

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

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prepare the way...



ADVENT

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. 27, 4:00 PM – Richard Horrigan, Manny Beloy, Lori Scott with Nora Arriola; **Dec. 28, 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 20, Saturday, ADVENT WEEKDAY (violet), **9:00 AM** – †Fr. Austin Stanton by *Mary Stanton*; **4 PM, SUNDAY LITURGY** (violet) – †Julian Sabas by *Rudy & Elsa Sabas*

December 21, Sunday, **4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT** (violet) **9:30 AM** – Thanksgiving by *Rose Bocboc*; †Rev. Paul Beaudoin & †Agostinho Matos by *Beaudoin Family*; **12:00 PM** – Thanksgiving by *El Shaddai Group and OVFCSCA*; †Rodrigo Coronel & †Maria Fe Forro by *Nena Coronel*; **7:00 PM** – Pro Populo

December 22, Monday, ADVENT WEEKDAY (violet) **8 AM** – †Charles Hebert by *Nena Coronel*; †Michaeleen Roy

December 23, Tuesday, ADVENT WEEKDAY (violet) **8 AM** – †Julita de Grano Mendoza by *Peter & Nenita Clark*; †Grace Lea Gamboa

December 24, Wednesday, ADVENT WEEKDAY (violet) **8:00 AM** – †Juanita Kuiack by *Mary Stanton*; **7:00 PM Vigil, NATIVITY OF THE LORD** (white)– Yves Baril (birthday) by *Marie-Pauline Desjardins*; **9:30 PM** – Thanksgiving by *Belda Family and Pangilinan*

December 25, Thursday, **NATIVITY OF THE LORD** (white) **10 AM** – †Charles Stanton by *Mary Stanton*

December 26, Friday, **Feast of St. Stephen** (red) **8 AM** – Sr. Thien Nguyen (birthday) by *Colette & Debora Eisl*; Lorna Ortigoso (well-being) by *Nena Coronel*

WEEK ENDING COLLECTION REPORT
Dec. 13 & 14, 2025 - \$3,525.

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.

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

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.

4th Sunday of Advent

St. Paul Center

On this final Sunday of Advent, our readings remind us that while Jesus is meek and humble, He is also a Lord who challenges us because He wants to incorporate each one of us into His great plan of salvation. **We stand on the threshold of God's coming into human history; today, let us surrender our fears to Christ.**

In our **FIRST READING**, the Lord sends the prophet Isaiah to encourage King Ahaz. Despite being a son of David, Ahaz was wicked. Isaiah tells Ahaz to ask for a great sign from the Lord, but Ahaz refuses, showcasing his prideful disdain for God. Isaiah responds with a prophecy that “the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel,” which means “**God with us.**” Isaiah’s prophecy refers to both King Hezekiah and Jesus. Hezekiah was a great sign of God’s presence among His people. In the Incarnation, the Divine Word took on flesh and ‘tabernacled’ among us. Then in the **SECOND READING**, Paul encourages the Romans in their faith, reminding them to **trust in God's plan for salvation history.** Descended from David according to the flesh, Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of the Scriptures and prophecies of the Old Testament. In this passage, St. Paul also focuses his attention on the idea of “the obedience of faith,” brought about by the Lord through the “grace of apostleship.” By God’s grace, the soul is transformed from its wretched condition and made a new creation in Christ. In His power, Christ rescues us totally from sin and death. Meanwhile, in the **GOSPEL**, after Mary was found with child through the Holy Spirit, Joseph intended to divorce her quietly. As a righteous man, Joseph did not want to expose Mary to shame, but he was afraid to take Mary into his home. Joseph’s fear is reverential and holy—*how could he be the husband of a woman who was with child by the Holy Spirit?* In a dream, an angel of the Lord comes to Joseph to assuage his fear. The angel reveals that the child in Mary’s womb was conceived through the Holy Spirit to fulfill the sign that the Lord had promised through the prophet Isaiah. When Joseph wakes from his dream, he obeys the angel’s command and takes Mary into his home. **Our gospel today calls us to let go of our fears and follow St. Joseph’s example.**



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