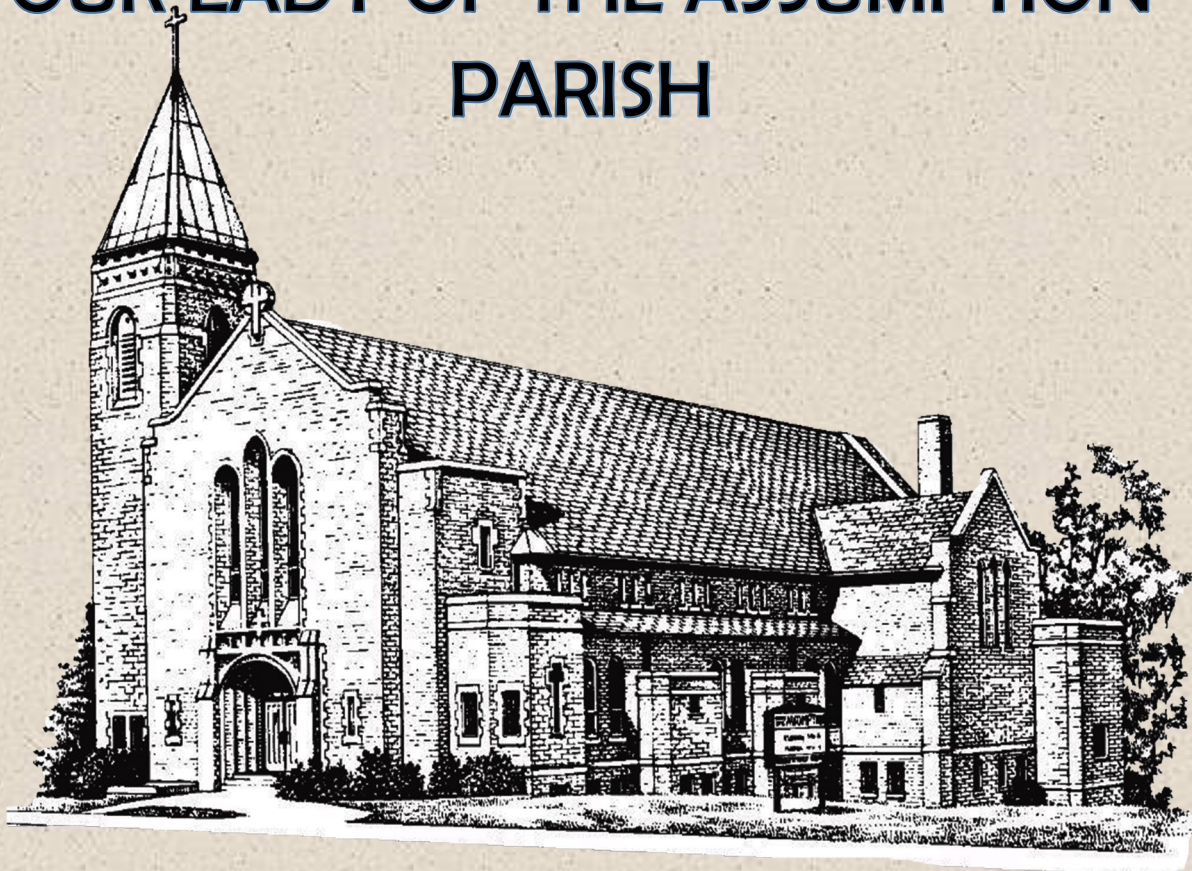




I was glad when  
they said...Let us  
the house of

## OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH



**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF  
MARY TO HEAVEN**

**August 15, 2021**

**HAPPY AND BLESSED FEAST DAY!**



**THE SOLEMNITY  
OF  
THE ASSUMPTION  
OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY INTO HEAVEN  
AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**

**70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH**



*“Remembering Our Past, Celebrating Our Present, Anticipating Our Future”*

**1950 – 2021**

**May 8, 1950—Canonically declared as Our Lady of the Assumption Parish**

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



**August 16-22, 2021**

**Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**

No Mass

**Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm -

**Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm -

**Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm - Lourdes Sancober

**Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm - Connie Libarnes

**Saturday, August 21<sup>th</sup>**

5:00pm -

**Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

10:00am- COMMUNITY OF OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION

12:00 Noon - Benjamin Villanueva

5:00pm - Mansueto Jaron

7:15pm - Josephine Olasiman

Joselyn Lansangan



Let us pray!

