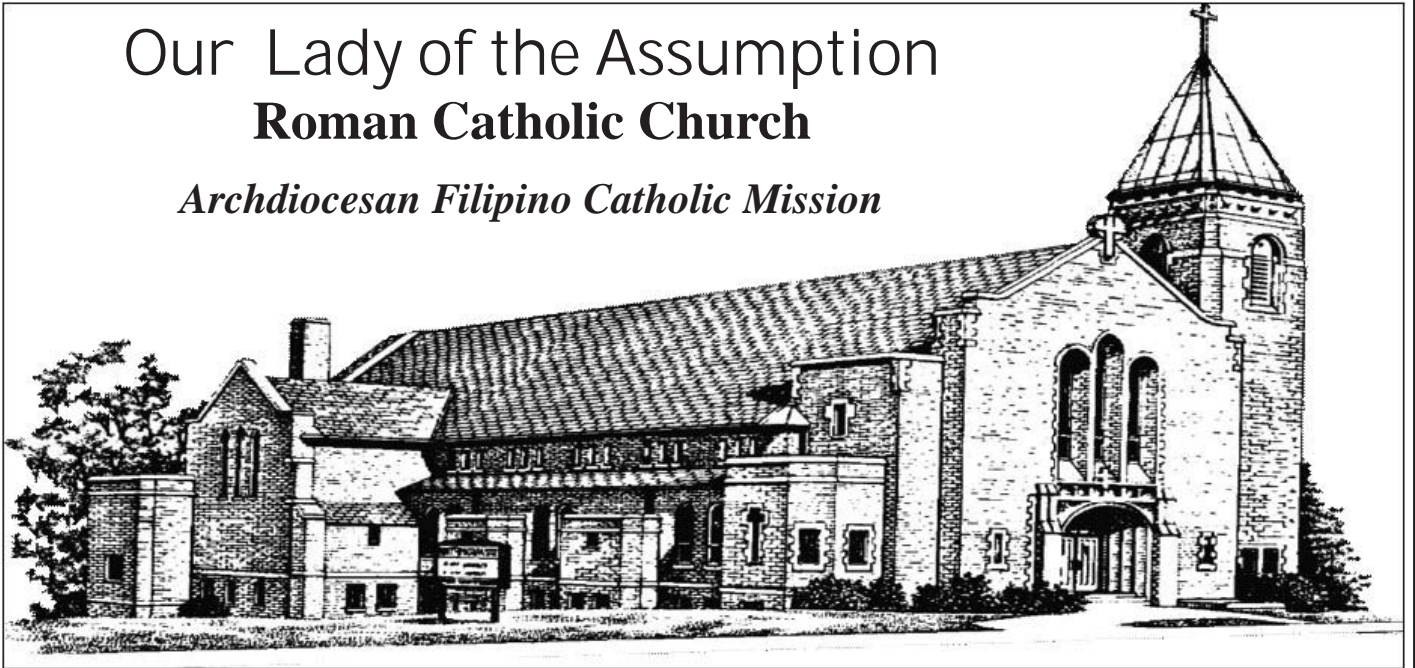


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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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.

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# 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



**Monday, March 24th**

No Mass

**Tuesday, March 25th**

7:00pm—

**Wednesday, March 26th**

(Multiple Intentions)

7:00pm—

**Thursday, March 27th**

7:00pm— Pro Populo

**Friday, March 28th**

7:00pm—

**Saturday, March 29th**

5:00pm—

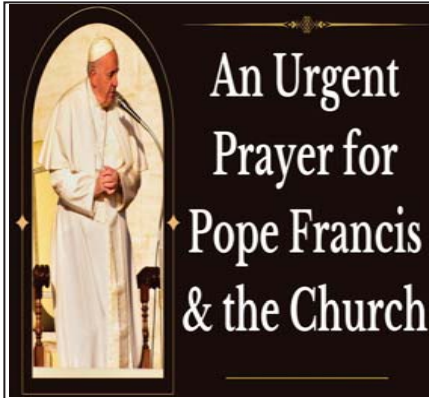
**Sunday, March 30th**

10:00am—

12:00Noon—

5:00pm (Tagalog Mass) -

7:00pm—

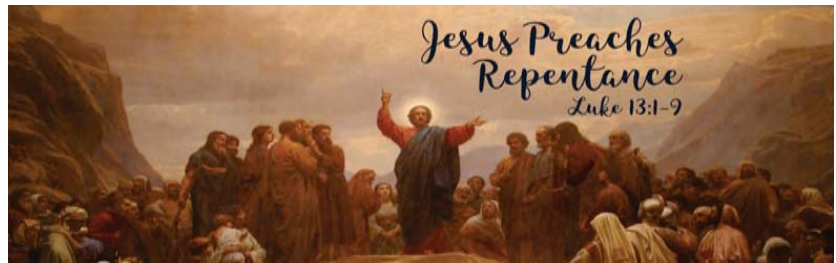


## Prayer for Pope Francis

*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 preaches a lesson on repentance. (Luke 13:1-9)



Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. Today's reading is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that describe Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals. He must also respond to those who question and challenge his authority and actions. There is no parallel in Mark's or Matthew's Gospels for today's reading from Luke. While Mark and Matthew describe an incident in which Jesus curses the fig tree, today's reading makes the barren fig tree the subject of a parable.

Luke tells us that some among the crowds report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people's suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus. Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin.

Jesus' words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence, "Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit.

Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us.

This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. Next week's Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us.



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 16th, 2025

Last Sunday Offertory \$ 11, 362.00

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FOR YOUR SUPPORT





# LENTEN RETREAT



Our Lady of the Assumption Parish and the Archdiocesan Filipino Catholic Mission invite you for a Lenten Recollection **"Jubilee of Hope and Renewal"**

As we enter the Jubilee of Hope proclaimed by Pope Francis, we are invited to embark on a profound spiritual journey. This sacred year is a time to rediscover and live out the hope that comes from our faith in Christ. In a world often marked by uncertainty, division, and despair, the Jubilee of Hope reminds us that God's love never fails, and His promises endure forever.

Hope is at the very heart of our Christian identity. It is not a vague optimism or wishful thinking but a firm trust in God's presence and providence. This Jubilee invites us to open our hearts to that hope and to become its witnesses in a world that so desperately needs it.

### MONDAY, APRIL 7TH, 2025

- 6:30—Praying the Holy Rosary
- 7:00pm Holy Mass
- 7:30pm—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Lenten Talk: *"Renewing Our Hope in God"*

### TUESDAY, APRIL 8TH, 2025

- 6:30—Praying the Holy Rosary
- 7:00pm Holy Mass
- 7:30pm—with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Lenten Talk: *"Extending Hope to Others"*

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9TH, 2025

- 6:30—Praying the Holy Rosary
- 7:00pm—Holy Mass
- 7:30pm—the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Lenten Talk: *"Living as a People of Hope"*

### THURSDAY, APRIL 10TH, 2025

- 7:00pm Holy Mass
- 7:30pm—Community Lenten Confession  
(A number of priests will be available to hear Confessions)

### First ShareLife Collection

March 30th, 2025  
2025 Parish Goal -\$26,500  
Please give generously.



## Do you want to FAST this 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.

### **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 cooperation.



### **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.



### **JOIN US**

Every Friday at

**HOLY EUCHARIST at 7:00pm**  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:30pm**

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.

*"Remember your OLA Parish in your will."*



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