



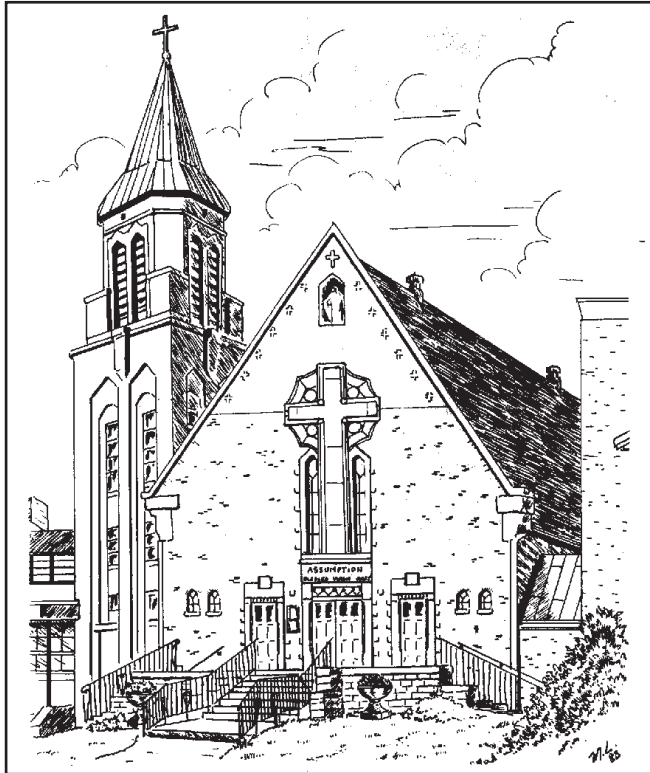
# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



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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 8:30am (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:** 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, Charity Joyce Marohombsar, Michael and Arnita Sabong, Nelia Samonte, Feliza Daiz, Arlene Magpayo, Theresa Akan, Virgie Bautista, Leonida Sarmiento

**Pope Leo's Monthly Prayer Intention  
For Disarmament and Peace**

"Let us pray that nations move to effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence."

**SCHEDULE of LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

Mar. 28, **4:00 PM** – Chit Villanueva, Richard Horrigan, Noly Formoso with Melchor Tejero; **Mar. 29, 9:30 AM** – Mary Miguel, Gina Distor, Bea Miguel with Yola Belay, Manny Belay; **12 NOON** – Edgar Piol, Lani Agustin, Nora Cerda with Juanita Managuira, Christy Collado, Nora Arriola; **7:00 PM** – Manny Belay, Melchor Tejero, Andrew Samonte, with Helen Belda



**Mass Intentions**

MARCH 21, **Saturday in LENT** (purple) **9:00 AM** – Theresa Clarke (well-being) by *Mary Stanton*; **4:00 PM, SUNDAY LITURGY** (purple) – Well-being of the donors of the Pew Restoration Project; †Ponciano, Flaviano & Danilo Forro by *Nena Coronel*

MARCH 22, **Sunday, FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT** (purple) **9:30 AM** – Well-being of the donors of the Pew Restoration Project; †Rev. Paul Beaudoin by *Beaudoin Family*; **12 Noon** – Safe Travels of Sally Cionelo; Well-being of the donors of the Pew Restoration Projects; †Eugenia & Wilfredo Allas by *Shon Allas*; †Celedonio Ostia; **7:00 PM** – Pro Populo

MARCH 23, **Monday in LENT** (purple) **8:00 AM** – Mary Stanton by *the Family*

MARCH 24, **Tuesday in LENT** (purple) **8:00 AM** – †Anselmo & Cirila Alcala by *Nena Coronel*; †Marguerite Catherine Backes & Alfred Backes

MARCH 25, **SOLEMNITY, THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD** (white) **8:00 AM** – †Gaetan "Pete" Danis by *Peter & Nenita Clark*

MARCH 26, **Thursday in Lent** (purple) **8:00 AM** – †Felicitas Tan by *Nena Coronel*

MARCH 27, **Friday in LENT** (purple) **8:00 AM** – Well-being of the donors of the Pew Restoration Project and † the deceased members of their families; †Rodrigo Coronel by *Nena Coronel*;

**COLLECTION REPORT**

**March 14 & 15, 2026**

**\$ 2,513**

MARCH 22, 2026

**COME AND JOIN A MID-MORNING RETREAT:** Return to the Father (confession, renewal, and the joy of a fresh beginning) with talks from the Most Rev. Archbishop Brendan Michael O'Brien and Rev. Dr. Andrew P.W. Bennett on Saturday, **March 21, 2026, from 10:00 am - 12:30 pm** at St. George's Parish Hall. (415 Piccadilly Ave N, Ottawa). For more information, please contact [sibiga@saintgeorges.ca](mailto:sibiga@saintgeorges.ca)

**UNITED IN PRAYERS.** On March 28, 2028, twenty (20) children from our parish and from Assumption School will have their **FIRST COMMUNION** and **FIRST RECONCILIATION**. Kindly pray and think of the children and families.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULES

Please REMEMBER that you may bring to the parish Church any **gifts for the needy** (usable winter clothing, canned goods, and other food items) on **PALM SUNDAY celebrations** (March 28 – 4 PM; March 29 – 9:30 AM, 12 NN, 7:00 PM) or on **HOLY THURSDAY, April 2** (Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper).

**MARCH 27 & 28 -- PALM SUNDAY celebrations** -- Palms will be provided by the Parish;  **blessing at each Mass** (Saturday, 4 PM & Sunday at 9:30 AM, 12:00 NN, and 7:00 PM)

**MARCH 31 – CHRISM MASS** – at 5 PM at the Notre-Dame Cathedral.

**APRIL 2 - HOLY THURSDAY: MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** at 7:00 PM; Adoration followed by PABASA (*Reading of the Passion*) at 10:00 PM (*in the Church*) up to Good Friday at 12:00 Noon

**APRIL 3 - FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD:** STATIONS of the CROSS at 1:30 PM with Fr. Victor Mateo, OFM Conv; LITURGY of the WORD and HOLY COMMUNION at 3:00 PM with Rev. Fr. James Zettel

## *PALM SUNDAY* *In the Catholic Tradition Practice*

PALM SUNDAY, also known as *Passion Sunday*, commemorates Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem as the Messiah-King, while simultaneously proclaiming his Passion and Death. It opens Holy Week, uniting the royal splendor of Christ's kingship with the foretelling of his suffering, and prepares the faithful for the Paschal Mystery.

**Catechism of the Catholic Church 560:** *Jesus' entry into Jerusalem manifested the coming of the kingdom that the King-Messiah was going to accomplish by the Passover of his Death and Resurrection. It is with the celebration of that entry on Palm Sunday that the Church's liturgy solemnly opens Holy Week.*

This dual focus — **joyous acclamation** (Hosanna!) and **sorrowful Passion** —reflects the paschal mystery's core: triumph through the Cross.

THE PRINCIPAL RITES include the blessing of palms, a procession, and the Mass featuring the Passion narrative.

1. Palms symbolize **victory over sin and death**, echoing Psalm 91:13 - *The just shall flourish like the palm and martyrs' triumphs.*
2. **Blessing and Procession:** Before Mass, palms are blessed on a table near the altar. The faithful carry them in a procession that is joyous and popular, emphasizing participation over merely obtaining branches.
3. **The Mass** integrates the **triumphal procession** commemorating Christ's entry into Jerusalem with the **solemn proclamation of the Passion narrative**. The Passion reading fulfills the Church's call to "re-reading" these events annually for deeper absorption, so as to remain in our consciences and in our hearts.



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