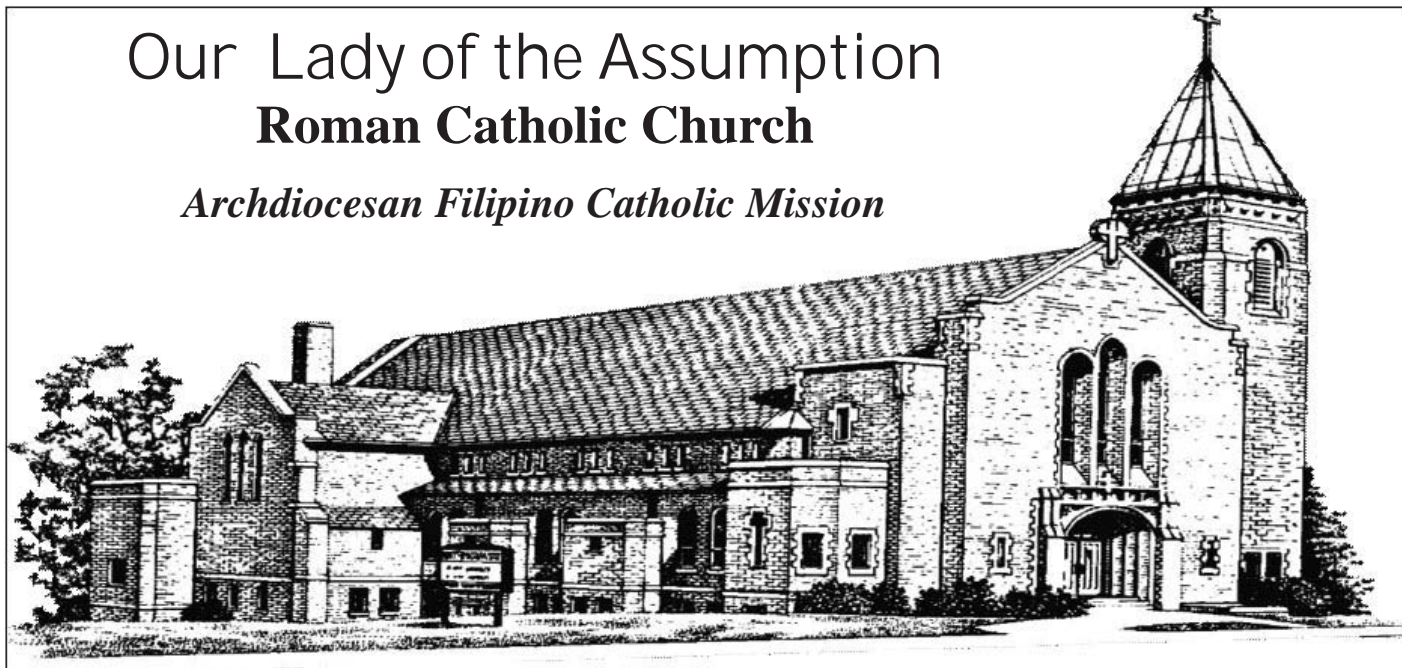


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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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 15th - 21st, 2025

Monday, December 15th

8:00pm— Pro Populo

Tuesday, December 16th

8:00pm— Pro Populo

Wednesday, December 17th

8:00pm— Pro Populo

Thursday, December 18th

8:00pm— Pro Populo

Friday, December 19th

8:00pm— Pro Populo

Saturday, December 20th

5:00pm—Pro Populo

8:00pm— Pro Populo

Sunday, December 21st

10:00am—Pro Populo

12:00Noon— +Joseph Fiesta

5:00pm (Tagalog Mass) - Pro Populo

8:00pm— 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 30th, 2025

Sunday Offertory Collection \$14, 987.00

Building Maintenance \$3, 662.00

Thank you for your donations and support!



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.

Simbang Gabi is not just a tradition. It is our story of faith—shared, lived, and offered to the world.



**WELCOME TO SIMBANG GABI
(Evening Masses)**

December 15-23, 2025, At 8:00pm
(There will be no 7:00pm Mass)

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**FIRST DAY OF SIMBANG GABI MASS
MONDAY, December 15, 2025**



Celebrant: Bishop Robert Kasun

Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto & Central Region



Jesus tells John the Baptist of the signs of the kingdom that are being worked through him and praises John as more than a prophet.

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

GAUDETE SUNDAY



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

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CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday, December 25th, 2025

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

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CHURCH/ OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, December 26, 2025

HOLY FAMILY

December 27/28, 2025

Regular Sunday Mass Schedules

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Wednesday, December 31st, 2025

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

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CHURCH/ OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, January 2nd, 2026

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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 3/4, 2026

Regular Sunday Mass Schedules



Closing Mass for the Holy Year of Jubilee

at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on Sunday, December 28, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available with numerous priests present from 3:30 – 4:45 p.m. All are most welcome!



PILGRIMAGE INVITATION



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 Sandanan, 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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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.



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

HAS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGED?

Please notify the Parish Office if your mailing address, email address, phone number has changed in the past year. We require current mailing address, so that you will receive your charitable donation tax receipt in the new year on time.

Please contact the office at **416-787-4547** or olassumptionto@archtoronto.org

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

THE FEAST OF BLACK NAZARENE

On Sunday January 11, 2026

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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