



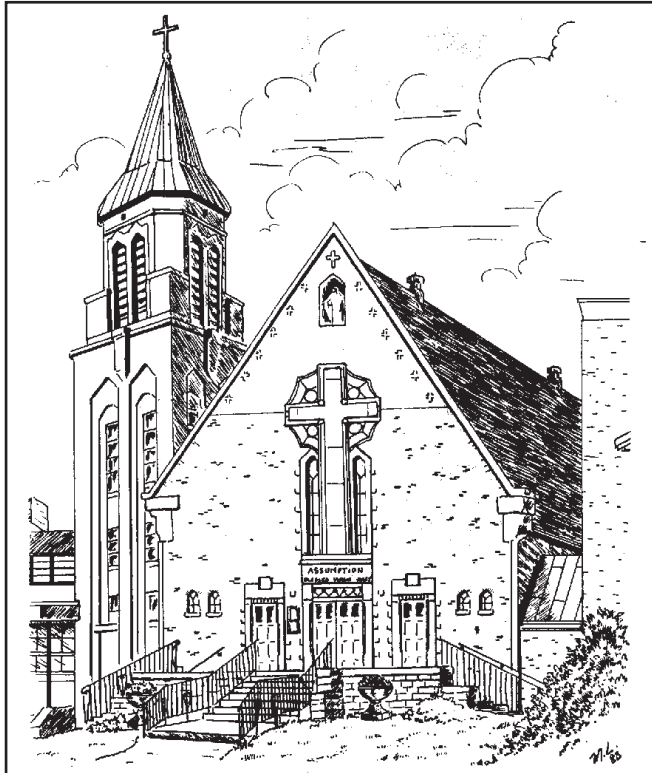
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



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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)

(Church doors open 45 minutes before the Mass)

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 8:30am (after the Morning Mass) and every Friday at 6:00 pm

PASTORAL TEAM

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

Pastoral Council Chair: Nicolas 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, Gloriani Mateo, Charity Marohombsar, Michael and Arnita Sabong, Nelia Samonte, Feliza Daiz, Arlene Magpayo, Theresa Akan, Virgie Bautista, Leonida Sarmiento, Melchor Tejero,

**Pope Leo's Monthly Prayer Intention
For the Values of Sports**

"Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth."

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

June 20, 4:00 PM – Richard Horrigan, Lori Scott, Josie Bernabe with Yola Beloy; **June 21, 9:30 AM** – Kingsley Nze, Emilyn Suficiencia, Mary Miguel with Lynn Obero, Nora Horrigan; **12 NOON** – Nick Murillo, Nieves Murillo, Novie Ramos with Andrew Samonte, Lani Agustin, Nora Arriola **7:00 PM** – Yola Beloy, Manny Beloy, Nora Mercader with Edgar Piol



Mass Intentions

June 13, Saturday, **9:00 AM, MEMORIAL OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA** (white) – †Ponciano, Flaviano & Danilo Forro by Nena Coronel; †Julio David (1st yr, death anniv.) by Menchie David & Family; **4:00 PM, SUNDAY LITURGY** – Thanksgiving to St. Anthony of Padua by Marie-Pauline Desjardins

June 14, **ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (white), **9:30 AM** – Thanksgiving by Beaudoin Family; †Rev. Paul Beaudoin by Beaudoin Family; **12:00 NOON** – Well-being of the donors of the Pew Restoration Project; †Aida Abad Soriano by Danny & Nora Arriola; †Julie & Vidar Nordin and †Monico Imbo by Emy Nordin; **7:00 PM** – Pro Populo

June 15, FERIAI DAY (green) **8:00 AM** – †Romeo, Carmen & Marcelo Villanueva by Nena Coronel

June 16, VOTIVE MASS, ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA (white) **8:00 AM** – † Aida Abad Soriano by Danny & Nora Arriola

June 17, VOTIVE MASS of OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP (white) **8:00 AM** – Nora Cerda (birthday) by Leo & Bryan Cerda; †Frederick Erskine by Diane Araki

June 18, FERIAI DAY (green), **8:00 AM** – †Souls in Purgatory by Danny & Nora Arriola

June 19, FERIAI DAY (green) **9:45 AM (SCHOOL MASS)** – †Rogelio & Agustina Asuncion by Marvin Fernandez

NOTE: No MASS AT 8 am today

WEEK ENDING COLLECTION REPORT
June 6 & 7, 2026
\$ 2,895.

