



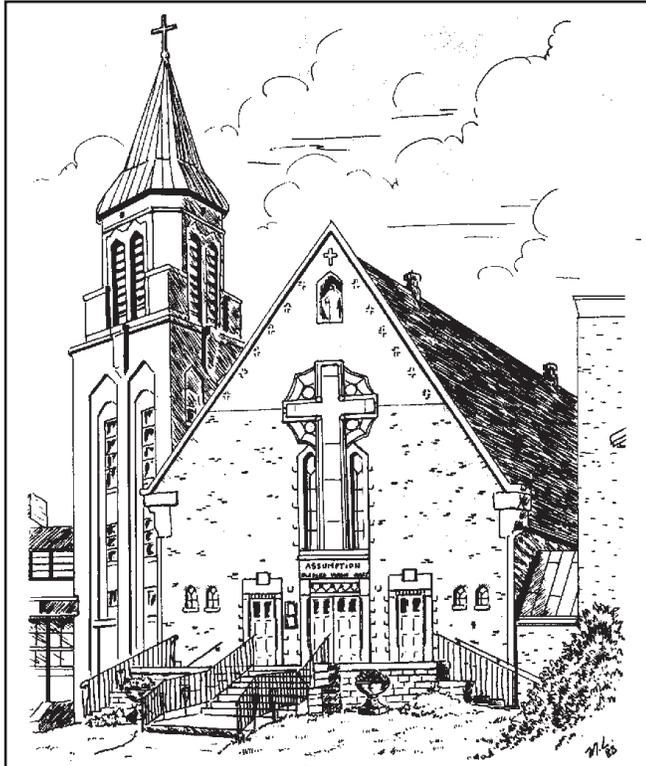
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OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"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.

ALL SOULS DAY

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, Glenda Hadloc, Christopher Finnerty, Charity Joyce Marohombsar, Michael and Arnita Sabong, Nelia Samonte, Feliza Daiz, Arlene Magpayo, Theresa Akan, Virgie Bautista and Fr. Joseph Vayalil.

Pope Leo's Monthly Prayer Intention For the prevention of suicide

"Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life."

SCHEDULE of LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Nov. 8, 4:00 PM – Joan Lepage, Nora Arriola, Chit Villanueva with Noly Formoso.

Nov. 9, 9:30 AM – John Anethua, Kingsley Nze, Mary Miguel with Manny Beloy, Yola Beloy; **12 NOON** – Noly Formoso, Nora Cerda, Lani Agustin with Melba Panuncio, Novie Ramos, Noly Formoso;

7:00 PM – Nick Murillo, Helen Belda, Andrew Samonte with Helen Belda.



Mass Intentions

NOVEMBER 1, Saturday, **SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS, SATURDAY** (white), **9:00 AM** – Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima by *Flor Marcelo*; **4:00 PM (Sunday Liturgy)** – Paul Lefebvre (well-being) by *Marie-Pauline Desjardins*; †Cora Guillermo & †Ryan Guillermo by *Art Guillermo*

NOVEMBER 2, Sunday, **COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY)** (white) **9:30 AM** – Thanksgiving by the *Beaudoin Family*; †Rev. Paul Beaudoin by *Beaudoin Family*; †Lupo Gomez by *Mary Miguel*; †Francisco & Juliana Dela Cuesta by *Dela Cuesta Family*; †Anita Morrison by *Mark & Matilde Morrison*; **12:00 Noon** – †Domingo & Felicitas Medrano and †Crisanto Medrano by *Donatila Medrano*; †Cora Guillermo & †Ryan Guillermo by *Art Guillermo* **7:00 PM** – Pro Populo

NOVEMBER 3, Monday, **FERIAL DAY** (green) **8:00 AM** – Danny Arriola (birthday) by *Arriola Family*

NOVEMBER 4, Tuesday, **MEMORIAL OF ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO** (white) **8:00 AM** – Danny Arriola (well-being) by *Nena Coronel*

NOVEMBER 5, Wednesday, **VOTIVE MASS, OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP** (white) **8:00 AM** – Bea Miguel (well-being) by *Nena Coronel*

NOVEMBER 6, Thursday, **FERIAL DAY** (green) **8:00 AM** – †Manuel & Naty Forro by *Nena Coronel*

NOVEMBER 7, Friday, **FERIAL DAY** (green) **8:00 AM** – †Maria Fe Forro by *Nena Coronel*

WEEK ENDING COLLECTION REPORT

Oct. 25 & 26, 2025 - \$2,709.

