



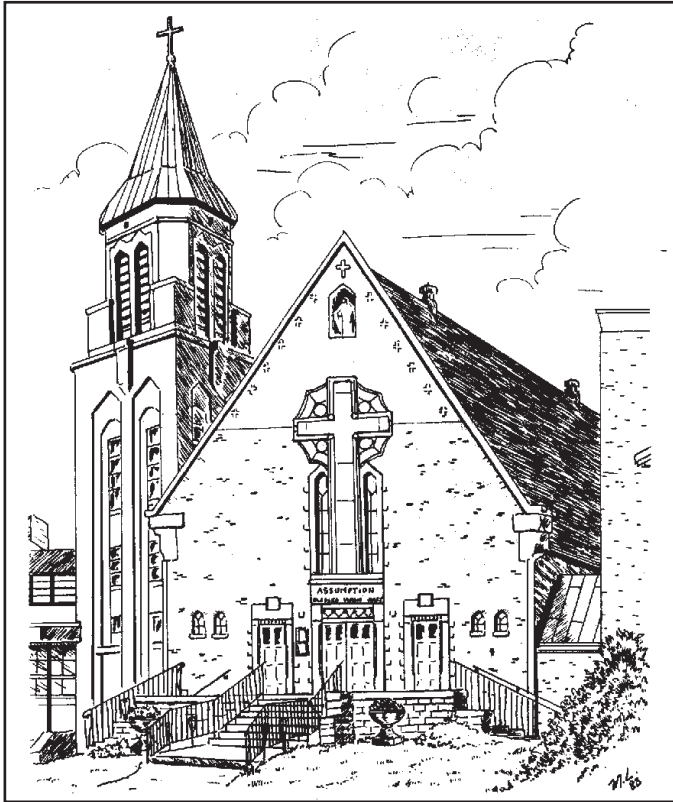
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



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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

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.



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
That Everyone Might Have Food

"Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoiding wasting food, and to ensuring that everyone has access to quality food."

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

May 23, 4:00 PM – Manny Beloy, Melchor Tejero with Parishioner; **May 24, 9:30 AM** – Gina Distor, John Anethua with Helen Belda, Nora Horrigan; **12 NOON** – Helen Belda, Elisa Pulmano, with Gloria Piol, Edgar Piol **7:00 PM** – Andrew Samonte, Helen Belda with Yola Beloy



Mass Intentions

May 16. Saturday, **9:00 AM**, (white) – †Frank Barrett by Sheilagh Marie Keelan; **4:00 PM Sunday Liturgy** – Alan David (birthday) by Alma David; †Robert Grant by Dianne, Helen & Ken

May 17, **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD** (white), **9:30 AM** – Well-being of the donors of the Pew Restoration Project; Nena Forro Coronel by Danny & Nora Arriola; †Rev. Paul Beaudoin by Beaudoin Family; †Cosgrove Family by Sheilah Marie Keelan; **12:00 NOON** – Well-being of the donors of the Pew Restoration Project; †Marguerite Catherine Backes & Alfred Backes ; **7:00 PM** – Pro Populo

May 18, EASTER WEEKDAY (white) **8:00 AM** – †Claudette Winchester by Danny & Nora Arriola; †Alfredo Mercado by Blesilda Mercado

May 19, EASTER WEEKDAY (white) **8:00 AM** – †Claudette Winchester by Colette & Debora Eisl

May 20, EASTER WEEKDAY (white) **8:00 AM** – †John Frouin by Mary Stanton

May 21, EASTER WEEKDAY (white), **8:00 AM** – †Charles Stanton by Mary Stanton

MAY 22, EASTER WEEKDAY (white) **8:00 AM** – †John S. & Theresa Stanton by Mary Stanton

COLLECTION REPORT

May 9 & 10, 2026 - \$2,628.

SUMMARY OF THE PARISH ASSEMBLY

April 5, 2026

Following the 7:00 AM and 9:30 AM Masses on Easter Sunday, parishioners gathered for a Community Breakfast at Immaculata Hall. On both occasions, the Parish Assembly was held to capitalize on strong attendance.

NICK MURILLO, as *Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson*, explained that the assembly fulfills the annual Archdiocesan policy requirement to report on parish affairs and provide an opportunity for dialogue. He noted the present improved turnout compared to previous years. In his report, he described 2025 as a productive year for the parish, which continues to thrive as a multicultural faith community, reflecting how the Christian faith binds and unites its diverse parishioners.

Strong participation was seen in liturgical celebrations, especially weekend Masses prepared by the Altar Guild members and the volunteer sacristans, supported by various choirs. These included the traditional Filipino devotions, such as the nine-day Christmas Novena (*Simbang Gabi*), the overnight recounting of Jesus' life in the *Pabasa ng Pasyong Mahal*, chanted from the late evening of Holy Thursday to noon the following day, and the *Salubong*, a pre-dawn or early morning Easter ritual reenacting the traditional belief of the meeting of the Risen Christ and His sorrowful Mother.

The parish remained active in its mission of Faith Formation, offering sacramental preparation programs for children, youth, and adults, including Baptismal preparation sessions, First Communion, Confirmation, and RCIA. Active teams of volunteer parishioners animate the Youth Ministry and Children's Liturgy and continue to support spiritual growth for younger members.

Pastoral services were sustained through the regular administration of the sacraments by the Pastor, with assistance from invited priests like

Fr. Joe Vayalil, Fr. Lodewicus Barnanrd, SJ, Fr. Joe Le Clair, and Fr. James Zettel; regular charitable initiatives for the needy, and special events such as relic pilgrimages by Fr. Jobe Abbas, OFMConv, coinciding with annual retreats.

The parish also maintained an active online presence and continued its involvement in pro-life advocacy. Two key initiatives—the revision of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Constitution and Bylaws and the Records Retention and Archival Project—were started in 2025.

Financially, CHARITO BABOL, a member of the Parish Finance Council (PFC), reported revenues of \$379,519 in 2025, *down from \$429,470 in 2024*, primarily due to lower bequests. Expenses rose to \$355,706, up from \$323,936 in the prior year, resulting in a surplus of \$23,813 in 2025, down from \$105,534 in 2024. These figures exclude the in-and-out impact of Special Collections for non-parish-related donations. Rev. Fr. Victor Mateo, OFMConv, the pastor of Assumption Parish, provided additional insights and addressed a question about the surplus, confirming it will be carried forward. It was noted that without bequests, the parish would have operated at a deficit.

The assembly concluded with expressions of thanks to parishioners, volunteers, sponsors, and the *Community Life Committee* for their continued support and for organizing the breakfast gatherings.

The Parish wishes to **THANK** the following for assisting with the **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION RETREAT** on May 1 and 2, 2026: The Youth for Christ team that facilitated the retreat: Don del Castillo (COUPLES FOR CHRIST), Nick and Nieves Murillo (MISSIONARY FAMILIES OF CHRIST), and Nora Arriola (Administrative Assistant), *who is part of the service team*. The meals and snacks that were paid for by the parish were prepared by Donna Medrano, Lani Agustin, Jonna Blance, Janice Ordinario, and Andrew Samonte.



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