



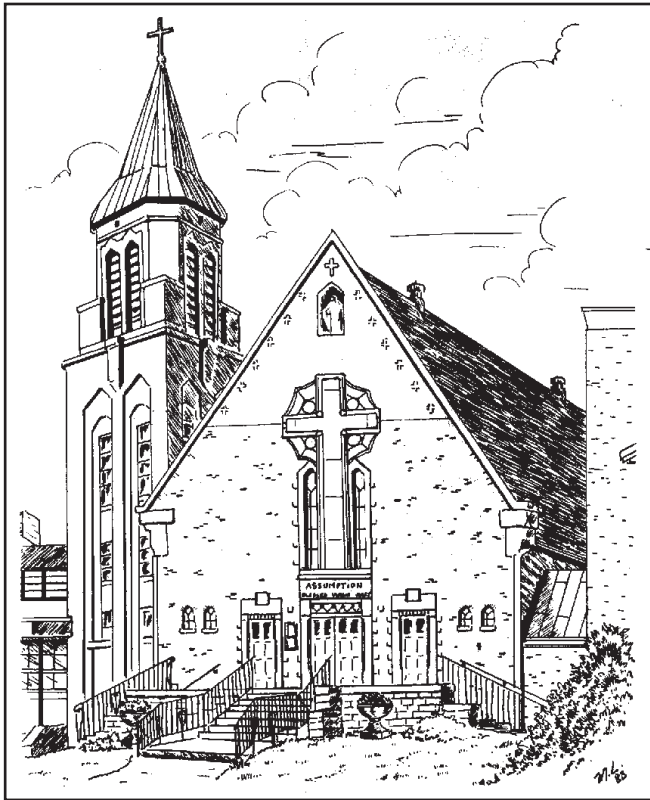
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



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OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

(March 10, 1994)

"We endeavour to build for this community a viable Christian Family that all will consider home."

MASS SCHEDULE:

WEEKENDS

Saturday: 9:00 am and 4:00 pm (anticipated Mass)

Sundays: 9:30 am, 12:00 pm (Filipino Mass), 7:00 pm

WEEKDAYS

Monday to Friday: 8:00 am

DEVOTIONS

Rosary 30 minutes before weekday Masses

Community Public Rosary – Every First Saturday of the month, after the 9:00 am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration – Every Friday at 6:00 pm

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Every Wednesday after the 8:00 am Mass

PASTORAL TEAM

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| Pastor: | Rev. Fr. Francis Victor Mateo, OFM Conv. |
| Deacons: | Rev. Paul Beaudoin Rev. Ricardo Santiago |
| Pastoral Council Chair: | Art Guillermo |
| Finance Council Chair: | Mary Stanton |
| Administrative Assistant: | Nora Arriola |

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

PASTORAL CARE

BAPTISMS - If you are a registered parishioner of Assumption Parish (or another parish) and attend Mass regularly, there is no waiting period. You may call the Parish Office to schedule a date and you must attend a Baptism preparation session prior to the baptism. If you belong to another parish, a letter of permission from your Pastor is required. If you are not a parishioner of any parish, you must register, attend Mass regularly, and there is a three-month waiting period before your child can be baptized.

CONFESSIONS - First Friday-(during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament), 8:30 am to 9:00 am; First Saturday – 9:30 am to 10:00 am By appointment only; Sundays – 11:30 am to 12:00 Noon, By appointment only.

MARRIAGES - One of the couple must be a registered member of the parish for at least 6 months and attend Mass here regularly. Please make arrangements at least six months before the wedding date. Marriage Preparation Course required.

SPIRITUAL COUNSELING - By appointment.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK & COMMUNION FOR SHUT-INS -

Anyone who wishes to receive Anointing of the Sick or Holy Communion please call the office to have your name put on the list.

FUNERALS - Arrangements should be made firstly with the church, and then with the funeral director to insure proper Christian burial.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME to the new MEMBERS and all VISITORS to our PARISH. Visit our website <https://www.assumptionparishottawa.ca>

PRAYER REQUESTS: Let us pray for good health and well-being of Charles Stanton, Claude Cloutier, Cora Guillermo, Glenda Hadloc, Lucienne Sabourin, Ryan Kane, Ben Malicdem, Lina Groulx, Edelaine Piol, Deacon Paul Beaudoin, Charles Hebert and Virgie Bautista.

MASS INTENTIONS: In the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall only *three* (3) intentions at each Mass are allowed. So please contact the parish office to reserve your preferred dates (*at least a week before*). Requests will be handled on a "first come first served basis". Thank you for *your understanding and cooperation*.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION
December, 2023
For Persons With Disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation .

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of
HOLY COMMUNION

December 16 at 4PM – Noly Formoso and Joan Lepage with Nick Murillo; **December 17** at 9:30AM – Janice Opinaldo and Lynn Obero with Melchor Tejero; 12:00 PM – Nora Cerda and Mackie Abulencia with Novie Ramos; 7:00PM – Francis Aldeguer and Mariz del Castillo with Gloria Piol.