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

St. Paul Center

Today, the Catholic Church prays for the souls of all the faithful departed. In our readings, we encounter many themes, including hope, consolation, repentance, and judgment. The dominant mood is one of comfort from the Lord, yet we should not ignore this opportunity to reflect on our own salvation.

FIRST READING: Today's first reading from the book of **Wisdom 3:1–9** brings us a message of hope and consolation. As the author says, the souls of the just are at peace in the hand of God. We are called to look upon death with an eternal perspective. God alone is our judge, so we must refrain from judging others. The just, who now rest forever in Christ, offered their lives on earth to Him, and we are called to the same self-gift—called to give ourselves to Christ and embrace His Cross.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Much beloved by Christians throughout history, today's psalm (**Ps. 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6**) offers us comfort and an important reminder of God's hesed, His covenantal faithfulness. Christ — the Good Shepherd — is our faithful shepherd; His accompaniment extends even to the experience of our physical death, which is why the Church chooses this psalm for today's commemoration of All Souls.

SECOND READING: In today's second reading (Romans 5:5–11) St. Paul examines hope — and the love Christ chose to pour into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. While we were still unrepentant sinners, Christ laid His life down for us. This incredible gift testifies to the totality of God's love for us. We can be certain that God will make every effort to help us on the path of salvation.

GOSPEL: Our gospel today comes from John's account of the multiplication of the loaves (**6:37–40**) our Lord says He will not reject anyone who comes to Him. This is a source of great comfort and hope — God does not tire of forgiving His children. Therefore, we never need to tire of seeking His forgiveness, nor of lifting our hearts to Him in prayer.

The soul who looks to Christ and places his faith in Him will be raised on the last day. Both now and in eternity, Jesus will seek us like a shepherd seeks out his flock to guide them to good pastures.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

O God, the bestower of forgiveness and the lover of human salvation, we pray to you and of your tender love, to grant that the brothers and sisters in our parish, with their relatives and benefactors, who have passed out of this life, may, by the intercession of Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, and all thy saints, come to the fellowship of eternal bliss.

Grant, we also ask you, O Lord our God, that the souls of Your servants and handmaidens, the memory of whom we keep with special reverence, and for whom we are bidden and are bound to pray, and the souls of all our family members, relatives benefactors, and all the faithful, may rest in the bosom of your saints; and hereafter, in the resurrection from the dead, may please You in the land of the living.

Listen to our prayers, O Lord, show your mercy upon the soul of your loved one (**names insert**), whom you have commanded to pass out of this world, that you would place him in the place of peace and light, and bid him be a partaker with Your Saints. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.**

KEYNOTE REMARKS OF JOSE VICTOR V. CHAN-GONZAGA
PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR TO CANADA - 20 September 2025

MAGANDANG HAPON PO SA ATING LAHAT. Good afternoon to our distinguished guests, nominees, awardees, members of the Golden Balangay Awards Executive Committee, community leaders, partners, and friends. I am honored to join you today at this year's Golden Balangay Awards. **The theme of today's celebration, "Bangkang Papel" [paper boat], symbolizes the Filipino journey here in Canada.** It embodies the resilience, hope, and courage of Filipinos to navigate new horizons. Just as a child folds a simple sheet of paper into a boat and sets it afloat with imagination and trust, so too have generations of Filipinos set forth across oceans with dreams, sacrifices, and faith in what the future holds.

HISTORY OF THE DIASPORA

Last Monday, I presented my credentials to Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada. During my meeting with her, I emphasized that the Filipino diaspora in Canada remains one of the anchors of friendship and partnership between our two countries.

