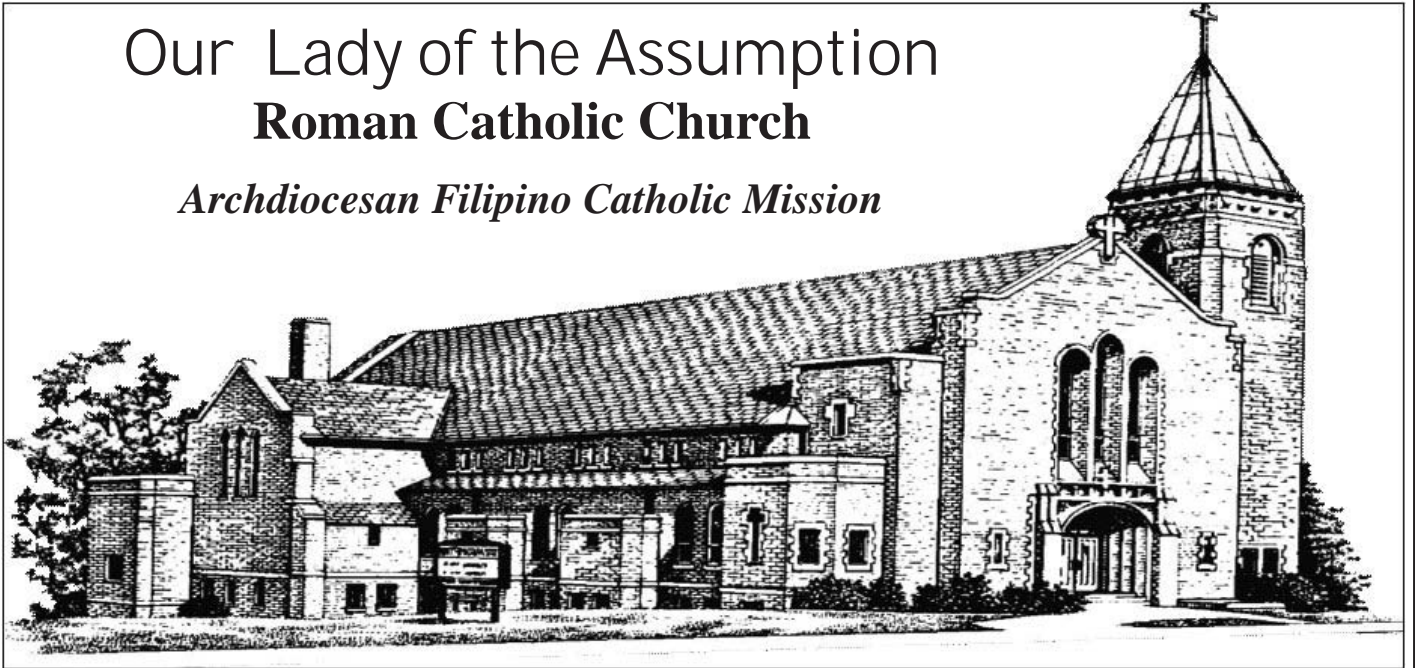


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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday is **CLOSED**  
Tuesday-Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
(closed for lunch: 12-1 p.m.)

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## *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.

## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday – 5:00pm  
Sunday – 10:00am; 12:00 Noon  
5:00pm (Filipino); 7:00pm

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## WEEKEDAY MASSES

Tuesday – Friday – 7:00pm

## RECONCILIATION

Wednesday – 6:30pm – 6:45pm  
Saturday – 4:00pm – 4:45pm  
Or upon request

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## DEVOTIONS

(Before each Mass)  
Recitation of the Holy Rosary  
Our Mother of Perpetual Help  
(Wednesday)  
St. Jude (Thursday)  
Divine Mercy (Friday)

## 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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## PARISH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Our Lady of the Assumption School  
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# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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**December 2nd-8th, 2024**

**Monday, December 2nd**

No Mass

**Tuesday, December 3rd**

7:00pm—

**Wednesday, December 4th**

(Multiple Intentions)

7:00pm— +Emeteria Masilang

**Thursday, December 5th**

7:00pm— HOLY HOUR

**Friday, December 6th**

7:00pm—

**Saturday, December 7th**

5:00pm—

**Sunday, December 8th**

10:00am— +Pablo M. Ordinario

12:00Noon—

5:00pm (Tagalog Mass) -

7:00pm— Community of OLA

## Sunday Gospel Reflection....

**Jesus teaches his disciples to be vigilant so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes in glory (Luke 21:25-28,34-36).**



Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.



