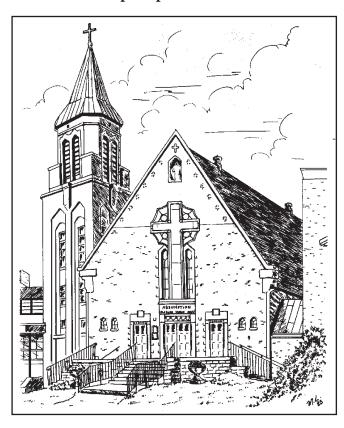


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OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT (March 10, 1994)

"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 First Friday of the month 8:30 to 9:00am

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

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Francis Victor Mateo, OFM Conv.

Deacons: Rev. Paul Beaudoin Rev. Ricardo Santiago

Pastoral Council Chair: Dr. Alfredo Formoso Temporal Council Chair: Art Guillermo Administrative Assistant: Nora Arriola

Resident Friars: Rev. Fr. Maurice Richard, OFM Conv

Rev. Fr. Jeremiah Arguelles, OFM Conv.

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 - 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.

We **welcome** new members and visitors to our parish. **Thank you** for praying with us and for helping build a Christian community.

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.

ALL are requested to pray for the gift of healing of the mind, body and spirit of Fr. Pedro Arana, Claude Cloutier, Lucienne Sabourin, Ryan Kane, Diane Dunn, Francis & Elaine Aldeguer, Betty Barrett, Cora Guillermo, and Carol Lee Kane. May we be able to reach out to them in compassion.

Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – <u>December 17 & 18, 2022</u>

4:00 pm Manny & Yola Beloy

Emilyn Sufficiencia

9:30 am Kingsley Nze & John Anethua

Melchor Tejero

12:00 pm Lynn Obero & Naty Recario

Maura David

7:00 pm Ishi Olano & Mary Miguel

Gloria Piol

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION December 2022

For the volunteer Not-forprofit Organizations

We pray that volunteer nonprofit organizations
committed to human
development find people
dedicated to the common good
and ceaselessly seek out new
paths to international
cooperation.

Regular Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Dec. 10 – 9:00am – † Amelia Gomez by Olivia Gomez; † Frosie Fernandez by Edgar & Gloria Piol. 4:00pm (Sunday Liturgy) - For the intentions of Assumption Parishioners

Sunday, Dec. 11 – 3rd Sunday of Advent 9:30am – †Ed McHale by OECTA. 12:00pm the Eternal rest of †Simeon Bernabe, Isidro Amoin, and the deceased members Pinaud family; 7:00pm - † Robert Dalrymple by OECTA; the Eternal rest of †Flordeliza Pascual, Sotero & Asuncion Victorio

Monday, Dec. 12 at <u>8:00am</u> – Yola dela Cuesta Beloy (birthday) by Manny Beloy; †Caterina Bocin

Tuesday, Dec. 13 at <u>8:00am</u> – *Lucy Valentino (birthday) by Nena Coronel*

Wednesday, Dec 14 at <u>8AM</u>– Rose Bocboc (birthday) and Juvy Sales (birthday) by Nena Coronel

Thursday, Dec 15 at <u>8AM</u> – Adelaida Mercado (birthday) by Nena Coronel; +Souls in Purgatory

Friday, Dec. 16 at 8:00am – Fr. Dominic Lim (birthday) by Nena Coronel

COLLECTION REPORT

for the WEEK ENDING December 3 & 4 \$3.749.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (*Patroness of the Americas*) – Dec 12 at 8AM

Dec. 24 – **NO MORNING MASS**Christmas Vigil Mass - 7:00 PM *Misa sa Gabi ng Pasko* - 9:30 PM

Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Mass - 10:30 AM

with INDIGENOUS PEOPLES – this is on December 12, also the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, ALL ARE INVITED to pray and make an act of solidarity with our Indigenous sisters and brothers. An ongoing solidarity effort is our CHRIST - CENTRED CO - JOURNEY TOWARDS HEALING CAMPAIGN. So far, we have \$1,519.00 (the same amount since November 27). We need some more support. Envelopes for this purpose are still placed near the Church entrance doors.

NOVENA MASSES December 2022 – The Archbishop has approved of our request to have a 9-day Masses in preparation for Christmas. The following are the dates and schedules: December 15-16, 18-23 at 7 PM and Dec. 17 at 4 PM.

YEAR 2023 ENVELOPES are now available for pick-up at the main entrance of the church. We cancelled the envelopes of all inactive accounts in 2022. So, if your envelope number is between 201 to 300, you have now a new number. For any clarification, please call the parish office. Thank you.

WINTER NEEDS: Assumption School is in need of <u>mitts and caps for the children</u> at school & <u>sox and mitts for the homeless</u>. Baskets are placed at the main entrance of our church for your donations. This is urgently needed.

FIRST RECONCILIATION and HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION SESSIONS.

There will be a series of virtual sessions to prepare baptized children to receive for the first time the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. These eight consecutive Sunday afternoon sessions (1:30 - 2:30 PM) beginning January 8 - February 26, 2023. <u>Parents are required to attend the first session</u> that will be hosted by the pastor of Assumption Parish, Fr. Victor Mateo, OFMConv. For further information or to register your child please contact the Parish office.

From the PASTOR'S OFFICE

The Third Sunday of Advent, also known as **Gaudete Sunday**, comes from the entrance antiphon --- "**Rejoice** in the LORD always." It expresses the joy of anticipation at the approach of the Christmas celebration.

In our Liturgy, the priest may wear a *rose-pink* chausable instead of violet vestments of the Advent season to signify the *joyful reward that* comes from making a sacrifice and giving witness.

As we remember the birth of Jesus, we also rejoice for the promised Coming of Christ in glory. We do so, mindful of the words of St. Paul: "Rejoice in the LORD always, again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near" (Philippians 4:4-5) meaning, having an attitude and conviction of having delight and satisfaction in walking the way of the Lord.

Despite the myriad of challenges of our society or the numerous pains we endure, there's much to be thankful for --- our life, the joy of having family and friends, being in the community, and doing service.

These blessings are lived and should be evident so those who seek the LORD might see that our faith influences our lives, causing them to desire the Lord for themselves. Therefore, LET US SHARE OUR JOYS and BLESSINGS. Let us be lights that stand out like spotlights in this dark world.

Peace and all good! I continue to adjust to the Big Apple even though Ottawa/Assumption are never far from my thoughts and prayers. In fact, today, the Second Sunday of Advent, as many Filipinos in a row came for Holy Communion, my eyes started to water. They couldn't have understood why but I knew why (homesick). Please continue to spread that love you shared with me as we welcome Love into our homes and hearts during this holy season. A blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all. Love & prayers, FR. JOBE, ofmcony



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