For those who are sick members of our parish and those who love and minister to them.

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## Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39-56

### Mary greets Elizabeth and sings God's praise.

#### Background on the Gospel Reading



Today's feast celebrates Mary's Assumption into heaven. It is one of three feasts of Mary that are Holy Days of Obligation for Catholics in the United States. January 1 is the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, and December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven has long been held as an important Catholic belief. The belief was not defined as dogma, however, until 1950 by Pope Pius XII. The dogma teaches that Mary, who was without sin, was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven.

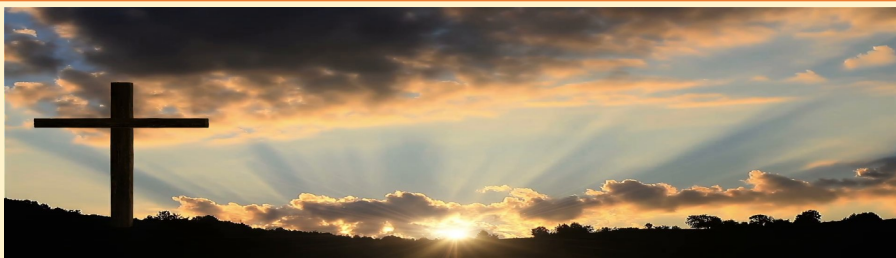
The Gospel for this holy day recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the Angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. Mary responds to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel. Mary's Magnificat, in particular, echoes the song of praise offered by Hannah, the mother of Samuel.

The Gospel for this day reminds us that Mary's Assumption into heaven is best understood with regard for the full spectrum of Catholic beliefs about the person of Christ and the person of Mary. Only Mary, who was born without stain of original sin—the Immaculate Conception—could give birth to Christ, who is fully God and fully human. This is called the Immaculate Conception. Because of Mary's role in God's plan of salvation, she does not suffer from the effects of sin, which are death and decay. Mary is the first to receive the fullness of the redemption that her son has won for all of humanity. The Church, therefore, recognizes Mary as the sign of the salvation promised to all.

Today's Gospel highlights Mary's faith. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation.

### 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.



## The Ongoing Journey to Healing and Reconciliation – July 19, 2021

As Canadians reflect on how we can respond to the pain and suffering experienced by survivors of residential schools and their loved ones, the Archdiocese of Toronto is committed to being directly engaged in the ongoing journey of truth and reconciliation.

While the archdiocese did not operate residential schools, we have a responsibility to take genuine and meaningful steps to journey with Indigenous communities on the path to reconciliation, and to assist in healing the trauma experienced from the residential school system.

We are currently establishing working groups, each enriched by Indigenous voices, to help guide and support our efforts. To that end, the archdiocese has identified the following priorities:

- **Education** –initiatives to educate our clergy, staff and the faithful regarding the tragic legacy of residential schools and its continuing impact on Indigenous people, and to develop a greater understanding and appreciation of Indigenous spirituality.
- **Outreach and Spiritual support** –initiatives to support survivors of residential schools and those suffering intergenerational trauma. These may include healing circles, personal or group counselling, workshops, speakers, listening sessions, opportunities for prayer, reconciliation services, and other spiritual supports.
- **Financial support** –the Archdiocese of Toronto is developing a financial campaign to support ongoing healing and reconciliation efforts. A diverse working group will assist in formulating the campaign framework and related details in the weeks ahead. In response to those who have expressed a desire to contribute immediately, the Healing & Reconciliation fund has been established. Donations can be made [online \(https://bit.ly/healingreconciliation\)](https://bit.ly/healingreconciliation), by phone (416) 934-3411 or through any Catholic church in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

