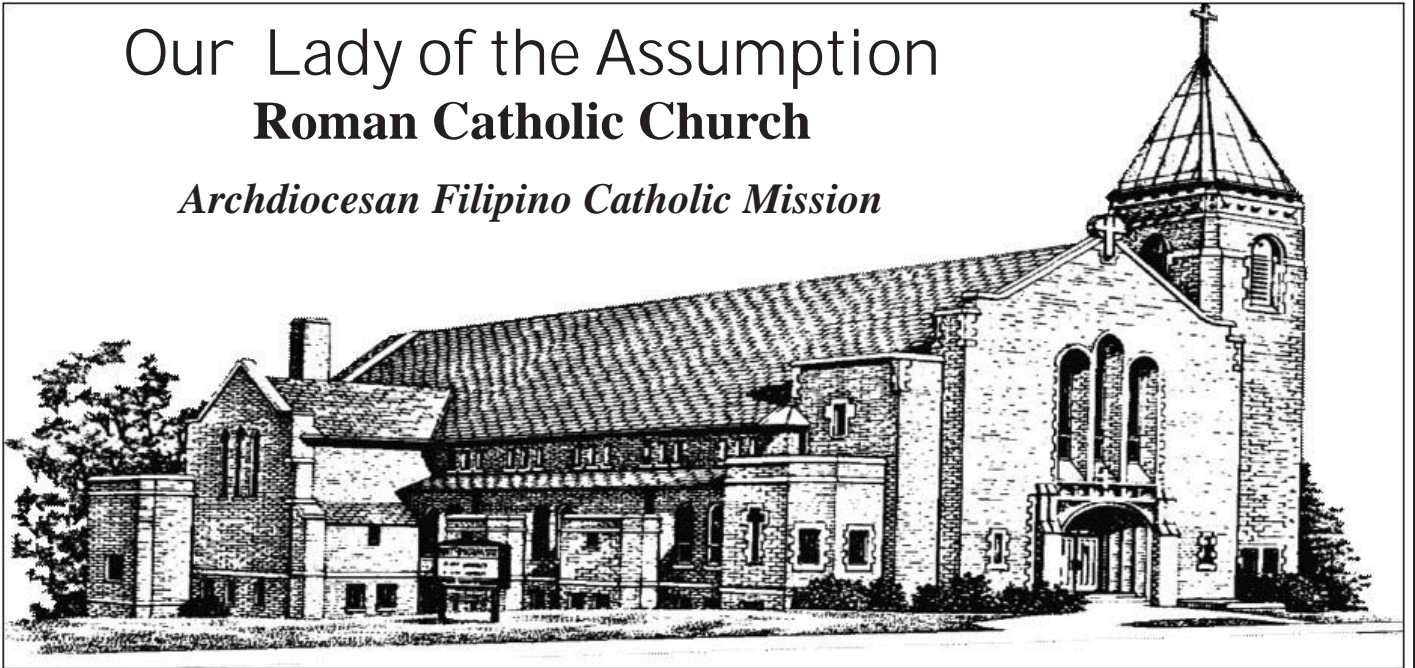


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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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Our Lady of the Assumption School
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



December 16th-22nd, 2024

Monday, December 16th

8:00pm—Simbang Gabi

Tuesday, December 17th

8:00pm—Simbang Gabi

Wednesday, December 18th

(Multiple Intentions)

8:00pm—Simbang Gabi

Thursday, December 19th

8:00pm—Simbang Gabi

Friday, December 20th

8:00pm—Simbang Gabi

Saturday, December 21st

8:00pm—Simbang Gabi

Sunday, December 22nd

10:00am— Thanksgiving by Erlinda

12:00 Noon— +Teodorico Sicat

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

8:00pm—Simbang Gabi

Sunday Gospel Reflection...

John the Baptist teaches the path of repentance and announces Christ (Luke 3:10-18)



This Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ. Recall that last week's reading described John's appearance in the desert and established his connection with the prophetic tradition of Israel. If we were to read Luke's Gospel continuously, we would learn about John the Baptist challenging the crowds who came to him and calling upon them to show evidence of their repentance. John tells his listeners that they cannot rely on

their lineage as Israelites because children of Abraham can be raised up from stones. Repentance, rather, must be observable in one's actions. Here, Luke is continuing to set up two important themes of his Gospel message: the Christian faith is expressed in one's actions, and the call to salvation is extended to everyone, Jews and Gentiles.

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel.

When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.



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— \$12,625.00

Thank you for your generous hearts!

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.



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 pm - 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)
10:30pm - 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

Sunday, January 4/5, 2024

Regular Sunday Schedules Masses

OFFICE CLOSED

December 26, 2024 and January 2nd, 2025



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 .

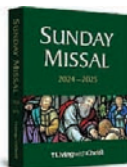
If you are not currently registered in the parish and wish to use Offertory envelopes, please fill out the parish registration form on the table in the parish hall ad return it to the parish office and we will notify you when your new 2023 offertory envelopes are ready for pick up.

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 available at the foyer or please call the parish office at 416-787-4547.



COFFEE SUNDAY !!!

Our last day Coffee time Sunday will be on December 15, 2024 Sunday after the 10 am mass.. We will resume it on the following Sunday after the Three Kings, which will be on January 12, 2025. Thank you so much to our dedicated team who served the community with their great hearts.



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



**PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025
September 28-October 10, 2025**

Visiting: Rome, Monte Sant' Angelo, San Giovanni Rotondo, Lanciano, Assisi, Florence, La Spezia, San Gimignano, Cinque Terre, Genoa and Milan.

Under spiritual guidance of Rev. Lorenzo Salandanan, Pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Toronto, ON Tour Coordinator: Ms. Patricia Martyn, 416-629-0350, pmartyn132@gmail.com SEP 28 - OCT 10, 2025, 13 DAYS - \$5,490.00, incl. taxes and tips Connaissance Travel and Tours, 3852 Finch Ave East, Suite #306, Toronto ON, M1T 3T9, Tel: 416 291 2676

The devotees of Black Nazarene are inviting everyone to join us as we celebrate

THE FEAST OF BLACK NAZARENE

On Sunday January 12, 2025

Procession will start at 4:30 pm inside the church followed by Tagalog mass at 5pm.

Food will be served after the mass



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