



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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

We welcome new members and visitors to our parish. **Thank you** for praying with us and for helping build a Christian community.

Regular Mass Intentions for the Week

Mar. 4 – SATURDAY 9:00am (purple) *Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima by Flor Marcelo; Sunday Liturgy, 4:00pm (purple) †Leo Simard by Czyzewski Family; for the reunion of Rey Climaco and Family*

Mar. 5 – 2nd SUNDAY of Lent (purple) **9:30am** †Betty Barrett by Leonide Merritt; †Pia Obero by Lynn Obero; *Healing of Carmen Renaud. 12pm* – *Thanksgiving by Belda Family; For the healing of Bartolome Abiar; 7pm* – For the intentions of our Assumption Parishioners

Mar. 6 – MONDAY 8am – **Ferial Day** (purple), †Basil St. Pierre

Mar. 7 – TUESDAY 8am – **Ferial Day** (purple) †Michael & Suzanne Backes

Mar. 8 – WEDNESDAY 8am – **Ferial Day** (purple) †Loretta St. Pierre

Mar. 9 – THURSDAY 8am – **Ferial Day** (purple) †Kenneth St. Pierre

Mar. 10 – FRIDAY 8am – **Ferial Day** (purple) †Mary St. Pierre

WEEK ENDING COLLECTION REPORT

February 25 & 26
\$1,713.

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.

HEATING EXPENSES. The parish paid Enbridge Gas, \$4,030.97 in December and \$4,555.64 in January.

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 Claude Cloutier, Lucienne Sabourin, Diane Dunn, Cora Guillermo, Ryan Kane, Carol Lee Kane. *Let us continue assisting them with our prayers and reach out to them in love.*

SCHEDULE of **LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS** of **HOLY COMMUNION** – March 11 & 12

March 11th at 4:00pm – Eula Beloy & Nora Arriola; Jennifer Cortez

March 12th at 9:30am – Richard Horrigan & Richard Fairweather; Nora Horrigan. 12:00pm – Emilyn Sufficiencia & Mary Miguel; Nieves Murillo. 7:00pm – Nieves Murillo & Nick Murillo; Noly Formoso

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION **March 2023**

FOR THE VICTIMS OF ABUSE

*We pray for those who
has suffered harm
from members of the Church,
may they find within the Church
herself a concrete response
in their pain and suffering.*

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

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<https://www.assumptionparishottawa.ca>

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday, during Lent, starts at 6:00 pm followed by Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

LENTEN RETREAT by the Missionary Families 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.

CHURCH CLEANING: On **Saturday, March 25th** after the 9:00am Mass. Please come and help clean our beautiful church, many hands make light work. Please bring your own buckets. Thank you.

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 ST. IGNATIUS PARISH. All are invited to join in the Euchre card game every Thursday at 1:00pm, 518 Donald St. Please enter off the parking lot through the door with the yellow post.

From the PASTOR's OFFICE

We reflected last weekend upon the goodness in God's creation, the sinfulness that men and women take for themselves vis-à-vis the testimony of the preached word to the Christian community in Rome that "when sin increased, grace abounded all the more."

This time in our First Reading, we encounter Abram, *later named Abraham*, who thrived early 2nd millennium BCE. He left his homeland, called by God, assured solely by a promise (**Genesis 12:1-3**). He unquestioningly obeyed the commands of God. He placed his trust in Him. At the same time, our Second Reading points to God's invitation for all of us --- calling us to be holy and giving us life and immortality through the Word of God.

Now that we are in Lent, **we should ask ourselves: "given this call, what is my purpose in life? Where am I going?"**

Our Gospel (**Matthew 17:1-9**) gives us a hint -- - the transfigured face of JESUS revealed God's purpose for us. *Jesus is God's beloved Son; we shall listen to him.* He is our Light on our journey back to the Creator --- through Jesus, with and in Him shall be renewed.

How is this possible? Looking at our present situation and life experiences, we can see our successes and failures with their resultant joys and pains – at every moment, the hand of God upholds us. GOD'S WORD is our strength (**Psalms 19:28**)

Together with St. Francis of Assisi, we pray during this Lenten season:

**Most high, glorious God,
enlighten the darkness of my heart
and give me, Lord,
a correct faith, a certain hope,
a perfect charity, sense and knowledge,
so that I may carry out
your holy and true command.**



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