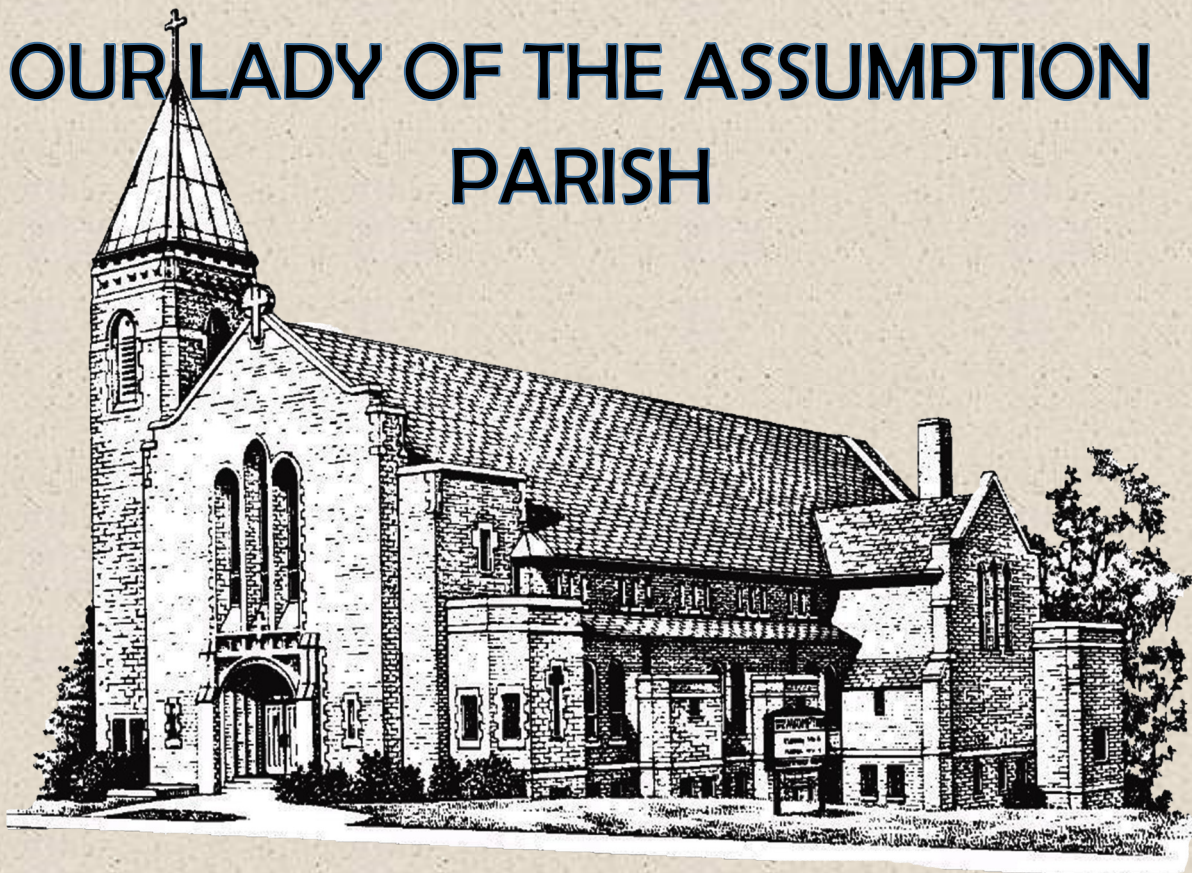




I was glad when
they said...Let us
the house of God

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 18th, 2021

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



July 19th-25th, 2021

Monday, July 19th

No Mass

Tuesday, July 20th

7:00pm -

Wednesday, July 21th

7:00pm -

Thursday, July 22nd

7:00pm -

Friday, July 23rd

7:00pm -

Saturday, July 24th

5:00pm -

Sunday, July 25th

10:00am—COMMUNITY OF OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION

12:00Noon -

5:00pm -

7:15pm -



Gospel Reading

Mark 6:30-34

Jesus invites his disciples to rest after their ministry, and Jesus is moved with pity for the crowds who pursue them.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In this today's Gospel, we read the report of the return of the Twelve, who were sent by Jesus to preach repentance, heal the sick, and drive out demons. When the Twelve return to Jesus, he invites them to come away from the crowds and rest. But the crowds will not give them peace. As the Twelve have shared in Jesus' ministry, they now appear to share in his popularity. The crowds continue to approach them, and Mark reports that the disciples don't even have time to eat. In an effort to get away, Jesus and his disciples board a boat in hopes of finding a deserted place. But the crowds notice this and arrive ahead of them. The crowds are so persistent that Jesus and his disciples cannot find a place to be alone. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus is moved with pity and begins to teach the crowds.

Our Gospel for today stops here, but Mark's report of the unyielding demands of the crowd continues in the verses that follow. If we were to continue reading from Mark's Gospel, we would hear Jesus instruct his disciples to feed the crowd in the familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. The work of Jesus and his disciples appears to be a round-the-clock job. In the next few weeks, we will hear the story of Jesus' feeding of the multitude, but our Lectionary will turn to the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John to report and reflect on this story.

In today's Gospel, we hear the Twelve referred to as "apostles." The word *apostle* is a Greek word meaning "one who is sent." Jesus chose twelve men from among his disciples whom he sent to share in his ministry of preaching and healing. The first report of this is found in the third chapter of Mark's Gospel, where the Twelve are also called apostles and the names of this select group are listed.

We who are Jesus' disciples today have also been sent to share the Gospel with others. Perhaps our commitment to following Jesus as his disciple leaves us feeling tired and overwhelmed. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm the importance of times of rest and renewal. Jesus wanted his disciples to come away and spend time alone with him. This is what we seek and find in our life of prayer and in our celebration of the Eucharist.



Let us pray!

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

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COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance for Catholics

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops published the following guidance on COVID-19 vaccines [on its website](#).

Step 3 : "Roadmap for Reopening"

On Friday, the provincial government announced that Ontario will be moving to Step 3 of the "Roadmap for Reopening" plan as of 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 16, 2021.

Please note the following guidelines for implementation as of July 16, 2021:

- For sacramental celebrations, in Step 3, there is no capacity limit for places of worship. However, physical distancing of 2 metres (6 ft.) is still required between parishioners attending Mass who are not from the same household. Due to the physical distancing requirement, most churches will not realize any significant increase in capacity. Parishes with larger halls may be able to accommodate increased capacity as an overflow space should the parish have technology to livestream Mass to the hall.
- Meetings in parish halls or other indoor spaces are permitted in Step 3. Attendance may not exceed 50% of meeting space capacity. Participants must be masked and physically distanced – 2 meters (6 ft.) between those not from the same household. In addition, a sign-in sheet for meetings should be provided for the purposes of contact tracing. Meals or food service at meetings is discouraged at this time.
- As previously noted, please ensure that WorshipSafe guidelines are followed. Please note, that in Step 3, local municipal by-laws remain in place - mask use indoors should continue at this time, even for those who are fully vaccinated.
- Congregational singing is not permitted at this time however a cantor or small choir may be utilized if participants are 3 meters from one another and any member of the congregation.

We are hopeful that in the weeks ahead, we will be able to remove additional restrictions that have been in place over the past year. The number of daily Covid-19 cases is declining and vaccination rates are increasing. We are most certainly moving in the right direction.

Thank you once again for your patience and flexibility as we care for the faithful and one another.



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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."

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us.



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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 Mass

(Please bring flowers to offer it 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.

