



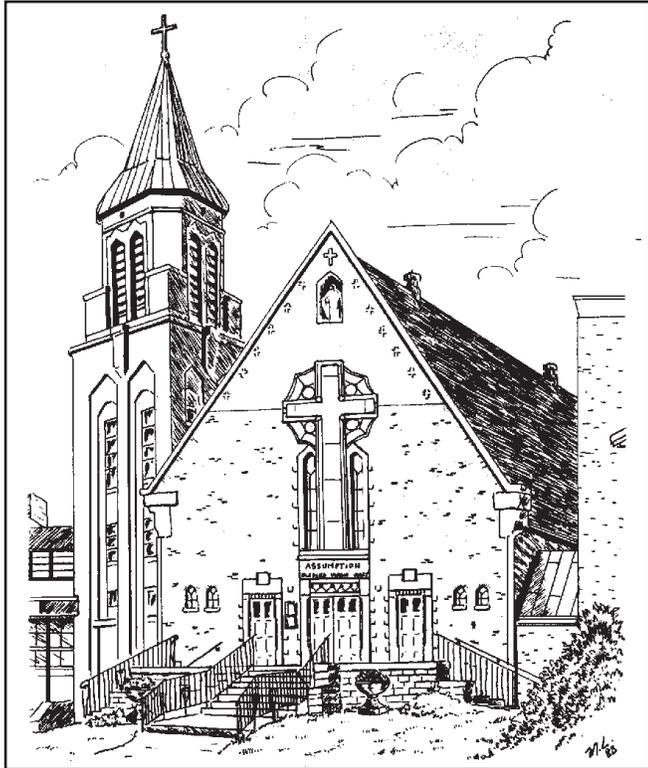
# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



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## OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*"We endeavour to build for this community a viable Christian Family that all will consider home."*

## MASS SCHEDULES

**Saturdays:** 9 am & 4 pm (Sunday Liturgy)

**Sundays:** 9:30 am, 12:00 pm (Filipino Mass), 7 pm

**Mondays to Fridays:** 8:00 am (except for School Masses, on Feast and Solemnities)

## DEVOTIONS

**Rosary:** 30 Minutes Before Weekday Masses and Every First Saturday of the Month (after the 9:00 am Mass)

**Devotion To Our Lady of Perpetual Help:** Every Wednesday After The 8:00 am Mass

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Every 1st Friday at 8:30 am (after the Morning Mass) and every Friday at 6:00 pm

**Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday During Lent and Good Friday (time to be announced)

## PASTORAL TEAM

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

**Pastoral Council Chair:** Nick Murillo

**Finance Council Chair:** Mary Stanton

**Administrative Assistant:** Nora Arriola

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday, 10 am - 12 noon, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
(closed on holidays)

## PASTORAL & SACRAMENTAL CARE

**Baptism:** Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment to register your child for Baptism and to discuss all the requirements. 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 and attend Mass regularly, and there is a three-month waiting period before your child can be baptized.

**Confessions:** Weekdays, after the 8 am morning Mass (approach the priest); First Fridays - 8:45 am to 9:15 am; First Saturdays - 9:30 am to 10:00 am, 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm (by appointment) Every Sunday - 11:30 am to 12noon

**Marriages:** One of the couples 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.

**Sacrament of the Sick & Communion for Shut-ins:** Please contact the Parish Office

**Funerals:** Arrangements should be made firstly with the church, and then with the funeral director to insure proper Christian burial Assisted by the Bereavement Ministry

**Youth Ministry:** Every 1st Saturday of the month, 30 to 45 min. session (after the 4 pm Mass) at Carlo Acutis Hall.

Welcome

To the new and current MEMBERS of our PARISH.

Kindly visit our website

<https://www.assumptionparishottawa.ca>

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Let us pray for the healing or better health of the following:



Lina Groulx, Claire Kiruhira, Christopher Finnerty, Charity Joyce Marohombsar, Michael and Arnita Sabong, Nelia Samournte, Feliza Daiz, Arlene Magpayo, Theresa Akan, Virgie Bautista, Fr. Joseph Vayalil, Bishop Yvan Mathieu

**Pope Leo's Monthly Prayer Intention  
For Christians in areas of conflict**

"Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope."

**SCHEDULE of LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

Dec. 20, **4:00 PM** – Richard Horrigan, Manny Beloy, Lori Scott with Nora Arriola; **Dec. 21, 9:30 AM** – Rizza Yabut, Nena Coronel, Melchor Tejero with Lynn Obero, Helen Belda; **12 NOON** – Lani Agustin, Nick Murillo, Nieves Murillo with Juanita Maniguira, Andrew Samonte, Nick Murillo; **7:00 PM** – Edgar Piol, Chit Villanueva, Nora Mercader with Nora Cerda



**Mass Intentions**

Please get in touch with the parish office to reserve your preferred dates (at least a week before). Requests will be handled on a "first-come, first-served basis."

