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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

Jhun Vilorio – Caretaker

Lucille Sicat – House Keeper

Rene Ng – Accountant – Ext. 212

#### **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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# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

**February 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

### **Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

No Mass

### **Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm— Pro Populo

### **Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

(Multiple Intentions)

7:00pm— Pro Populo

### **Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

7:00pm—Geronimo Fulgencio

### **Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7:00pm — Pro Populo

### **Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

5:00pm— Pro Populo

### **Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am— Pro Populo

12:00Noon—Paterno Sanchez

5:00pm (Tagalog Mass) — Community of

Our Lady of the Assumption

Carlito Libarnes

Retraita Taguicana

Danilo Mendoza

Melody Vasquez

7:00pm— Pro Populo



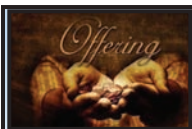
Let us pray!

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.



**Offertory Collection**  
(February 11, 2024)

Sunday Collection—\$9,837.00

Thank you for your generous hearts!

## Sunday Reflection.....

**Jesus is tempted in the desert by Satan (Mark 1:12-15).**



On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. This event in the life of Jesus is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—but it is not found in John's Gospel. This year we read Mark's account of this event.

Compared to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the details throughout Mark's narrative are sparse. This is evident in Mark's account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke explain that Jesus

fasted while in the desert, that Satan presented him with three temptations, and that Jesus refused each one, quoting Scripture. Only the Gospels of Matthew and Mark report that angels ministered to Jesus at the end of his time in the desert.

In each of the Synoptic Gospels, the temptation of Jesus follows his baptism by John the Baptist. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfillment of God's promises is here.

The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.



**Become Part of Our Church Family**



**"2023 Parish Tax Receipts are being processed and you will receive them in the mail on or before Friday, February 16".**



## Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Annual Report to the Faithful - 2023

### Receipts

#### General Receipts

Offering	\$ 490,941.02
Other Parish Collections	30,556.70
Christmas and Easter	21,263.00
Baptisms/Funerals/Marriages	10,915.00
Mass Offerings / Intentions	20,555.00
Other Donations	17,195.00
Rental and Interest Revenue	81,776.32
Parish Programs (charity, faith formation, sacramental prep, youth)	3,677.00
Sundry (admin, CEWS subsidy, articles, candles, restricted funds, socials)	123,418.89

#### Special Diocesan Collections

Canadian Missions	2,121.00
Evangelization of Nations (World Missions)	3,160.00
Humanitarian Relief	515.00
Marygrove Camp	2,100.00
Mission Co-Op	10,127.00
Needs of Canadian Church (Bishops' Collection)	2,954.00
Needs of Church in Holy Land (Good Friday)	6,064.00

Pope's Pastoral Works	2,698.00
ShareLife	17,809.75
Shepherds' Trust	3,293.00
Other	35.00

#### Other Receipts

Investments withdrawn	232,960.00
Sale of parish assets	-

Total Receipts for the Period	1,084,134.68
Opening cash balance	149,071.51
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,233,206.19</b>

### Payments

#### General Payments

Clergy Salaries & Stipends	\$ 62,248.00
Lay / Musicians Salaries	111,864.56
Lay / Musician Company Services	6,652.16
Payroll Remittances	21,679.66
Office Services / Supplies	13,216.35
Property Insurance	13,366.32
Utilities - Church	34,555.16
Repairs & Maintenance	36,575.74

Grounds Maintenance/Landscaping	15,508.24
Traffic Control / Security Service	913.84
Choir / Music Payments	181.89
Liturgy / Mass Payments	8,406.70
Other Church Payments	3,954.21
Hall Expenses	
Rector's Payments	13,617.58
Assessments: clergy health & retirement, diocesan, chaplaincy	120,375.00
Parish Programs (charity, faith formation, sacramental prep, volunteering, youth)	3,737.62
Sundry (admin, articles/candles, professional fees, rental, restricted, socials, staff training)	55,792.92

#### Special Diocesan Collections Disbursed

	50,876.75
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#### Other Payments

New Investments Purchased	7,546.44
Property Additions / Restorations	248,046.05
Furnishings / Equipment	27,472.46

Total Payments for the Period	856,587.65
Ending cash balance	376,618.54
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,233,206.19</b>

### Supplemental Information

Account	Balance, Jan 01, 2023	Additions	Less: Repayments/Withdrawals	Balance, Dec 31, 2023
Investments at Chancery	\$ 375,113.88	\$ 6,101.37	\$ 232,960.00	\$ 148,255.25
Family of Faith Investments	63,731.97	1,445.07	-	65,177.04
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 438,845.85</b>	<b>\$ 7,546.44</b>	<b>\$ 232,960.00</b>	<b>\$ 213,432.29</b>

## Come & See

Discernment Weekend Retreat — March 15–17, 2024 at St. Augustine's Seminary. The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. until Sunday, March 17 at 2 p.m. This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Please note that registration must be done online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee). For more information, please contact us at: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).



## COFFEE SUNDAY !!!

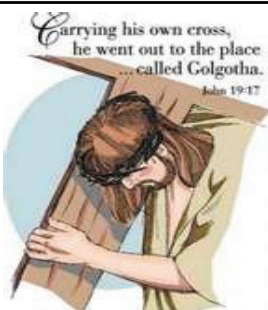
Please come and join us at basement hall after the Sunday, 10am mass. Please bring any baked goods you want to share with our fellow parishioner."

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



Under spiritual guidance of Rev. Lorenzo Salandanan, Pastor of Our Lady of the

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## JOIN US

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**HOLY EUCHARIST at 7:00pm**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:30pm**

### What do you do for Lent?

### Few Suggestions:

Daily Prayers, Holy Rosary, reading the Scriptures, Daily Masses, Charitable acts, Sacrament of Confession and Visiting the Blessed Sacrament.

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