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DECEMBER 24th -2023 -JANUARY 6th 2024 | YEAR B | 4th Sunday of Advent & Epiphany Tide Ferial

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tues. to Fri. | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Closed on Statutory Holidays

Pastor

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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Mass of Anticipation: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 4:00 pm.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon, Thurs, & Fri: 7:00 am, & 8:30 am
Tues: 4:30pm, Wed: 9:00am
***First Friday of the month : 7:00pm
Mass, therefore there will be No
7:00am Mass. (1st Friday 7:00 pm is a
Latin Mass Novus Ordo with readings
in English)
Sat: 9:00 am

** 7:00am Mass on Mon., Thur., & Fri.
will not be celebrated in the
Christmas Season, Summer months,
& Holiday Mondays.

CONFESSION TIMES

Tues: 4:00pm, Wed: 8:30am
Thurs: & Fri: 8:00am* 1st Fri, 6:30pm
Saturday: 9:30-10:30am & 4:00-4:30pm

OLOA Elementary School

School Office | (604) 942-5522
Email | office@olapoco.ca
Principal | Rosaleen Heffernan
Office Manager | Sharon Kazun
Website | assumptionofmaryschool.com

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

- Baptisms** are every **Sunday@12:30pm**.
Parents and Godparents are to be married in the Catholic Church, and parents need to be registered parishioners for at least two months. Baptism Class attendance is mandatory for parents if you have not previously taken the class. You will need to register for a Baptism Class by calling the parish office during office hours. Before attending the Baptism Class you must fill out the Baptism information form.
- Website: assumptionofmary.ca/baptism
- Forms may also be picked up at the parish office.
- Baptism Classes** are on the **third Saturday** of every month @ 10:00am.



THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples planning marriage (here or elsewhere) must contact the Parish Priest at least 6 months before the wedding. Must attend the Marriage Preparation Course and the Catholic is to be registered here, at least 6 months and regularly attending Mass here.

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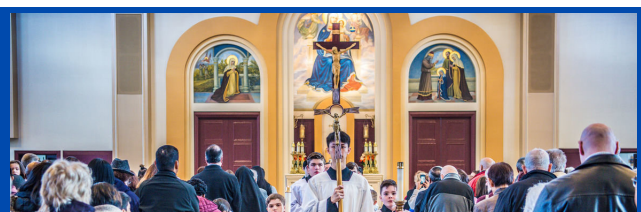
Contact Parish Priest @ 604-942-7808 ext. 2002

SACRAMENTALS

Blessing of cars and religious articles:

See the Priest after Sat. pm & Sun. Masses.

House blessings: please contact the Pastor at 604 942-7808 ext. 2002



PARISH MINISTRY & ORGANIZATIONS CONTACTS

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ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to the Parish please fill out a Registration Form available on line. If you would like a box of Donation Envelopes and/or the BC Catholic, please remember to check the boxes on the registration form. For those already registered, any changes such as your address, tel. #, etc., please contact the Parish Office at 604 942-7808. Pre-Auth Debit (PAD) is a good option for your giving. **Regular Sunday contribution** is taken on the **1st of each month** and **2nd Collection** is taken on the **15th of each month**.***Anyone who would like to receive an emailed copy of the Sunday bulletin, please email the office. The office will NOT share your email. Thank you.

Archbishop Carney High School

School Office | (604) 942-7465
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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, Dec. 24 | 4th Sunday of Advent
9:00am / 11:00am / Parishioners

SUNDAY, Dec. 24 | Christmas - Nativity of the Lord
**6:00pm / 9:00pm / 12Midnight-Parishioners

MONDAY, Dec. 25 | Christmas-Nativity of the Lord
* 9:00am / 11:00am / Parishioners

TUESDAY, Dec. 26 | St.Stephen+34
4:30pm Stephen Woodworth+

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 27 | St. John, Apostle
9:00am Marianna Tchorzewska +

