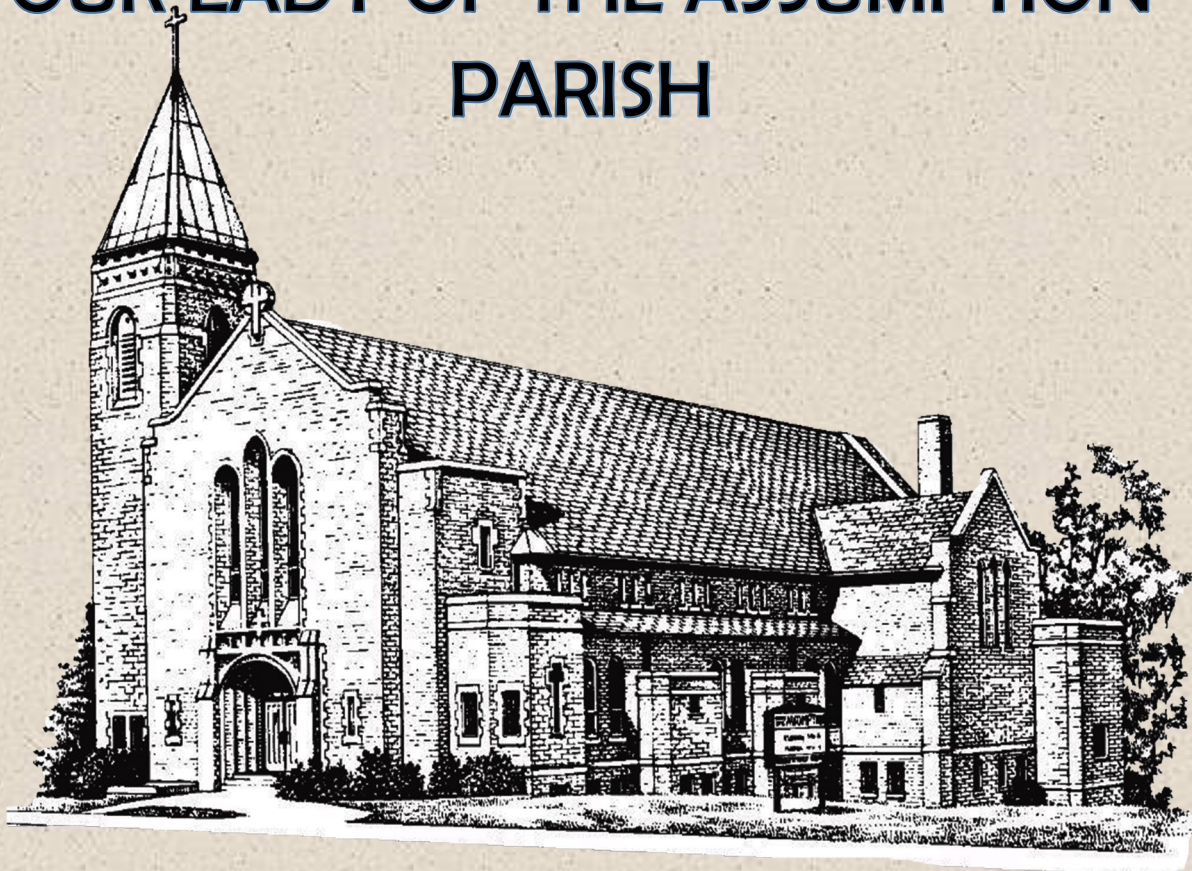




I was glad when
they said...Let us
the house of

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 8, 2021

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



August 9-15, 2021

Monday, August 9th

No Mass

Tuesday, August 10th

7:00pm

Wednesday, August 11th

7:00pm—**Maria Lourdes Aitchison
Zenaida Viray Fulgencio
Amancio Alarcio
Susan Ursua**

Thursday, August 12th

7:00pm —**Daniel Prado**

Friday, August 13th

7:00pm

Saturday, August 14th

5:00pm

Sunday, August 15th

10:00am—**Santino Alonzi**

12:00 Noon

5:00pm —**Nelson Dollete
Marvin Mariano**

7:15pm—**COMMUNITY OF OUR LADY OF
ASSUMPTION**

Gospel Reading (*John 6:41-51*)

Jesus responds to the murmurs of the crowd, who wonders what he means when he says that he came down from heaven.