December 13, **MEMORIAL OF ST. LUCY** (red), **9:00 AM** – Lucy Valentino (birthday) by Nena Coronel; †Ruben Lezada (40th death Anniversary) **4 PM, SUNDAY LITURGY** (violet) – †Agostinho Matos by Colette Eisl

December 14, Sunday, **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT** (violet) **9:30 AM** – Rose Bochoc (birthday) by Nena Coronel, Lourdes Gomez (healing) by Mary Miguel; †Rev. Paul Beaudoin & †Charles Hebert by Beaudoin Family; **12:00 PM** - †Rodrigo Coronel & †Maria Fe Forro by Nena Coronel; †Celestino Domingo by Mila Domingo; **7:00 PM** – Pro Populo

December 15, Monday, **ADVENT WEEKDAY** (violet) **8 AM** – Feliciano Mateo Jr. (birthday); †Souls in Purgatory by Mary Stanton

December 16, Tuesday, **ADVENT WEEKDAY** (violet) **8 AM** – Addie Mercado (birthday) by Nena Coronel

December 17, Wednesday, **ADVENT WEEKDAY** (violet) **9:30 AM SCHOOL MASS**– Fr. Dominic Lim (birthday) by Nena Coronel; *Well-being of the Donors of Assumption Parish*

December 18, Thursday, **ADVENT WEEKDAY** (violet) **8 AM** – †Lory Tardil by Nena Coronel

December 19, Friday, **ADVENT WEEKDAY** (violet) **8 AM** – Dorene (Didi) Arriola by Danny & Nora Arriola

**WEEK ENDING COLLECTION REPORT**

Dec. 6 & 7, 2025

**\$2,828.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are looking for enthusiastic and caring volunteers to help with our **Children’s Liturgy at 9:30 AM** (*possible schedule*) and at **12 NOON** (*ongoing*) during **Sunday Mass**. This is an excellent opportunity to help our children grow in their understanding of our faith. If interested, please call Richard Horrigan at 613-233-6717 or the parish office at 613-695-6079.

**LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR VOCATION.** Join a group of parishioners every Wednesday, immediately after the Mass, for the Novena in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and prayers for vocations.

<b>SIMBANG GABI at Assumption Parish</b>	
<b>December 15</b> Monday, 7 PM	Fr. Victor Mateo <b>San Lorenzo Ruiz</b>
<b>December 16</b> Tuesday 7:00 PM	Fr. James Zettel <b>St. Claire Choir</b> <b>(Seniors)</b>
<b>December 17</b> Wednesday 7:00 PM	Fr. James Zettel <b>ELIM</b>
<b>December 18</b> Thursday, 7 PM	Fr. Victor Mateo <b>El Shaddai Choir</b>
<b>December 19</b> Friday, 7 PM	Fr. James Zettel <b>St. Martha Chorale</b>
<b>December 20</b> Saturday, 7 PM	Fr. Victor Mateo <b>Couples for Christ</b>
<b>December 21</b> Sunday, 7 PM	Fr. Victor Mateo <b>St. Martha Chorale</b>
<b>December 22</b> Monday, 7 PM	Fr. Ludovicus Barnard <b>Youth Ministry</b>
<b>December 23</b> Tuesday, 7 PM	Fr. Victor Mateo <b>Children's Choir</b>

**Candles** are available with a token offering. You can also **bring your grocery gifts to the poor or the needy** and offer them during the Novena Masses.

**All are invited to gather in the Parish Hall after the Novena Masses** for coffee and/or tea, with light refreshments prepared by the day's sponsors! Sellers of any food (sticky rice and other goods) must hold the required government license.

## *Here is Your God*

St. Paul Center

John questions Jesus from prison in today’s GOSPEL — for his disciples’ sake and for ours. He knows that Jesus is doing “the works of the Messiah,” foretold in today’s FIRST READING AND PSALM. But John wants his disciples —and us— **to know that the Judge is at the gate, that in Jesus our God has come to save us.**

The Liturgy of Advent takes us out into the desert to see and hear the marvelous works and words of God — the lame leaping like a stag, the dead raised, the good news preached to the poor (see Isaiah 29:18–20; 61:1–2).

The Liturgy does this to give us courage, to strengthen our feeble hands and make firm our weak knees. Our hearts can easily become frightened and weighed down by the hardships we face. We can lose patience in our sufferings as we await the coming of the Lord.

As James advises in today’s SECOND READING, we should take as our example the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Jesus also points us to a prophet — holding up John as a model. John knew that life was more than food, the body more than clothing. He sought the kingdom of God first, confident that God would provide (see Matthew 6:25–34). John did not complain. He did not lose faith. Even in chains in his prison cell, he was still sending his disciples—and us—to our Savior.

We come to Him again now in the Eucharist. Already, He has caused the desert to bloom, the burning sands to become springs of living water. He has opened our ears to hear the words of the sacred book and freed our tongues to fill the air with songs of thanksgiving (see Isaiah 30:18).

Once bowed down, captives to sin and death, **we have been ransomed and returned to His Kingdom, crowned with everlasting joy.** Raised, we now stand before His altar to meet the One who is to come: “HERE IS YOUR GOD.”



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