Leo's Pastoral Letter on Seeking the Kingdom of God

On January 1, 2024, the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, the Most Rev. Francis Leo released a Pastoral Letter: "Seeking the Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things." The full pastoral letter can be accessed in our website. The letter is directed to the People of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto and offers a deep theological, spiritual and pastoral meditation as we begin a new year.

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