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS

Pope Leo XIV’s encyclical on how Christians and society should **safeguard the human person amid artificial intelligence and the digital revolution**. It argues that technology is not automatically evil, but it is never morally neutral in practice, because it reflects the motives and power of those who design, fund, govern, and use it— so humanity must choose to build either a “Babel” (self-glorifying domination that fractures persons) or a “Jerusalem” (“Nehemiah’s way,” rebuilding with God and communion at the center).

HUMANITY AT A CROSSROADS. The Pope frames the present moment as a decisive choice: either to “construct a new **Tower of Babel**” or to build the city where “**God and humanity dwell together.**” Each generation shapes history, but every era risks producing deeper injustice and inhumanity if it loses sight of the dignity proper to the human person. Christians look to the INCARNATE WORD to see the mystery of humanity clearly, because in Jesus Christ, human life finds its path, “**The Way, The Truth, and The Life.**”

WHY THE CHURCH SPEAKS ABOUT TECHNOLOGY (AND AI). The Church’s **Social Doctrine** is a living corpus that helps interpret contemporary challenges and guide action in light of the Gospel. The “**res novae**” (new things) of our time —digitalization, AI, and robotics — are transforming daily life, decision-making, and collective imagination, and because their long-term effects are not fully predictable, society needs both clarity and responsibility.

THEREFORE, **REGULATION MATTERS**, because justice must be protected and harmful distortions curbed—but the deeper issue is *who* holds this power and *how* it is used, especially given that modern technological drivers are often private, transnational actors with power that surpasses that of many governments.

To help discern how to navigate the AI era, Pope Leo XIV highlights two biblical scenes: (1) **Babel**, where people build a city and tower aiming “**to make a name**” and reach upward—yet they do so “**conceived without reference to God,**” choosing homogenization over communion. The outcome is not true unity but “**dispersion,**” revealing the danger of projects driven by pride and self-sufficiency that reduce human dignity in the name of efficiency; (2) **Jerusalem**: The prophet’s response to Jerusalem’s ruin is depicted as a model of rebuilding: he fasts and prays, examines the situation, and then coordinates others— assembling families and assigning each group a portion of the wall to rebuild. The city is **reborn through shared responsibility** (*not one person’s imposition*), with God at the center, so relationships are rebuilt before the stones.

The core moral principle about technology: (a) In theory, technology can heal, connect, educate, and protect. (b) In practice, technology is “never neutral” because it takes on the characteristics of those who devise, finance, regulate, and use it. The primary choice then is not merely “yes or no” to technology, but whether society builds **Babel’s** logic (dominance that dehumanizes) or **Nehemiah’s** logic (working together in God’s presence to rebuild fraternal coexistence).

WHAT IT MEANS TO CONSTRUCT A CITY ORIENTED TOWARD THE COMMON GOOD IN AN AI AGE: (1) **Build on a relationship with God**; (2) **Accept human limits and weakness** rather than pretending wellbeing comes from eliminating every weakness through technological promises; (3) **Shared responsibility and courage** reflecting the principle of **subsidiarity** (4) **An evangelical language** for discernment and action: avoid humiliating words, and instead use standards such as: **dignity of the human person, the universal destination of goods, the preferential option for the poor, care for the common home, and peace**—then translate these into concrete practices like responsible planning, assessing human and social impact, including the vulnerable, promoting digital literacy, and directing research and industry toward justice and peace.



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