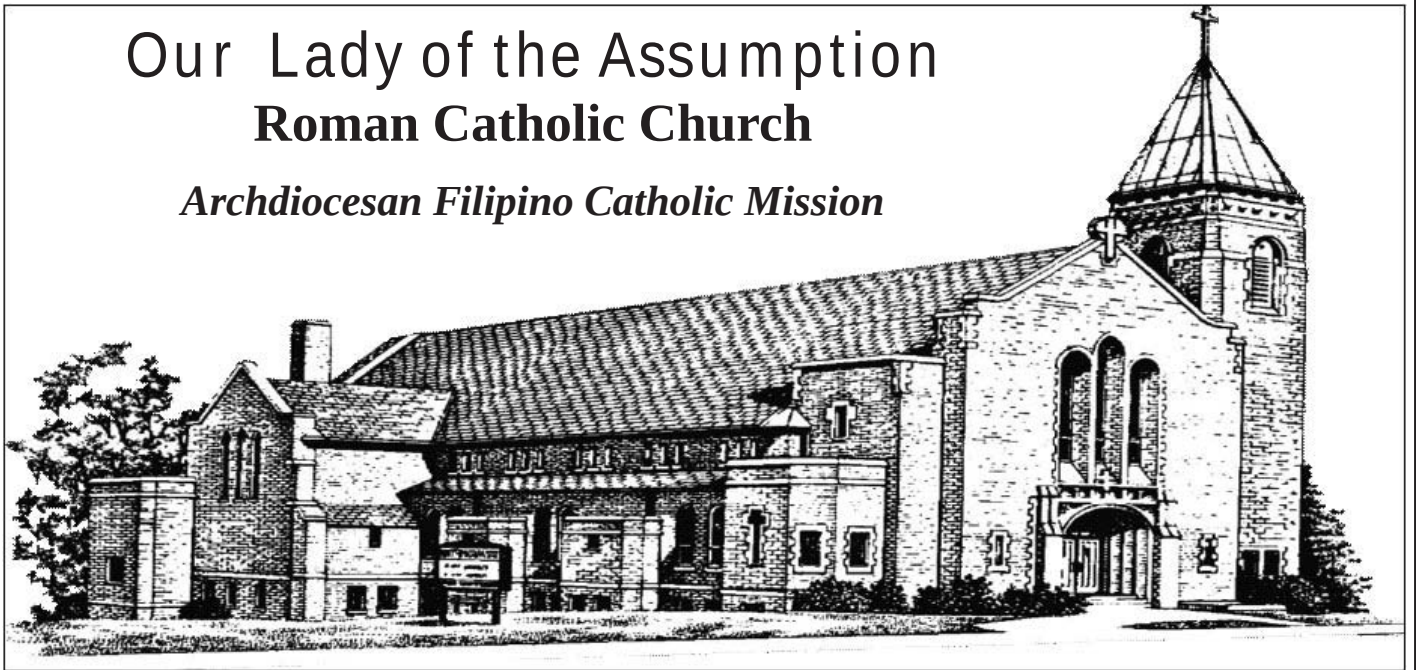


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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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DECEMBER 1st-7th, 2025

Monday, December 1st

No Mass

Tuesday, December 2nd

7:00pm— +Francesco Antonio Gagliard

Wednesday, December 3rd

(Multiple Intentions)

7:00pm— Pro Populo

Thursday, December 4th

7:00pm— John/ Raquel Laorden

Friday, December 5th

7:00pm— +Juan Apinado

Saturday, December 6th

5:00pm— Pro Populo

Sunday, December 7th

10:00am—Sean Rosales

12:00Noon— Pro Populo

5:00pm (Tagalog Mass) - Pro Populo

7:00pm— Pro Populo

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.

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

November 23rd, 2025

Sunday Offertory Collection \$ 10, 223.00

Philippine Relief \$ 6, 197.00

Thank you for your donations and support!



Reflection on the Season of Advent

Advent is a season of **waiting, watching, and welcoming**. It reminds us that the Christian life is a journey of hope—trusting that God is at work even when we cannot see the full picture. As the world rushes forward with noise and busyness, Advent invites us to slow down, breathe, and make room for Christ.

It is a time to prepare our hearts, not just our homes. The candles of the Advent wreath show us the path: **hope, peace, joy, and love**—the gifts Christ desires to rekindle in us. Each week, the light grows brighter, reminding us that God's presence gradually transforms our darkness.

Advent teaches us that waiting is not passive. It is a holy longing—a way of saying, "Lord, I need You. Come into my life again." We wait for the Lord who came in history at Bethlehem, who comes to us daily in the sacraments and in one another, and who will come again in glory.

Helping the Philippines Typhoon Victims with Your Generosity

Our brothers and sisters in the Philippines are once again facing great suffering after the recent typhoon. Many have lost their homes, livelihoods, and even loved ones. In this time of hardship, **let us open our hearts and hands to help.**

Your **generosity**—whether through prayers, financial assistance, or fundraising efforts—can bring hope and relief to those most in need.

Together, we can make a difference and show that love knows no distance. Let us be instruments of God's compassion and healing.

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." — Matthew 25:40



WELCOME TO SIMBANG GABI

Evening Masses

December 15th-23rd, 2025 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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday Reflection.....

Jesus tells his disciples that the coming of the Son of Man will catch many people unprepared. Jesus tells his disciples that they are to always be ready for the day of the Lord. (Matthew 24:37-44)

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It 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. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know that our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION SATURDAY, December 6th, 11:00am



VOCATION CORNER

You are the body of Christ, every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are you willing to do your part. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact: **Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997. email: vocations@archtoronto.org.**

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



SOLEMN MASS

Sunday, December 7th, 2025

4:20pm—Praying the Holy Rosary

5:00pm—Solemn Mass

(Floral Offering/ Procession inside the Church)



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

**Wednesday, December 10th,
2025**

at 7:30pm– 9:00pm



HOLY HOUR with Jesus

Thursday, December 4th, 2025
after the 7:00pm Mass
"Praying for the sick"



PILGRIMAGE INVITATION

We warmly invite you to join us on a **spiritual pilgrimage** — a special journey of faith, prayer, and renewal. This pilgrimage will be a grace-filled opportunity to deepen our relationship with God, strengthen our community, and walk together in the footsteps of faith. Pilgrimages are not just trips — they are journeys of the heart, moments to encounter God in a profound way. We hope you can be part of this faith-filled experience.

Destinations: AUSTRIA, CZECHIA, GERMANY, POLAND AND HUNGARY Visiting: Vienna, Prague, Dresden, Poznan, Our Lady of Lichen Sanctuary, Black Madonna of Czestochowa, Divine Mercy Sanctuary, Krakow, Wieliczka, Auschwitz, Kalwaria Zebrzydowska and Budapest.

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.

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