

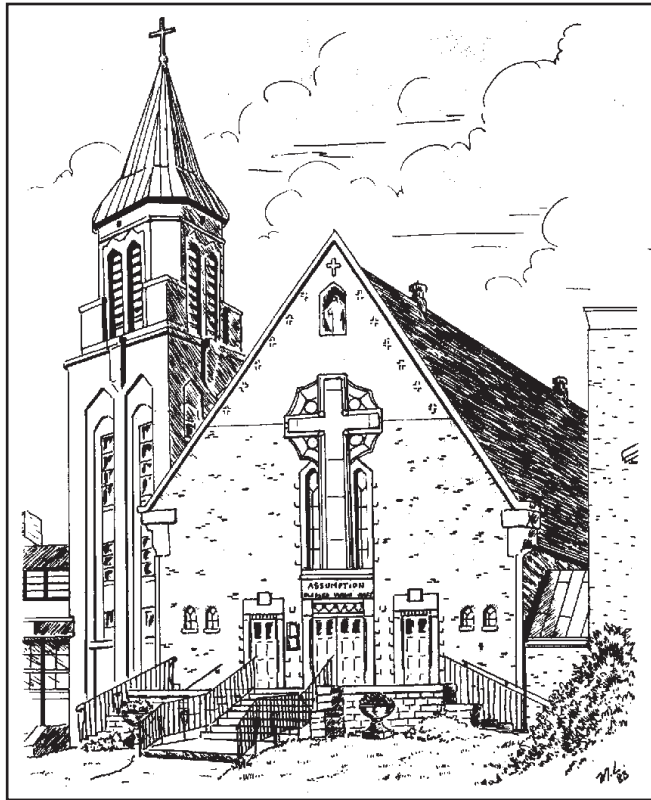


Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



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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:	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 - 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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Regular Mass Intentions for the Week

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, Diane Dunn, Cora Guillermo, Ryan Kane, Carol Lee Kane, Marissa Sanchez and Aida Lavoie. *Let us continue assisting them with our prayers and reach out to them in love.*

SCHEDULE of **LECTORS** and **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS** of **HOLY COMMUNION – Feb. 25 & 26**

February 25th at 4:00pm – Nora Arriola & Joan Lepage; Noly Formoso

February 26th at 9:30am – Kingsley Nze & Susan Teodoro; Lynn Obero. 12:00pm – Nick Murillo & Nora Cerda ; Nieves Murillo. 7:00pm – Chit Villanueva & Lori Scott; Nora Cerda

POPE FRANCIS’ PRAYER INTENTION
February 2023

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

OFFERING ENVELOPES 2023 at the main entrance of the church. **PLEASE COLLECT THEM.** For any clarification, please call the parish office. Boxes left unclaimed will be cancelled and not renewed.

Feb. 18 – Our Lady’s SATURDAY, 9:00am – (white) †Betty Barrett by Ardie & Chit (*Friends from Walk for Life*); **Sunday Liturgy**, 4:00pm (green) – †Michael & Suzanne Backes

Feb. 19 – 7th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time (green) – **9:30am** *Thanksgiving by Deacon Paul & Linda Beaudoin*; †Betty Barrett by Frank Barrett; **12pm** – For the healing of Ester Padrones; **7pm** – For the intentions of our Assumption Parishioners

Feb. 20 – MONDAY 8am – **Ferial Day** (green), †Loretta St. Pierre

Feb. 21 – TUESDAY 8am, **Votive Mass in honor of St. Anthony of Padua** (white) †Kenneth St. Pierre

Feb. 22 – ASH WEDNESDAY (purple) **9:30am**, †Paul Ellsworth Blair by Diane & Sarah of Assumption School; **7:00pm** †Mary St. Pierre

Feb. 23 – THURSDAY 8am, **Ferial Day** (purple) *Birthday blessings for Chit Tan by Nena Coronel*

Feb. 24 – FRIDAY 8am, **Ferial Day** (purple) †Norma Lim by the Arellano Family

WEEK ENDING COLLECTION REPORT

February 11 & 12 - \$1,761.

SNOW PLOWING EXPENSES. The parish in under contract with Zagros Property Management, in the past we paid \$7,684 in 2021 and \$8,248 for 2020.

2022 TAX RECEIPTS The tax-deductible receipts are now available for pick-up at the main entrance of the Church.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting and of abstinence from meat. Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open to prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving and to save money to give to the poor. Our fasting is a penitential discipline intended to open our hearts to God and to others, a means of purification and spiritual freedom, a witness of the depth of our Faith.

The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older. The law of fasting binds from 18 to 59 years of age. *Exceptions are made for those who are taking medication or those who are sick.*

Schedules of the Celebration of the SACRAMENT OF PENANCE. The following are the regular schedule is every FIRST FRIDAY of the month, from 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM. By appointment options are on First Saturday, 9:30 am–10:00 am and Sunday, 11:30 AM–12:00 noon.

ASH WEDNESDAY RECOLLECTION. The Parish On-going Formation Team has organized a **formation event** after the evening Mass 7:00pm on February 22, 2023. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

LENTEN RETREAT by Missionary Family of Christ. Everyone is invited to a daytime retreat (7:45am to 3:45pm) on **March 11** (Saturday) at St. Francis Hall. There will be talks, group discussions, prayers and songs. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Those interested, please call Nick, for registration, at 613-858-3106.

CONFIRMATION. On May 13, 2023 (Saturday), during the 4:00pm Mass, there will be the celebration of the Sacrament. **Registration is on or before 25 March 2023.** For more information, please contact the office.

THE LEGION OF MARY invites everyone to join the largest apostolic organizations in the world. The Legion's leader and protectress is Mary, the Immaculate Mother of Jesus. Those interested, please contact Nena Coronel (613-501-4638) or Mary Stanton (613-748-6191).

From the PASTOR'S OFFICE

Last week on the **6th Sunday of Ordinary Time**, we highlighted God-given freedom to all in choosing between blessings or woe (*Sirach 15:15 – 20*). Concerning the Gospel (*Matthew 5:17-37*), Jesus' reminder that for God's faithful ones, the mere external observance of the Law is not enough but rather the mastery of one's passion and desires, managing one's emotions to do good and avoid evil is essential.

This **7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**, we continue along that line of reflection to come to the sole purpose of it all. Consider, the FIRST READING (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18), God reminds us to take away anger in our hearts: "*You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart. Though you may have to reprove your fellow citizen, do not incur sin because of him.*" Instead, we must put on love: "*Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*" Meanwhile, in the GOSPEL (Matthew 5:38-48), Jesus offers some concrete expressions of loving concern: "Give to the one who asks of you, and does not turn your back on one who wants to borrow." Also, "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust.

Ultimately, it is this ---- **Our freedom, if we use it guided by the wisdom of God, will lead us to achieve God's intent for us which is wholeness and regaining that original goodness of which we are at the beginning of Time.**

"Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."



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