2024 COLLECTION ENVELOPES: are now available for pick-up at the main entrance of the church. For parishioners wanting to register and have these envelopes for income tax purposes, please contact the Office by phone or email. With your full name, address and phone number. **Thank you.**

Mass Intentions for the Week

December 9, Saturday 9AM – **Ferial Day** (violet) – † Mary St. Pierre; 4PM - **SUNDAY LITURGY** – † Rita Kimberley

December 10 – **2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT** (violet) 9:30AM – †Lupo Gomez *by Mary Miguel*; †Betty Barrett *by Frank Barrett*; †Gwen Hughes *by Greg Hughes*; 12:00 NOON – Eulalia Fuertes (birthday); William Ferrer (birthday); †Mely Gomez *by Olive Gomez*; † Frosie Fernandez *by Edgar & Gloria Piol*; 7:00PM – Pro populo

December 11, Monday 8AM – **Ferial Day** (violet) - Jovy Sales (birthday) *by Nena Coronel*

December 12, Tuesday 8AM – **Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patron of the Americas** (white) – Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe for the protection of the unborn *by Marie-Pauline Desjardins*

December 13, Wednesday 8AM – **Memorial, St. Lucy** (red) – Lucy Valentino (birthday) *by Nena Coronel*

December 14, Thursday 8AM – **Memorial St. John of the Cross** (white) – Emma Rose Bocboc (birthday) *by Nena Coronel*; Jovy Sales (birthday) *by Nena Coronel*

December 15, Friday 9:30AM – **Ferial Day** (violet) – (Assumption School Mass)

WEEK ENDING COLLECTION REPORT
December 2 & 3, 2023 - \$3,544.

COLLECTION OF SOX, MITTS AND HATS: With the cold weather upon us, it is time again to collect sox, mitts, scarves and hats for the homeless to keep them warm. Baskets will be placed at both entrances of our Church. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

PLENARY INDULGENCE on the Occasion of the 8th Centenary of the CHRISTMAS as experienced by Saint Francis of Assisi: All Catholics can receive a plenary indulgence **under the usual conditions** from December 8, 2023, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to February 2, 2024, the Feast of the Presentation in the Temple of Our Lord Jesus Christ, by visiting **Assumption Parish** and in any other churches pastorally managed by the Franciscan families throughout the world and stopping in **prayer in front of the nativity scenes**. Likewise, those who are sick can equally benefit from the gift of the plenary indulgence, *offering their sufferings to the Lord or carrying out practices of piety.*"

WHAT ARE THE USUAL CONDITIONS? To gain a plenary indulgence, upon performing the charitable work or praying the aspiration or prayer for which the indulgence is granted, one must fulfill the prescribed conditions of: (1) a complete and whole-hearted detachment from all sin of any kind, even venial sin by going to sacramental **CONFESSION**, (2) participating actively at in a **MASS**, (3) prayer for the intentions of the Pope.

What is PIETY? It an outward sign of an interior disposition of giving filial worship to our Father in heaven, showing reverence to God and respecting others as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. **What are some examples of CATHOLIC PRACTICES OF PIETY** --- Bowing our heads at the Sacred Name of Jesus (**see Philippians 2.5-11**), making the Sign of the Cross over our hearts or foreheads when we pass by a Catholic Church where Jesus is truly in the Blessed Sacrament, and making reparation whenever we hear the Holy Name of Jesus uttered blasphemously.

NOTE: The Church prepares for CHRISTMAS, not until December 17 (one week before Christmas Eve). Our parish community wishes to do this through the traditional **SIMBANG GABI** celebrations starting with a **Mass at 7:00 PM on December 15** (Friday), continuing with the Novena Masses (**Dec. 16 & 23 – 4:00 PM; Dec. 17-22 at 7:00 PM**)

From the Pastor's Office **ADVENT SEASON**

During the 1st and 2nd Weeks of Advent Season, the readings at Mass highlight the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ more than the Incarnation.

Last Sunday's Second reading, we reflected on our relationship with *God our Father*, who, as St. Paul wrote, is the source of "*Grace to you and peace*" (**cf. 1 Corinthians 1:3**). This truth was reinforced for us this Season at the SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, in particular, in its 1st Reading (**Genesis 3:9-15, 20**):

(1) God punished every evil action and made clear the result of distrust and disobedience, which is our struggle against sinfulness (Genesis 3:14, 16-18).

(2) At the same time, God gives hope towards peace --- Adam's companion, "the woman," was given a name, "EVE" – mother of all the living! She who has sinned (together with Adam) will find salvation in "him" – in Jesus Christ (cf. Genesis 3:15).

This **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**, our 1st reading zeroes in on **PEACE** brought about by God's faithful love. We are His People; God is present and nurtures us (**cf. Isaiah 40: 1, 10-11**). We ought to live in peace as we listen to the voice that prepares the **LORD's way** (**cf. Isaiah 40:3**).

What does it mean to live in **PEACE**? The 2nd reading reminds us to lead a holy and exemplary life (**cf. 2 Peter 3:11**) --- daily, we are to follow the Lord's teachings, deepening our relationship with God and our brothers and sisters. So that, as in the Gospel, like John the Baptist, we can witness Jesus coming again because it was by water and the Holy Spirit and through Him that we are sons and daughters of the **GOD OUR** (**cf. Mark 1:8**).

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