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

Sunday Collection— \$9,456.00

Thank you for your generous hearts!

## CONGRATULATIONS!

The Most Rev. Francis Leo will be elevated to the College of Cardinals on December 8, 2024 at the Vatican.



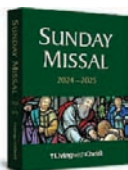
**2025 SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

**Parish Giving Envelopes: Essential Tool for the Church**

In the next few weeks, we will be distributing the yearly offertory envelopes. These envelopes are much more than just a mechanism to receive your generosity. They are essential tools for our parish operations and allow us to serve you effectively. And they are incredibly important for you as well. Here are just a few of the reasons for everyone to use their envelopes:



- Participation in our Parish: Your use of the envelope when you come to Mass is the most direct illustration of your active participation at OLA. The envelope does not have to be filled with money to be important. By placing the envelope in our collection baskets, with whatever gifts you may be able to share with your Parish Family, we are able to reflect your attendance. The attendance is the first item we are asked to use when setting up letters for Catholic functions, like sponsorship for sacraments, direct assistance requests, or enrollment in church programs, pastoral letter, etc. Being a "Catholic in Good Standing" requires illustration of attendance, and we know that all of our Parish Family deserves to be considered "good", if not "amazing".
- Tracking Giving for Tax Purposes: You all give so generously, with your time, your talent, and your treasure to our Parish Family. We want to ensure any giving you provide to our parish is properly accounted for, especially in the case of your donations. By using the envelopes, we can properly account for those gifts and provide an appropriate letter at the beginning of each calendar year for your tax needs. That can only be accomplished if your donations are associated to your envelope number.
- Information Changes: From phone numbers to name changes, sometimes the church is the last to know of a change to your information. The envelope is a great way for you to pass on any changes to your contact information, or any comments you may have. That way, we can keep in touch with you as part of our Parish Family.
- We strongly encourage you to use PAG (Pre-Authorized Giving)



**NEW SUNDAY MISSALS**

2025 Sunday Missals are on sale in the parish hall after all Sunday Masses. The cost is \$7.00 each.

***2025 Religious Calendar***

For Sale - \$5.00



**THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
**NOVENA PRAYERS**

November 29th-December 7th, 2024

6:00pm—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/ Holy Rosary and Novena

7:00pm— Holy Mass

*( No Novena and Mass on Monday)*

Saturday and Sunday

4:00pm—Holy Rosary and Novena

5:00pm— Holy Mass

**SOLEMN MASS**

**Sunday, December 8th, 2024**

5:00pm — Holy Eucharist /Floral Offering

*There will be fellowships after the Mass in the Parish Hall*

*Everyone is invited!*

**FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION**

**SATURDAY, December 14th, 2024 at**

**11:00am**



**HOLY HOUR**  
**with Jesus**

Thursday , December 5th, 2024

after the 7:00pm Mass

*"Praying for the sick"*

***ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE***

**Thursday, December 12th, 2024**

**at 7:00pm– 8:00pm**



**WELCOME TO SIMBANG GABI**  
**(Evening Masses)**

**December 15th-23rd, 2024**

**at 8:00pm**

*(There will be no 7:00pm Mass)*

Simbang Gabi ("Night Mass" in English) is a series of nine masses celebrated by Filipino and non-Filipino Catholics across the world, from Dec. 15 to 23. The tradition, which dates back nearly 500 years, promotes devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and prepares Catholics for Christmas.

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