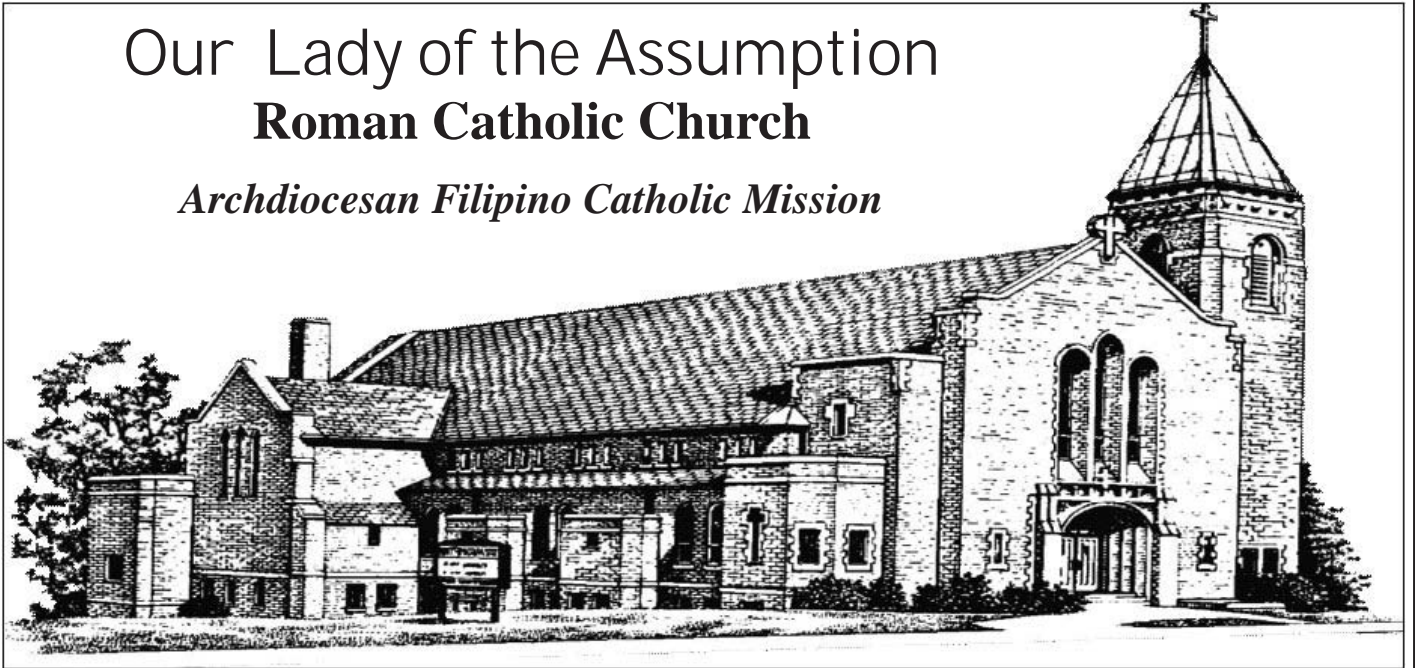


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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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**December 9th-15TH, 2024**

**Monday, December 9th**

No Mass

**Tuesday, December 10th**

7:00pm— +En Valera

**Wednesday, December 11th**

(Multiple Intentions)

7:00pm— Maria Aithchison

**Thursday, December 12th**

7:00pm—

**Friday, December 13th**

7:00pm—

**Saturday, December 14th**

5:00pm— Josefina Peregrino (birthday)

**Sunday, December 15th**

10:00am— +Conrad Gleeson

12:00Noon—

5:00pm (Tagalog Mass) - Community of OLA

7:00pm— Lacao family (thanksgiving)

*Sunday Gospel Reflection....*

**John preaches repentance and baptizes in the region of the Jordan. (Luke 3:1-6)**



This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation.

The three Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke—attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between these two men to their birth. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These stories set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in chapter 3.

The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry.

In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.



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.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Prayers and Best Wishes for Frank Cardinal Leo**



The faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto offer our prayers and best wishes for the newest members of the College of Cardinals, including our chief shepherd, the Archbishop of Toronto, Frank Cardinal Leo. This weekend, Cardinal Leo is in Rome as one of the 21 new cardinals from around the world gathered with Pope Francis. Please pray for our new cardinal as he begins this important role of service to the Church.

Regional Masses to celebrate Cardinal Leo and the beginning of the Jubilee Year will take place early in 2025. More details will be shared in the coming weeks.



**Offertory Collection**

Sunday Collection—\$10,312.00

Building Funds—\$3,598.00

*Thank you for your generous hearts!*



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULES

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

Tuesday, December 24th, 2024

6:00 pm - Filipino Mass (Tagalog)  
8:00 pm - Family Mass (English)  
10:30 am - Mass (English)

*Carols 1/2 hour before all Masses*

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**CHRISTMAS DAY**

Wednesday, December 25th, 2024

10:00 am - Mass (English)  
12:00 Noon—Mass (English)  
5:00pm— Filipino Mass  
(No 7pm Mass)

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**HOLY FAMILY**

December 28/29, 2024

*Regular Sunday Mass Schedules*

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**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

Tuesday, December 31st, 2024

7:00 pm - Filipino Mass (Tagalog)  
10:30am - Mass (English)

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**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Wednesday, January 1st, 2025

10:00 am—Mass (English)  
12:00 Noon— Mass (English)  
5:00pm— Filipino Mass (Tagalog)  
(No 7pm Mass)

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**EPIPHANY SUNDAY**

January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

*Regular Sunday Schedules Masses*



**2025 Offertory Envelopes/Pre-Authorized Giving**



Thank you for your continued support of our parish during these challenging times, especially through your use of offertory envelopes and/or Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG). **Offertory envelopes for 2024 are now available in the parish hall and have been pre-assigned and sorted alphabetically by last name.** Thank you for picking up your offertory envelopes as soon as possible!

If you are not using the envelope and would like to start using for next year, please see a representative at the parish hall to help you assigned a new envelopes .

If you are not currently registered in the parish and wish to use Offer-tory envelopes, please fill out the parish registration form on the table in the parish hall ad return it to the parish office and we will notify you when your new 2023 offertory envelopes are ready for pick up.

I thank those who currently using the option of Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) here at the parish and remind them to use the general envelope avail-able at the foyer or please call the parish office at 416-787-4547.



**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

**Thursday, December 12th , 2024  
at 7:30pm– 9:00pm**

*A number of priests are available to hear confession*



**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.

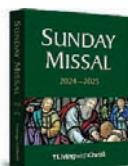
*There will be a fellowship after Mass in the Parish hall.*



**"JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT"**

This Advent season, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC) presents an online weekly video series titled "Journey through Advent." Journey through Advent" will be released weekly and will be available on the [CCCCB website](http://CCCCB website) and on their [YouTube channel](http://YouTube channel). The series is also available via our own web-site at: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org). Daily Mass web-site: [www.dailytvmass.com](http://www.dailytvmass.com). May these video reflections be a source of com-fort and peace during our Advent journey. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

**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

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