Background on the Gospel Reading



On this Sunday, we continue to read from the “Bread of Life discourse” found in the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel. Recall that we have been reading from this chapter for the past two weeks and will continue to read from it for another two. Last week, the crowd asked for a sign that would show that Jesus came from God. Jesus replied by saying that he is the sign and the bread of life sent by God. At this point, our Lectionary omits six verses in which Jesus predicts the unbelief of the crowd and further develops his connection with God the Father. In these verses, Jesus says that he was sent by God to do the Father’s will. Jesus promises that those who look upon the Son with faith will find eternal life. Some of these themes are repeated in today’s Gospel

reading.

Today’s Gospel begins with a report that the Jews complained about Jesus’ claims regarding his identity. They knew his family, and they knew he was the son of Joseph. They could not comprehend what Jesus meant when he said that he came down from heaven. Jesus responds to the complaints by saying that only those who are chosen by God will recognize him as the one that God sent. This is a recurring theme in John’s Gospel, that God has chosen those who will have faith in Jesus.

In the verses that follow, Jesus talks more about his unity with the Father. He is the one who has seen the Father and, therefore, knows the Father. Those who listen to God will recognize that Jesus is the one sent from God. Those who believe will have eternal life. Jesus concludes with the central element of our eucharistic theology. He promises that the bread of life will bring eternal life to those who partake of it, and he tells us that the bread of life will be his own flesh, given for the life of the world.

In today’s reading, we hear Jesus say again, as he did in last week’s Gospel, that he is the bread of life. We also hear Jesus add that he is the living bread. Both of these statements help us understand better the gift that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist. We celebrate this gift of Jesus each time we gather for Mass.



Let us pray!

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

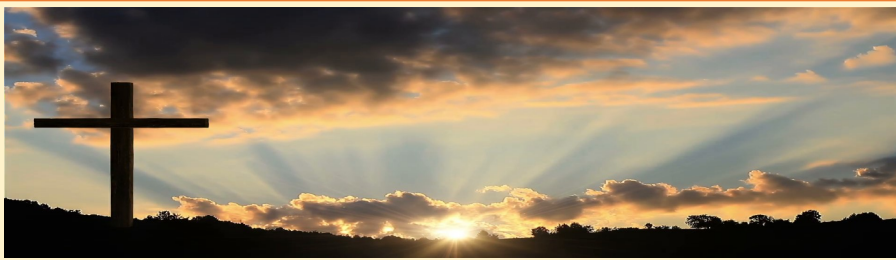


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The Ongoing Journey to Healing and Reconciliation July 19, 2021

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.”

ShareLife



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.

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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THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION
&
70TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH
AUGUST 15TH, 2021



ACTIVITIES

NOVENA PRAYERS

August 6–14, 2021

Weekdays—Before the 7:00pm Mass

Saturday and Sunday—Before the 5:00pm Mass

HEALING SERVICE

FRIDAY, August 13th, 2021 after the 7:00pm Mass

SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY
EUCCHARIST

By Bishop Robert Kasun (Central Regional Bishop)

SATURDAY, August 14th, 2021 at 5:00pm

Procession (optional)

SOLEMN FEAST DAY—SUNDAY

Floral Offerings to Our Lady on every each Mass

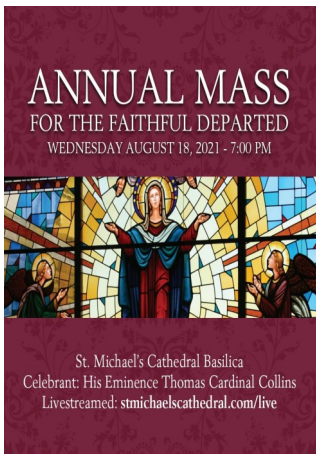
(Please bring flowers to offer to our Lady during the Mass)

“Our Lady of the Assumption, pray for us, sinners!”

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Due to pandemic, our celebration this year will be simple. We will plan to celebrate next year where many parishioners will be able to join and celebrate with us .





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. 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 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, the weekend after this coming one, 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 you to point out our Joint Mission Collection in your parish announcements this weekend, August 7th and 8th, and 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*

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