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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 Vloria – 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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ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

May 13th –19th, 2024

Monday, May 13th

No Mass

Tuesday, May 14th

7:00pm—Pro Populo

Wednesday, May 15th

(Multiple Intentions)

7:00pm—Pro Populo

Thursday, May 16th

7:00pm—Pro Populo

Friday, May 17th

7:00pm —Pro Populo

Saturday, May 18th

5:00pm—Pro Populo

Sunday, May 19th

10:00am— Community of

Our Lady of the Assumption

12:00Noon—Alma Escosio

5:00pm (Tagalog Mass) —Pro Populo

7:00pm—Pro Populo

Sunday Gospel Reflection....

Jesus is taken to heaven, and the disciples go forth to preach as Jesus commanded (Mark 16:15-20)



Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the fortieth day after Easter. In Cycle B, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Mark. Scholars have long noted some irregularities about the ending of Mark's Gospel. There is a natural break in the story line at verse 8, when Mark's report of the discovery of the empty tomb comes to an abrupt conclusion. This verse reports that the women were so frightened by what they had seen at the tomb that they told no one. This may be

the original ending of Mark's Gospel, but it is also possible that the more complete ending has been lost.

Some manuscripts of Mark's Gospel, written between the fourth and ninth centuries, include what scholars have termed the Shorter Ending. This is often printed in our Bibles for reference. This ending indicates that the women told their story to Peter's companions. Scholars believe that this ending is not original to Mark. They theorize that this ending was added by copyists who sought to resolve the original abrupt ending at verse 8.

Other early manuscripts include a Longer Ending that scholars also believe was written by someone other than the Evangelist. Nonetheless, quotations from this Longer Ending are found in the writings of the early Church Fathers, and it was accepted at the Council of Trent as part of the canonical Gospel of Mark. Our Gospel for today's celebration of the Feast of the Ascension is taken from this Longer Ending.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each case, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the gospel message to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize and to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, the commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only the Gospels of Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

Even if this ending to Mark's Gospel was written by someone other than the Evangelist, in the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples, there are elements that are quite typical of Mark's Gospel. The signs that will accompany belief in Jesus are as vivid as the action performed by Jesus during his ministry. Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. During his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers.



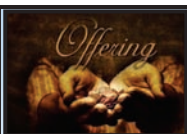
Let us pray!

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
(May 5, 2024)

Sunday Collection—\$9,216.00

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Thank you for your generous hearts!



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME!



We would like to congratulate Deacon Joel Bangdalan for his Permanent Deaconate Ordination on May 25th, 2024 at St. Michael Cathedral.

Archbishop Francis Leo appointed Deacon Joel Bangdalan to serve the community of Our Lady of the Assumption, Toronto effective on May 25th, 2024. Welcome to OLA family!



ShareLife and World Communications Day



You can work wonders!

On this World Communications Day, your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of our brothers and sisters in the Deaf and hard of hearing community.

"If you ever wonder what impact you are making – you are sending Deaf kids to an accessible American Sign Language (ASL) camp in the summer; you are connecting Deaf kids with Deaf mentors; you are inspiring Deaf kids to achieve their dreams; you are teaching family members ASL so they can communicate with their Deaf children. When you give, it goes a long way." – Kelly Mackenzie, *Silent Voice*



COFFEE SUNDAY

This Sunday is our last Coffee Sunday and will resume in the Fall. We thank the Coffee Sunday Ministry for their dedication and hard work to bring the community together.

Parish Secretary Job Posting

We have already announced the retiring of Nora Valera, our parish secretary, effective at end of June, 2024. We thank Nora for her dedication and hard work for the past 15 years and wish her well in her retirement.

We are looking for a new full-time parish secretary/receptionist to provide a welcoming environment for those who visit or contact our parish community, as well as being responsible for all administrative and confidential functions relating to the parish office. The job posting can be found here:

<https://olassumptioonto.archtoronto.org>. and the deadline for application is Monday May 13th, 2024.

We thank all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

DOOR REPAIRS TOTAL EXPENSE

Side and Back Doors, Parish Hall **\$45,612.00**



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Join the Archdiocese of Toronto Delegation International Eucharistic Congress Quito, Ecuador September 8-15, 2024

The Holy Father has invited Catholics worldwide to participate in the 53rd International Eucharistic Congress. This year's gathering takes place in Quito, Ecuador from September 8-15, 2024. To learn more about the pilgrimage, please visit www.archtoronto.org/iec. Limited spaces are available for pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Toronto to join with the Canadian delegation. Registration deadline is June 6, 2024 with early bird pricing available until May 6.

Corpus Christi Mass & Procession



Saint Michael's Cathedral Basilica – Sunday, June 2, 2024 (following Noon Mass) – All are welcome! All are welcome to join the Most Reverend Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto, for a Corpus Christi Mass & Procession at Saint Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.) on Sunday, June 2, 2024 following the Noon Mass. A short procession (30-45 minutes)

will take place in the vicinity surrounding the cathedral followed by Solemn Benediction followed by fellowship.

Reflection for the Month of the Blessed Mother by Archbishop Leo.



You are encouraged to share as appropriate through your communication channels. The message is posted online at: www.archtoronto.org and shared extensively through our social media channels during the month of May.



FLORES DE MARIA CELEBRATION Sunday, May 26th, 2024

Procession at 3:00pm
Solemn Mass at 5:00pm (Tagalog)



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