THURSDAY, Dec. 28 | The Holy Innocents+1AD
8:30am Ralph Aragon+

FRIDAY, Dec. 29 | The 5th day within the
Octave of the Nativity
8:30am Felicity Sim

SATURDAY, Dec. 30 | The 6th day within the
Octave of the Nativity
9:00am Paul & Darshini Dufault
5:00pm Corey & Maryann Bronfen

SUNDAY, Dec. 31 | The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph
9:00am / 11:00am / Parishioners

SUNDAY, Dec. 31 | The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy
Mother of God
**6:00pm/- Parishioners
Eucharist Adoration for the New Year-11pm -12 Midnight

MONDAY, Jan. 1 | The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy
Mother of God
* 9:00am / 11:00am / Parishioners

TUESDAY, Jan. 2 | St.Basil the Great+379&St.Gregory
Nazianzen+389
4:30pm Mario Antonio Dalla Zanna+

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 3 | Epiphany tide Ferial
9:00am Matreya Aragon

THURSDAY, Jan. 4 | Epiphany tide Ferial
8:30am Eugene Gallagher+

FRIDAY, Jan. 5 | Epiphany tide Ferial
8:30am Guard of Honor
7:00pm Shirley Bueno +

SATURDAY, Jan. 6 | Epiphany tide Ferial
9:00am Legion of Mary
5:00pm Jesus Moncada+

The Epiphany of The Lord

THIS WEEK

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
Masses of Christmas, The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve
Sun., Dec.24th -6:00pm (Mass for families with small children)
9:00pm & 12:00 Midnight
Christmas Day
Mon., Dec.25th - 9:00am & 11:00am
Please note that due to the extra Vigil Masses of Christmas Eve, there will be no Evening Mass on Christmas Day*
New Years, Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God
New Years Eve
Sat., Dec.30th - 5:00pm
Sun., Dec 31st- 9:00am & 11:00am (No 4:00pm Mass)
Sun., Dec.31st- 6:00pm
Eucharist Adoration for the New Year-11pm to 12 Midnight
New Years Day
Mon., Jan. 1st - 9:00am & 11:00am
Weekday Masses
Tues., Jan. 2nd - 4:30pm Thurs., Jan. 4th - 8:30am
Wed., Jan. 3rd - 9:00am Fri., Jan. 5th - 8:30am & *7:00pm
Sat., Jan.6th- 9:00am
Masses for the Epiphany of the Lord
Sat., Jan., 6th - 5:00pm
Sun., Jan., 7th 9:00am,11:00am & 4:00pm
***Please note during Christmas Season there will be No 7:00am Masses
Mon/Thurs/Fri. The 7am Masses will resume Mon., Jan.8, 2024.***

SECOND COLLECTION: Monday, Dec. 25th,Christmas Offering, Monday, Jan.1st, New Year's Day offering - To support needs of the parish expenses. Sunday, Jan.7th- Building Fund- To help reduce the debt owed on our Church building. Thank you for your support!

PARISH OFFICE will be closed from Tues., Dec. 26th to Fri., Dec 29th.The office will re-open on Tues., Jan.2nd, 2024. (For any Sacramental emergencies, please call Fr. James @ 604 942-7808 ext. 2002) or Fr. Babu @604-942-7808 ext.2003
We at the office would like to wish you all a very blessed Christmas and a wonderful 2024! Thank you all for your friendship, kindness, patience, and generosity. God bless you all!

2024 CHURCH DONATION ENVELOPES
The 2024 Envelopes are available in the Vestibule (not the same # as 2023!). Please DO NOT use 2024 envelopes until Jan 2024. Thank you!

Please note that all donations should be received by Dec. 31, 2023 in order for the donor to receive a tax receipt for 2023.

2024 Calendars, sponsored by our local funeral homes, will be on sale during the weekend of Dec 30/31 and Jan 6/7 while supplies last. This is a fund raiser for our Young Adult Ministry. The cost of the calendars are .50 cents per calendar or 2 for \$1.00.

