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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 416 –393-5265



Monday, March 17th

No Mass

Tuesday, March 18th

7:00pm—

Wednesday, March 19th

(Multiple Intentions)

7:00pm—

Thursday, March 20th

7:00pm— Pro Populo

Friday, March 21st

7:00pm— +Maria Antonia Arone

Saturday, March 22nd

5:00pm—+Geronimo Fulgencio

Sunday, March 23rd

10:00am-

12:00Noon— Reynaldo Caraan

5:00pm (Tagalog Mass) -

7:00pm—



Let us pray!

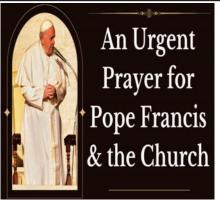
We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the forgotten members in our community and those who love and minister to them.

Offertory Collection March 9th, 2025

Last Sunday Offertory \$ 11,393.00







Prayer for Pope Francis

O merciful and loving God, fountain of all grace and source of eternal healing, be with our Holy Father as he faces this battle with illness. Surround him, O Lord, with boundless compassion and strengthen his spirit so that he may regain the health needed to continue to lead your flock with a father's heart. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday Reflection.....

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, John, and James (Luke 9:28b-36)

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. On the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The report of Jesus' Transfiguration is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The context for Luke's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew and Mark. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his Passion. After the prediction there is a discussion of the cost of discipleship in each of these Gospels. The placement of the Transfiguration story close to Peter's confession and Jesus' prediction encourages us to examine the Transfiguration in the larger context of the Paschal Mystery.

The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death.

As they awake, Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity with the Law and the Prophets. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospels, there is reference to conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel explains that this conversation is about Jesus' later accomplishments in Jerusalem. Luke describes this as his exodus, connecting Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection with the Israel's Exodus from Egypt.

On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Having just awoken, perhaps Peter's offer was made in confusion. We also notice that Peter reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus "master" instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.



Frequently Asked Questions on Plenary Indulgences During the Jubilee Year

- 1. What is an indulgence? An indulgence is the remission of temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven. Sin is both personal and social; it leaves a mark on the individual soul and has an effect on the lives of others. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation our sins are forgiven, and we are restored to a state of grace, but the aftermath of our sin remains. Indulgences work to remedy this both in this world and the next, for ourselves or those who have gone before us into eternal life. As a remission of temporal punishment, indulgences can be partial or plenary depending on whether part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin has been remitted. Indulgences truly are an outpouring of God's abundant grace and mercy. For more information, see Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 1471 1479.
- 2. What is the Jubilee Indulgence? The Jubilee Indulgence is a plenary indulgence which thanks to the power of prayer, is intended in a particular way for those who have gone before us, so that they may obtain full mercy. It may also be sought for oneself. It is a way of discovering the unlimited nature of God's mercy. During a Jubilee Year, which normally happens every 25 years, all other indulgences previously granted remain in force and may be obtained by the faithful.
- **3. How is the Jubilee Indulgence obtained?** It is obtained in the same manner as any plenary indulgence. One who is truly repentant and free from any attachment to or desire for sin, moved by a spirit of charity, must perform a prescribed act to be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence. The person must also go to Confession (within several days before or after the prescribed act), receive Holy Communion and pray for the intentions of the Pope (specifically praying 1 Our Father and 1 Hail Mary). The Jubilee Indulgence may be applied in suffrage to the souls in Purgatory, which is a most commendable act of mercy itself. For more information, see The Gift of the Indulgence.
- **4.** What are the ways in which a plenary indulgence can be obtained? A plenary indulgence can be obtained through the following ways:
- pilgrimages;
- pious visits to sacred places;
- works of mercy and penance.

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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 Sacraments.

PRAYER-FASTING-ALMS GIVING



Do you want to FAST this age Lent?...

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy. Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Re: E-Mails Claiming to be from Cardinal Leo

In recent days, communication has been circulating, most often addressed to religious communities, claiming to be from Cardinal Leo. A fake Yahoo e-mail address is being used. Please disregard any communication coming from this address as it is not legitimate. The fraud has been reported. Thank you for your co-operation.



Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2025

Saturday March 29th, 2025 at 4 – 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST Metro Toronto Convention Centre North Building,

255 Front Street West, Toronto

FREE TAX CLINIC

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish (OLA), in collaboration with the Association of Filipino-Canadian Accountants (AFCA), is pleased to invite you to our 2024 Free Income Tax Preparation event. This will take place on

Sunday, March 30, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Parish Hall.



To be eligible for this free service, individuals must have a modest income and a simple tax situation. Please note that AFCA Tax Clinic Volunteers will not prepare tax returns for deceased persons, individuals who have filed for bankruptcy, self-employed individuals, or those with complex tax returns.

This service is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Additionally, tax volunteers will not accept any form of remuneration or payment for their services. Thank you.



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