

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

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The Nativity of the Lord

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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, Fr. Leonides Mateo, Claude Cloutier, Lucienne Sabourin, Elaine Aldeguer, Betty Barrett, Diane Dunn, Cora Guillermo, Ryan Kane, and Carol Lee Kane. *May we be able to reach out to them in compassion.*

MINISTRIES of LECTORS and EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

DECEMBER 31 - 4pm – Richard Horrigan & John Anethua; Jennifer Cortez. 7pm – Nora Arriola & Chit Villanueva; Nora Cerda

JANUARY 1 - 10:30 am – Susan Teodoro & Emilyn Suficiencia; Edgar Piol

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION December 2022

For the volunteer Not-for-profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit 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. 24** – (*Sunday Liturgy*)
7:00pm – Wellbeing of the Donors of the Christmas Novena Masses
9:30pm – *Thanksgiving by the Belda Family*

Sunday, **Dec. 25** – **Nativity of the Lord**
10:30am – *Charles Stanton (birthday) by Mary Stanton; †In loving memory of Amelia & Flavio Gomez by Olivia Gomez; †Ron & Jorden Clory by Valerie Sabourin*

Monday, **Dec. 26** – *Judy & Brian Linseman by Mary Stanton*

Tuesday, **Dec. 27** at 8:00am – *†Linda Perron by Virgie Bautista*

Wednesday, **Dec. 28** at 8am – *Nena Coronel & Family by Mary Stanton; for the Protection of the Unborn and pregnant women*

Thursday, **Dec. 29** – at 8AM – *Maria Fe Forro (birthday) by Nena Coronel*

Friday, **Dec. 30** at 8:00am – *Forro & Coronel Families by Nena Coronel; for Blessings upon all Catholic families of the parish*

INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND

Remitted to the Archdiocese of Ottawa
\$1,544.

MASS SCHEDULES
on the OCTAVE of CHRISTMAS
and other special days of the Season

December 28 – **Feast of the Holy Innocents** – 8AM (*Prayer for the unborn and blessing of baby and children*); December 30 – **Feast of the Holy Family** – 8AM (*Blessing of Families*); December 31 – Eve of Solemnity: 4:00 pm (*English Mass*) and 7:00 pm (*Filipino Mass*); January 1 – **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** at 10:30 am (*English Mass*); Jan.7 – *Vigil Mass* at 4 pm, *Day Masses* at 9:30 pm, 12 noon and 7 pm.

YEAR 2023 ENVELOPES are now available 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.**

NEW YEAR COUNTDOWN – On December 31 there will be a DINNER-KARAOKE-DANCE Party from 8 PM hosted by the parish. Tickets are on sale at \$10 each, excluding food. Being a fundraising event organized by Philippine Dance Troupe of Ottawa (PDTO) and the Ottawa Valley Filipino Canadian Senior Citizen Association (OVFCSCA) food and drinks will be on sale at the Immaculata Hall venue up until the 12:00 midnight.

FIRST RECONCILIATION and HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION SESSIONS. This are virtual sessions to prepare baptized children for their first reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Scheduled on eight consecutive Sunday afternoon (1:30 - 2:30 PM), it will start on January 8 up to February 26, 2023. Parents are required to attend the first session with Fr. Victor Mateo, OFMConv., the Pastor of Assumption Parish. For further information or to register your child kindly contact the Parish office.

YOUTH LCS – young people ages 12 to 22 are invited to gather for **LIFE IN CHRIST SEMINAR** from January 27 (evening), January 28 (whole day) and January 29 (up to 1 PM) at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish - St. Francis Hall). Meals & refreshments will be provided. We look forward to a weekend filled with fun, prayer and fellowship! Interested? Call JOVER (647-882-2116) or NICK (613-858-3106). Registration forms will also be available at the church foyer soon.

WEEK ENDING COLLECTION REPORT
December 10 & 11, 2022
\$2,659

From the PASTOR'S OFFICE

Dear Parishioners and friends at Assumption:

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

After four weeks of preparation, during which we reflected on the themes of HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and FAITH on each Sunday of the Season of Advent --- **we begin the CHRISTMAS TIME.**

We gather at the Solemn MASSES of the evening of December 24th at the VIGIL liturgy; we express confidently that the LORD shall come, he will save us, and then we will see His glory (*cf. Exodus 16:6-7*).

In the person of JESUS, we see that GOD CARES. God is faithful to His promise, he saved his People, and he continues to do so not only for them who he chose first but also for all who listen to Jesus' teaching, accept its guidance and directions, and put them into practice.

During the CHRISTMAS NIGHT liturgy, we welcome the great light, which is JESUS. He is the Prince of Peace whose authority shall grow continually, establishing justice and righteousness in our time and forever. Redeemed out of darkness, we ought to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly (*cf. Titus 2:11-12*).

On CHRISTMAS DAY, we proclaim that **GOD the Father wonderfully created the dignity of human nature** (*cf. Genesis 1:31*). **Even after our disobedience, He still more lovingly restored it** through the BIRTH OF CHRIST JESUS.

God reveals Himself fully to us through His Son. JESUS is His beloved, and we are to listen to Him (*Luke 9:35*). The light which is JESUS beacons us to open ourselves, to leave all that hinders us from being who we are --- GOD's wonderful creation.



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