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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



DECEMBER 8th-14th, 2025

Monday, December 8th

No Mass

Tuesday, December 9th

7:00pm-Pro Populo

Wednesday, December 10th

(Multiple Intentions)

7:00pm-Pro Populo

Thursday, December 11th

7:00pm— Maria Aitchison

Friday, December 12th

7:00pm-Pro Populo

Saturday, December 13th

5:00pm-+ Opel Monsod

Sunday, December 14th

10:00am-Daphne Villanueva

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 <u>Pre-Authorized Giving Program</u>, or an electronic donation by credit card through the "Donate Now" button at the top right corner of the Archdiocese of Toronto <u>website</u>. For information, Please call the parish office at 416-787



Offertory Collection
November 30th, 2025

Sunday Offertory Collection \$ 10,124.00

Thank you for your donations and support!



WELCOME TO SIMBANG GABI!

December 15th-23rd, 2025 At 8:00pm

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Filipino Tradition of Simbang Gabi Around the World

Simbang Gabi, also known as **Misa de Gallo**, is one of the most beloved Filipino Catholic traditions. Celebrated for **nine consecutive days** leading up to Christmas, it expresses the deep faith, hope, and joyful anticipation of the Filipino people as they prepare for the birth of Jesus.

Simbang Gabi is more than a novena of nine dawn or evening Masses—it is the heartbeat of the Filipino spirit wherever we go. Whether celebrated in the cool mornings of the Philippines, the winter nights of Canada, the busy cities of Europe, or the restricted spaces of the Middle East, Simbang Gabi becomes a reminder that faith travels with us.

As Filipinos, we carry this beautiful tradition not just in our calendars but in our hearts. Each night of the novena becomes a moment to pause, to breathe, and to let hope rise again. The familiar songs, the glow of the *parol*, and the warmth of community bind us together even when we are far from home. Simbang Gabi tells us that no matter how scattered we are across the world, **we remain one people in faith**, journeying together toward the light of Christ.

For many who live away from family, these nine days become a sacred bridge—a way to remember home, to pray for loved ones, and to entrust our dreams to God. It is a gentle assurance that Christ enters every place where we gather: from simple chapels to grand cathedrals, from migrant communities to multicultural parishes.

Simbang Gabi reminds us that **Advent is a season of longing and promise**. We come to these Masses carrying our hopes, our burdens, and our gratitude. And in return, God meets us with His presence—a presence that brings peace, courage, and joy.

Wherever we are in the world, may every Simbang Gabi strengthen our faith, deepen our love for one another, and renew our hope in the God who journeys with us. As we await the birth of Jesus, let us carry the light of Christ into our families, our workplaces, and the communities we serve.



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ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, December 10th, 2025 at 7:30pm-9:00pm



Please pick-up your 2026 Offertory Envelopes in the parish hall.





CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULES

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, December 24th, 2025

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

Carols 1/2 hour before all Masses



CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday, December 25th, 2025

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



NEW YEAR'S EVE

Wednesday, December 31st, 2025

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



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)



SUNDAY MISSAL 2023-2026

NEW SUNDAY MISSALS

2025-2026 Sunday Missals are now available. The cost is by donation only.

Sunday Reflection...



John the Baptist appears in Judea preaching a message of repentance (Matthew 3:1-12).

In this week's Gospel Reading and next week's, our Advent preparation for Christmas invites us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. In this week's Gospel, Matthew describes

the work and preaching of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets of Israel, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. In fact, the description of John found in this reading is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah (2 Kings 1:8). In this reading, John directs a particularly pointed call to repentance to the Pharisees and Sadducees, parties within the Jewish community of the first century.

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 in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.



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.

APR 22 - MAY 05, 2026, 14 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.

Last COFFEE SUNDAY Of the Year!

We would like to inform you that our last Coffee Sunday for this



year will be on December 14th. We thank all our volunteers, donors, and parishioners who helped make our fellowship Sundays meaningful and joy-filled.

We look forward to welcoming you again when Coffee Sunday resumes next year on January 11th 2026.

Your continued support truly strengthens our community spirit. Thank you, and God bless!



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