The Filipino diaspora in Canada has a rich and evolving history, dating back to 1861 with the first recorded arrival of a Filipino immigrant. From the subsequent arrivals in the 1960s—nurses, caregivers, and professionals—our community has grown to become the fourth-largest immigrant group in Canada. **Today, over one million Filipinos call Canada home. You all have brought with you not only your skills and talents, thus making Canada better. But also, your warmth, your bayanihan spirit, and your humanity, thus enriching Canadian society.**

Our bangkang papel has carried us across decades of challenges: leaving families behind, facing barriers to employment, struggling for recognition of credentials, and working tirelessly in fields that often undervalue our expertise. Yet, it is also this very journey that has strengthened our community, teaching us to be resilient, resourceful, and united.

CONTRIBUTIONS ACROSS SECTORS

The Filipino-Canadian story has become one of remarkable contributions. We see it in healthcare, where Filipino nurses and caregivers are pillars of compassion. We see it in business, where entrepreneurs thrive and create opportunities for others. We see it in academia, the arts, technology, and public service, where Filipinos distinguish themselves with creativity, skill, and integrity. Indeed, the Golden Balangay Awards shine a light on these contributions—reminding us that excellence is not just an individual pursuit, but a collective testament to what our community can achieve.

CALL TO EXCELLENCE AND LEADERSHIP

However, **mga kababayan, with recognition comes responsibility.** Tonight, I call upon each of you, whether nominee, awardee, or supporter, to continue striving for excellence, not only for personal success but also for the upliftment of our kababayan.

Excellence means becoming leaders in your chosen fields. It means showing the younger generation that they too can dream, that they too can fold their bangkang papel and set it afloat with courage. And excellence cannot be divorced from integrity. Excellence with integrity can only come from transformative efforts —transformative not only of ourselves, but more importantly, of others and our communities.

You must see yourselves beyond the remittances that you send home and which we thank you for, and certainly beyond the regular or not so regular visits home that you make.

Always be active partners for change in the Philippines, and in your communities here in Canada. It is our hope that you will always strive to make your own contributions to the change that we are all moving towards, as a people. Give back to our people, to your communities, the knowledge, the expertise, the experiences, the learnings, the wisdom, all that you have gained, from over the years since when you left.

UNITY AND ADVOCACY

Our journey is far from over. If the bangkang papel teaches us anything, it is that we must move together, helping one another stay afloat.

As a community, we must unite and advocate for the causes that matter to us:

- Recognition of professional credentials so that Filipino talent can fully shine; Funding for Filipino cultural centers so that our heritage and stories can be preserved and shared with future generations; Strengthened education cooperation between Canada and the Philippines, ensuring our students and scholars have opportunities to excel globally, and fighting to preserve our maritime patrimony and heritage, including in the West Philippine Sea.

But most of all, as a community here in Canada, let us never abandon our culture. Make sure your children – Canadians they may be – always recognize their identity and heritage as Filipinos. This is essential because our cultural heritage defines us all. Our past, our present, our future, our children.

In my nearly three decades of service on the frontlines of Philippine diplomacy, I have seen that our communities overseas absolutely understand – and appreciate – the importance of culture and conversations across many cultures. I am also confident that in your communities, in your classrooms, in your civic engagements, in your personal friendships, you convey the portrait of a Philippines that is a nation rooted in and proud of its past, but more importantly, also a people that is forward-looking, dynamic, vibrant, and modern—not clinging to the past, but building on it. Not afraid of the future but grabbing it by its horns. These are not just policy goals. They are lifelines that keep our Bangkang Pápel moving forward with strength and direction.

CONCLUSION

My friends, the Golden Balangay Awards remind us that every Filipino in Canada carries a story of resilience, sacrifice, and hope. As we celebrate today, let us be reminded of our dual calling: to be good citizens of Canada, contributing to its growth and progress, and to remain proud and responsible Filipino citizens, carrying with us the values of malasakit, bayanihan, at *pagmamahal* sa bayan.

Mga kababayan, friends, may we continue to set our bangkang papel afloat, undaunted by the waves, carried by the winds of faith and unity, and always guided by the stars of excellence and service. Maraming salamat po. **Thank you very much. Merci beaucoup. Mabuhay tayong lahat! Mabuhay ang Bagong Pilipinas!**



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