We recognize the journey to reconciliation is one that will continue for years to come. As we reflect on the role of the Catholic Church in operating residential schools, we echo the words of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in 1991:

*“We apologize for the existence of the schools themselves, recognizing that the biggest abuse was not what happened in the schools, but that the schools themselves happened...We wish to apologize in a very particular way for the instances of physical and sexual abuse that occurred in those schools... Far from attempting to defend or rationalize these cases of abuse in any way, we wish to state publicly that we acknowledge they were inexcusable, intolerable and a betrayal of trust in one of its most serious forms. We deeply and very specifically, apologize to every victim of such abuse and we seek help in searching for means to bring about healing.”*



You can work wonders!

### The history of residential schools in Canada.

A recent poll suggested that only 10% of Canadians have a thorough understanding of the history of residential schools. We know that many Canadians are not fully aware of the story of residential schools. There are numerous resources available for people to fully educate themselves on this important conversation. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report, issued in 2015 is particularly relevant. The Archdiocese of Toronto has also compiled a number of resources especially to assist the Catholic community in learning more residential schools. These resources can be found by visiting: [www.archtoronto.org/residentialschools](http://www.archtoronto.org/residentialschools).

### Together We Pray

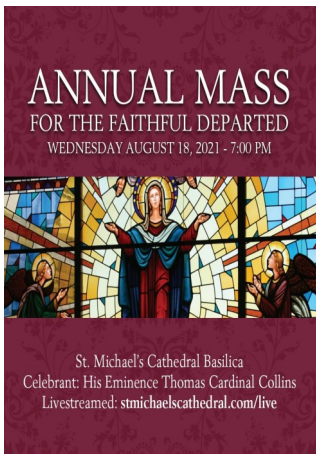
*“For the children who died in residential schools throughout Canada and for all those who continue on a journey through the darkness, that there may be healing founded on truth and that the Spirit will inspire our ongoing commitment to reconciliation.*

*God, through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, continue to offer us correction so that your grace might change and transform us in our weakness and repentance.*

*Give us humility to listen when others reveal how we have failed and courage to love others as ourselves, mindful of your love for the weakest and most vulnerable among us. Amen.”*



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## Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed

Due to the protocols surrounding COVID-19, this year's Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed has unfortunately been cancelled at our seven Catholic cemeteries. His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, will celebrate and livestream a special Mass in honour of our faithful departed on Wednesday, August 18, at 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. The Mass can be viewed here: [www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live). Thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services and for your continued prayers.

## Registration for the 4th Annual Parish Ministry Conference

Calling all parish ministry leaders, coordinators and volunteers: Registration opens Saturday, August 7 [www.archtoronto.org/conference](http://www.archtoronto.org/conference) If you are looking for an opportunity to connect with others serving in parish ministry, to pray together, to learn together and to be re-energized, you won't want to miss this upcoming conference! Come join us from October 26 through October 30 for our virtual 4th Annual Parish Ministry Conference, "With Burning Hearts!" Space is limited so register right away

## SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION

The weekend of August 14th and 15th is our annual "Joint Mission Collection." The proceeds are divided evenly between Catholic Missions in Canada (CMIC) and the two northern Canadian Dioceses supported by the Archdiocese of Toronto, namely, the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan (Grande Prairie, AB) and the Diocese of MacKenzie-Fort Smith (Yellowknife, NWT).

I encourage parishioners to contribute if they can. Here is a prime opportunity to illustrate our care for our Indigenous brothers and sisters, something not emphasized by our media outlets especially since the announcement of unmarked graves at the Residential School in Kamloops, BC.

We have supported CMIC for over 100 years, since 1908, and the two northern dioceses since 2017. Nearly all the funds raised each year, approximately \$400,000.00 from the archdiocese, support Indigenous parish and mission communities.

Thank you for your generosity!

Give  
THANKS  
WITH A GRATEFUL  
HEART 1 Thessalonians. 5:18

