



# 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>



January 27, Saturday 9:00AM – **OUR LADY'S SATURDAY** (white) – Daniel (birthday) *by Nena Coronel*; 4:00PM – **SUNDAY LITURGY** (green) – Fr. Jobe Abbass (birthday) *by Nena Coronel*; † Danny Hug *by Mary Stanton*

January 28 – **4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (green) 9:30AM – Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary *by Nena Coronel*; Melchora Atienza (birthday); † Betty Barrett *by Frank Barrett*; 12:00NN – Kylie Abad (*birthday*); Remedios Payad (healing); † Honorata Miranda *by Ed & Resie Miranda*; 7:00PM – Pro Populo

January 29, Monday 8:00AM – **FERIAL DAY** (green) – † David Chapin *by Jean & Theresia Quesnel*

January 30, Tuesday 8:00AM – **VOTIVE MASS OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA** (white) – † David Chapin *by Jean & Theresia Quesnel*

January 31, Wednesday 8:00AM – **MEMORIAL OF ST. JOHN BOSCO** (white) – † John S. & Theresa Stanton *by Mary Stanton*

February 1, Thursday 8:00AM – **FERIAL DAY** (green) – Florante Bernabe (birthday) *by Jocelyn Bernabe*; Rodrigo Coronel (birthday) *by Nena Coronel*

February 2, Friday 8:00AM – **THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD** (white) – Rita Canonoy (birthday) *by Nena Coronel*

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**WEEK ENDING COLLECTION REPORT**

January 20 & 21, 2024 - **\$2,362**

**CHARITY DONATION for the Poor**

c/o St. Vincent de Paul - January 20 & 21, 2024  
**\$670.**

**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, Edelaine Piol, Deacon Paul Beaudoin, Charles Hebert, Claire Kiruhira, Theresa Akan and Maxima de Leon.

**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**

**January 2024**

*For the Gift of Diversity in the Church*

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The **9:00 AM Saturday** Masses in February and March 2024 **will only be during the First Saturdays of (Feb. 3) and March (Mar. 2).**

**LAST CALL FOR PICK-UP OF ENVELOPES:** Those envelopes not picked up by Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> can be picked up from the office during office hours. They will be cancelled if not picked up by the end of March.

Fr. Victor and the parish community would like to thank the **ALTAR GUILD group** of our Parish for their donation of a DEWALT STAINLESS STEEL WET AND DRY VACUUM (30 liters/ 10 gallons). **GOD BLESS everyone!**

**To ALL CATHOLIC and those who are SICK  
PLENARY INDULGENCE on the Occasion of  
the 8<sup>th</sup> Centenary of the CHRISTMAS as  
experienced by Saint Francis of Assisi**

**When and where?** From December 8, 2023 to February 2, 2024 at the ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH (Vanier).

**How?** For those who are ill or home-bound can equally benefit from the gift of the plenary indulgence, *by offering their sufferings to the Lord and carrying out practices of piety (kissing the Bible or the crucifix).* Those who are well needs to fulfill the usual conditions of: (1) a whole-hearted detachment from sin of any kind by going to sacramental CONFESSION, (2) participating actively at in a MASS, (3) PRAYING IN FRONT OF THE NATIVITY SCENES for the intentions of the Pope with the invocations: *Jesus, Mary and Joseph – have mercy on us AND St. Francis of Assisi – pray for us.*

**CALL for REGISTRATION of  
FILIPINO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS  
in CANADA**

The Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO), is exploring means having a joint monitoring mechanism to improve existing services for Filipino international students. Consequently, the DFA is starting a database of Filipino international students through all Philippine Foreign Service Posts.

All Filipino international students to register **on or before 31 January 2024** thru <https://qrco.de/PHStudentsinCanada>

*By providing your information, you are consenting to the inclusion of your details in the Philippine Embassy's directory. Your information will be treated with the utmost confidentiality and will not be shared with any third party for commercial purposes.*

***Reflection on the Readings  
at Mass***

Last Sunday, we heard of the prophet Jonah preaching the Word of God to the people of Nineveh. They listened to his preaching and turned from their evil ways. **Prophets are the mouthpiece of GOD.** They interpret His will with authority and direct the People towards God's future (**FIRST READING, Deuteronomy 18:15-20**).

God calls all the baptized, you and I, to be priests, **prophets**, and kings. Pope Francis said, "*Christians are called to be modern-day prophets who guide others to see the Holy Spirit at work in everyday life and not be superstitious people who try to predict or control the future.*" "A prophet is someone who 'shows Jesus to others, who witnesses him, who helps live today and build tomorrow according to his design.'" --- **Pope's Angelus at St. Peter's – July 2, 2023.**

To do this, to be a prophet in our daily lives, is a challenging task. The sure way to fulfill this duty is to listen to God's words in Jesus Christ and integrate them into our lives. Also, it becomes possible and more straightforward when we all recognize that **we ought to accept each other** as the voice of GOD.

We are bearers of His message, each according to one's status and vocation, must devote ourselves to prayers and do so wherever we are, that is, in our family, in our parish community, and in another sphere of the Church and society (**SECOND READING, 1 Corinthians 7: 32-35**).

Our model is Jesus, who teaches with authority like no other. **He is the living Word of God**, His only begotten Son; by the power of His Word, he overcame the power of evil (**GOSPEL, Mark 1:21-28**). We are all invited to know and accept Jesus' authority. We must listen and see how our Savior continually inspires us through the Scripture, the actions and words of people around us, and most significantly, the Eucharist.





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