

# *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish*

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## **PASTORAL TEAM**

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

**Deacons:** Rev. Paul Beaudoin, Rev. Ricardo Santiago

**Pastoral Council Chair:** Dr. Alfredo Formoso

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## **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

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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 For Jan. 7 & 8

January 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm – Joan Lepage & Jennifer Cortez; Nora Horrigan

January 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am – Mary Miguel & Janice Ordinario; Lani Agustin  
12:00pm – Noly Formoso & Edgar Piol; Helen Belda  
7:00pm – Chit Villanueva & Ishi Olano; Gloria Piol

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION**  
**January 2023**  
For educators

*We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all*

### Regular Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, **Dec. 31** – (*Sunday Liturgy*)  
4:00pm – †Augustine Proulx by OECTA  
7:00pm – Darlene (Leni) Arriola (birthday) by Danny & Nora Arriola

Sunday, **Jan. 1** – **Mary, the Holy Mother of God** 10:30am – Debbie & Bruce Romain & Family by Mary Stanton

Monday, **Jan. 2** 8am – Lynn Obero & Family by Mary Stanton

Tuesday, **Jan. 3** at 8am – Cathy & Tom Dolan & Family by Mary Stanton

Wednesday, **Jan. 4** at 8am – †Lourdes Viviezca by Mary Stanton

Thursday, **Jan. 5** – at 8AM – Melanie (well-being) by Mary Stanton

Friday, **Jan 6** at 8am – Well being of all donors of the Christmas Novena Mass

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### **INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND**

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

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### **WEEK ENDING COLLECTION REPORT**

December 17 & 18, 2022

**\$2,736.**

**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.**

JANUARY 1, 2023

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**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.

**THANK YOU!** I would like to acknowledge the Christmas decorations that some of you gave the community --- an **angel image** by Suzanne AuCoin, **glass angels decoration for the Christmas tree** by the Beaudoin family; a **holy family** acquired through the help of Samonte family. My gratitude to all who spend time and efforts in decorating the Church. Likewise, to all donors and volunteers during of Christmas Novena Masses. **GOD BLESS you ALL.**

**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.

**CHRISTMAS DONATIONS.** There are those of you who donated cash and various decorative items this Christmas ---Andrew Samonte, Suzanne Aucoin

## From the PASTOR'S OFFICE

Dear Parishioners and friends at Assumption Parish:

We have meditated through the WORD of GOD from the Scriptures in the past weeks. Now we continue celebrating CHRISTMAS SEASON. Today, the 1st of January 2023, marked the **Solemnity of the Mother of God.** In our celebration, we remember the extraordinary and inexpressible mystery by which our merciful Father sent his Son to be his Word and our Bread of Life. We also consider the Blessed Virgin Mary our example of trusting faith and humble submission to the plan of GOD.

At the First Reading (**Numbers 6:22-27**), entrust us to bless others for GOD is gracious to all: *“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.”*

Our gracious God is the Father of all. According to his excellent plan, at the fullness of time arrived (**cf. Galatians 4:4**), Mary's YES is the beginning of our restoration in grace. She is the mother of Jesus through whom we have become sons and daughters of the Father and heirs of the promised eternal life.

Like Mary, let us say YES to God's inspiration. May his WORD be in our hearts so that His Commandments guide us throughout the year to choose what is right and just.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
*Be Blessed, Everyone!*



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