



# 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

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.

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 9** at 4PM – Cruzel Abulencia and Richard Fairweather with Nora Arriola;  
**December 10** at 9:30AM – Susan Teodoro and Gina Distor with Lynn Obero; 12:00 PM – Mary Miguel and Nick Murillo with Nora Cerda;  
7:00PM – Yola Beloy and Manny Beloy with Nieves Murillo.

**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 2, Saturday 9AM – **Our Lady's Saturday** (white) – Thanksgiving to our Lady of Fatima *by Flor Marcelol*; 4PM - **Sunday Liturgy** – Peter Clark

December 3 – **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent** (violet) 9:30AM – †Betty Barrett *by Frank Barrett*; †Gwen Hughes *by Greg Hughes*; 12:00NN - †Michael and Suzanne Backes; 7:00PM – Pro populo

December 4, Monday 8AM – **Ferial Day** (violet) – †Etherine Gilbert & Titus Bartholomew *by Pamela*

December 5, Tuesday 8AM – **Votive Mass of St. Anthony** (white) – Diotay Dormitorio (*birthday*) *by Nena Coronel*; Paul Lefebvre (*birthday and well-being*) *by Marie-Pauline Desjardins*

December 6, Wednesday 8AM – **Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help** (white) – Aimee Rose Forro (*birthday*) *by Nena Coronel*

December 7, Thursday 8AM– **Memorial St. Ambrose** (white) – †Loretta St. Pierre; †Kenneth. St. Pierre

December 8, Friday 6PM – **Solemnity The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (white) – Delia Vistavilla (*birthday*) *by Nena Coronel*

**WEEK ENDING COLLECTION REPORT**

**November 25 & 26, 2023 - \$1,747.**

***Thanks for your support!***

### 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 which will be greatly appreciated.

**PLENARY INDULGENCE on the Occasion of the 8<sup>th</sup> 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 God our Father and to treat all people as children of the same Father --- meaning, showing reverence for God as a loving Father, and respects others as children of God.

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.

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

Many Catholics think that the season of Advent is a preparation for Christmas, but a quick look at the prayers and readings at Mass in these initial days of Advent and the coming weeks shows that it is about the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ (not to Christmas).

This **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**, we have in our **FIRST READING** an emphasis on *God as Father*, that is, the chosen people (**Isaiah 63:16b**). It also recalls God's providential care, but the people turned away. Meanwhile, the **SECOND READING** signified a return to grace. St. Paul prays for the fullness of **GOD's** blessing upon the community of Corinth: "*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ*" (**1 Corinthians 1:3**). Moreover, St. Paul offered thanks for the Father's goodness toward His People in the past and expressed trust in the Lord's continuing blessings in the future --- until His Second Coming.

A fitting response to this is highlighted in the **GOSPEL**: *Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.*" (**Mark 13:33**). We ought to be on guard for the Coming of Jesus. We are entrusted with doing God's work through the fulfillment of our mission using the "talents" entrusted to us (*Gospel of November 19*) for the Lord will judge us according to our faithfulness (*Gospel of November 26*).

## ARE YOU READY?

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**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**)

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