PASTOR’S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Assumption Family,

“For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)

These words from the Prophet Isaiah about the coming of the Messiah do not grow old. Recently at our Catholic elementary school that performed their annual Christmas concert echoed these words that was musically set through Handel’s Messiah. Hearing the children sing these age-old words do not grow dull if we allow the profound sense of the truth about who the Messiah is to seep not only into our minds, but also our hearts and souls.

How does such titles as “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” make a difference in our day to day living as we prepare to start a new year?

These titles written by a faithful follower of God, the prophet Isaiah, lived approximately 700 years before the coming of the Christ child. One might ask if he was simply an optimist or even a fanatic who looked to bring a positive spin on a very darkened, hopeless world that he inhabited.

Even though Isaiah would not have known the details of this Virgin birth, including the name--Jesus, his faith in God ultimately inspired him to see what the eye of faith is called to see. Isaiah was very aware of his environment, yet even though things may have distracted & discouraged him about the darkness of his world, he put his hope in a Saviour.

This age-old message continues to be proclaimed today; what today’s dark world needs is the Saviour, not just a good Teacher. Teachers, politicians, lawyers, nurses, and many other professions have important work to help bring people to their Saviour. Historically, even back in the time of Isaiah, many have come claiming to be that saviour and have failed. There is only one Saviour, and his name is Jesus Christ.

A pluralistic society seeking answers to the truth can only and eventually lead to Jesus. Therefore, it is imperative that we today need to tap into the prophetic office of our baptismal call to holiness, and share this Good News, even if it will not be readily received lest accepted!

It is not easy to be a Roman Catholic today as it was not easy for Isaiah to be a prophet in his day. Let us seek once again the Christmas story through the Scriptures and the Sacraments that are given to us as the means to daily adoring, thanking, seeking forgiveness, and praying for the world and its needs.

With prayers for you and your family members this Christmas Season, we remain
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. James Hughes Pastor
Fr. Babu Mathew Assistant Pastor

COMMENDING THE SICK

We commend to your prayers the sick of the Parish, including: Shirley Armillotta, Larry Bowen, Lou Choquette, Nora Criss, Ernestine Craig, Alicia Kerssens, Venessa Miller, Vincent Roma, Lynn Van Der Mark, & Peter Walton

PARISH ONGOING PROJECT ADVANCE

Thank you to all parishioners who have already donated to this year's Project Advance appeal. In order to meet the overall goal of \$190,000, every donation matters. If you have not contributed this year you can help make our dream of a cooler Church in the summer become a reality we have met our goal. To date we have reached \$201,581 from 336 donors. Your support will now help our own parish special project which this year includes the completion of the air cooling unit to the current HVAC system in the church. There is only 1 week left to donate to Project Advance before the end of the year. Don't forget to make your 2023 donation online at projectadvance.ca or through the parish office during office hours.

PARISH NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

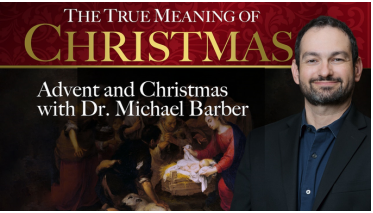
Assumption Young Adults 18-35
Wed., Jan 10th,2024 - CS Lewis Soup Group.
Next year, Assumption Young Adults is launching our first-ever book club! Along with the Dominican Sisters, we will be reading through and discussing CS Lewis' "The Four Loves." Grab a copy and a hot bowl of soup and join the discussion! More details to follow.

Adult Faith Formation at home

We encourage our Parishioners to visit the great Catholic online resource: FORMED. Our Parish code to access Formed.org is F7DPJB. Important: Do not sign up as an individual. Our Parish access code provides more content than an individual subscription.

Watch all of the True Meaning of Christmas video series with Dr. Michael Barber

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