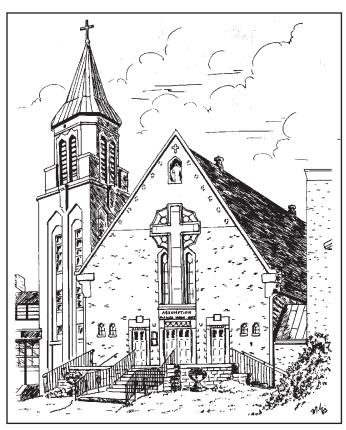
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

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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 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 9:00 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. (Filipino Mass) Weekdays - Monday to Friday: 8:00 a.m.

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL	613-746-4822
OCRCSSB-TRUSTEE:	
Therese Maloney-Cousineau	613-235-2024

DEVOTIONS

ROSARY - 20 minutes before weekday Masses.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP - 6:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m. every Wednesday.

FIRST WEDNESDAY MASS - 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY - Exposition and benediction ending at 9:00 a.m.

EVERY FRIDAY - Holy Hour of Adoration - 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor: Resident Friars:

Deacons:

Secretary:

Rev. Fr. Jobe Abbass, OFM Conv. Rev. Fr. Saviour Karamvelil, OFM Conv. Rev. Fr. Jeremiah Budau, OFM Conv. Rev. Paul Beaudoin Rev. Ricardo Santiago Nora Arriola

Rev. Fr. Dominic Lim, OFM Conv.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 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 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 - 15 minutes before all Weekday Masses, as well as 3:30 p.m. on Saturday; or by appointment with the priest.

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.

<u>Mass Intentions for the Week</u>

Saturday, Dec. 16th, 2017

9:00 AM

4:00 PM † Claire Bernier by Claire Rossignol

Sunday, Dec. 17th , 2017

9:00 AM Emmanuel Garay by Mary Stanton 10:30 AM †John Eisl by Colette Eisl & family 12:00 PM

Weekday Masses, Dec. 18th – Dec. 22nd 2017

Mon. 8:00 AM Tue. 8:00 AM Wed. 8:00 AM Thu. 8:00 AM Fri. 8:00 AM

Saturday, Dec. 23rd , 2017

9:00 AM

4:00 PM For the intentions of the parishioners of Assumption Church

Sunday, Dec. 24th , 2017

9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 PM 7:00 PM 9:30 PM

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Dec. 23rd & Dec. 24th , 2017

- **4:00 PM:** Deacon Paul Beaudoin (EMHC); Rizza Yabut (L) ; Joan Lepage (L)
- 9:00 AM: Frank Barrett (EMHC); Betty Barrett (L); TBD (L)
- 10:30 AM: Manny Beloy (EMHC),TBD (L), TBD (L)
- **12:00 PM**: Naty Recario (L); Flor Marcelo (L); Ruby Formoso (C); Irene Trilles (Cantor)

PLEASE ARRIVE 15 MINUTES BEFORE MASS

FREE CINEMA FORUM NIGHT: Starting January 26th and every last Friday of every month, there will be a film viewing and discussion on the lives of the saints at the parish basement hall. Bring your family and friends.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: For different ministries, r. anyone interested, please contact the office.

LANTERN CONTEST: On **Saturday, December 23**rd sponsored by San Lorenzo Filipino community of our parish. To enter, simply submit your name to the parish office by email: <u>assumption@rogers.com</u>. For contest rules, please call Melchor Tejero at 613-421-5110.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: To defray the cost of Christmas flowers for the church, there are envelopes at the entrances of the church in which you could make a donation and write the names of family members you would like to offer prayers for during the Christmas masses. Help support our parish.

DONATE A TILE: To cover the cost of the floor repair in our upper hall. Your donations are greatly needed and much appreciated

SOCKS FOR THE HOMELESS: The CWL have a box at the front entrance of the church to collect warm socks for the homeless. We urge you to donate a pair or two **to help keep our street people warm** c3

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WE PRAY FOR THE GIFT OF HEALING of the mind, body and spirit of Sylvia Gosselin, Lucienne Sabourin, Theresa Morris, Marie Burke, Coleen Houle and Nick Mangione. May God's presence give strength and comfort to all who are in need and to those who care for them.

PRO-LIFE: Is someone contemplating

euthanasia? Available Prevention Resources: Helpline: 1-855-675-8749; Compassionate Community Care (CCC) is a national service for people who are seeking advice, help & support regarding euthanasia & assisted suicide prevention, &/or end of life treatment issues or concerns.

HOMELANDS' MASS: At Notre Dame Cathedral,

Sun., Jan. 14th 2:30 PM. Flags will be in the Cathedral balconies as a visible sign of our participation. Traditional dishes to share at the Reception in the Cathedral Hall following the Mass should be brought to the hall before 2:15 PM. Those in national dress are to be in the hall before 2:00 PM. ALL ARE WELCOME.

COMMUNITY HELPERS TRAINING: 4 session programme; reach out to isolated seniors, Topics: ageism, mental/physical/spiritual health, elder abuse, loss and frief and diversity. St. Isidore Parish Hall, 1135 March Rd., **Feb. 1, 8, 15 & 22, 6:30 – 9:00 PM.** Sponsored by Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre. Info: Megan Richards (613-591-3686 x 324; <u>Richards@worc.ca</u>).

SCHEDULE OF PARISH MEETINGS

Legion of Mary	Every Sunday	10:30 AM
SLR Choir	Every Sunday	1:30 PM
Prayers after Mass	Every Tuesday	8:30 AM
Choir	Every Tuesday	7:00 PM
Faith Journey	Every Wednesday	7:00 PM
Catechesis	Every Wednesday	7:30 PM
SLR Filipino Comm.	First Monday	7:00 PM
Temporal Council	Second Tuesday	7:00 PM
Liturgy Committee	Second Wednesday	7:00 PM
CWL	Third Tuesday	7:00 PM
Altar Guild	Third Wednesday	7:00 PM
Pastoral Council	Third Thursday	7:00 PM
Knights of Columbus	Fourth Thursday	7:00 PM
El Shaddai	Every Sunday	1:30 PM

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Dec. 9^{th,} Saturday – 3:00 PM

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Simbang Gabi (Filipino Mass): Dec. 16th to Dec. 23rd - 7:00 PM

Dec. 24th – 7:00 PM 9:30 PM (Filipino Mass)

Christmas Day – 10:30 AM

January 1st (Solemnity of Mary Mass): 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 PM

Message from the Pastor

Peace and Goodness!

"Rejoice in the Lord always, again and say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near!

In today's gospel, the people are "filled with joyful expectations". They thought John the Baptist might be the Messiah they have been waiting for. The Lord's coming requires each and <u>everyone</u> of us to choose-to "repent" or not.

In the scriptures, "repentance" is presented as a two-fold "turning" – away from sin and towards God. This "turning" means a radical change of heart. It requires "real fruits as evidence of our repentance". That's why John tells the crowds and tax collectors they must show their faith through works of charity, honesty and social justice.

In today's Liturgy, each of us is being called to stand and hear the "good news" of John's call to repentance. We should <u>examine our lives,</u> <u>ask from our hearts:</u> "What should we do?". Our repentance should come not from our fear of coming wrath, but from a joyful sense of the nearness of our saving God.

Have a joyful and hopeful preparation of the coming of our Lord.

Ave Maria.

Fr. Dominic Maria Lim, OFMConv

