

Annunciation of Our Lord Parish

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Closed from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. for lunch

PRAYER NETWORK

"Never underestimate the power of prayer." - John Paul II, Miami 1987. Our parish has a dedicated group who pray for the intentions of those who seek or need help. Please contact our parish office with your prayer request.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

To make arrangements for infant or child baptism, please complete a Baptism form located at the main church entrances AND contact the office at least six weeks in advance. Attendance at a Baptism Preparation meeting is also required.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples wishing to be married at our Parish should contact the parish priest for an appointment. At least one year notice is required.

R.C.I.A.

Considering Becoming Catholic? Please contact the Diocese of Hamilton regarding the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and the process for becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church. 905-528-7988

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK HOLY COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

Holy Communion is brought regularly to the sick, elderly and shut-ins by our Ministers of Communion. A Priest will be happy to bring the Sacrament of the Sick to your home or hospital room upon request.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY PROGRAM

Sunday 9:30 a.m. (except July and August)

PARISH SCHOOLS

Annunciation of Our Lord	905 388-4495
St. Therese of Lisieux	905-523-2335
St. Thomas More Secondary	905 388-3030

PARISH BEQUESTS

Keep your Love for your Parish alive! We invite you, in your kindness, to consider remembering Annunciation of Our Lord Parish in your will and when recommending expressions of sympathy. If anyone wishes to make such a bequest in their will, please contact the parish office @ 905.388.2078. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

CATHOLIC FUNERAL RITES

Please contact the parish and arrange the day and time before your appointment with the Funeral Home.

PARISH CENTRE RENTALS

Please contact George or Josie at 905-512-9050



CONFESSIONS

Tuesday	6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Saturday	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

MASSES

Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday	9:00 a.m.
Friday	9:30 a.m. (Mass with School Children)
First Saturday Mass - Devotion to Our Lady	9:00 a.m.
Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

PERPETUAL ADORATION IN OUR ADORATION CHAPEL

Temporarily closed due to COVID-19.

THE ROSARY

Join us for the Rosary, a half hour prior to each Mass

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Saturdays at 4:15 p.m. before the Rosary

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Next to receiving our Lord and Saviour in the Holy Eucharist, Jesus is calling us to regularly visit and adore Him, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed perpetually (24 hours a day) in our Adoration Chapel. Please contact the office for access instructions or to become a regularly scheduled Guardian.

VOCATIONS

Do you feel called by God to His Priesthood or Religious Life? Our Diocesan Vocations Office is available to answer your questions and provide guidance. Contact the Vocation Director for Hamilton Diocese at 905-528-7988 or see the website www.vocationinfo.ca for further information.

WELCOME AND REGISTRATION

To all who worship with us today, may the Lord bless you!
We invite you to join our faith community. Please fill in a blue registration form found at the entrances.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Monday noon, written submissions only.

EASTER SUNDAY

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday April 5-No Mass

Tuesday April 6-7 pm-No mass, Fr. Philippe is away for the week

Wednesday April 7- 9 am-No Mass

Holy Thursday April 8 -No Mass

Friday April 9-9:am-No Mass

Saturday April 10-5 pm

Antonio Agresto, Nicola Tait Spyrou, Florindo Gabriele, Biaggio Ciccanti, Jose & Manuel Raposo & Family, Alfredo & Melecia Talavera

Sunday April 11

9:30 a.m. – Pro Populo

11:30 a.m. –Pro Populo

Divine Mercy Mass – 4pm

PRAY TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP



The two blue candles by Our Mother of Perpetual Help can be lit for your intention (\$5 each). The shrine is located by our Blessed Tabernacle. We encourage all our parishioners to take a moment and offer a prayer for these intentions:

*In loving memory of Giuseppe & Filomena D'Agata
From your loving daughter Giuseppina*

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Monday:	Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.
Tuesday:	Rev. Fernando Ferreira Pinto
Wednesday	Oblates of Mary Immaculate
Thursday:	Rev. Allen Varlaki
Friday:	Rev. Paul Edmonstone
Saturday:	Rev. Jerzy Tomon

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY



Acts 4.32-35
1 John 5.1-6
John 20.19-31

“Thomas answered him, “My Lord & My God!”



IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

March 15 \$3,216.00

Thank you for your support!

EX CORDE FOUNDATION

We are absolutely delighted, once again, to receive a grant of \$20,000 from the Ex Corde Foundation allowing us to continue updating the Parish Rectory, and to implement some security features that need attention around the Church. We are deeply grateful and wish to thank the Ex Corde Foundation for their generosity!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

On behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, we would like to thank everyone for your generous donations!

Please note: when writing a cheque to the St. Vincent de Paul, the bank no longer accepts cheques made out to Annunciation of Our Lord or "SVDP".

Therefore, all donation cheques should be made out to "**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul.**"

Thank you for your cooperation!

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

After being "penned up" for the last year, we hear people saying, "I need to get out of the house and do something". Parishioners with this thought in mind, we ask you to consider "Volunteering" at our 200 Parkdale Avenue North store. There is a range of ways you can help and among other things, this includes sorting, pricing, cleaning up, greeting people and the like. You may start immediately by calling the Store Manager at 905-549-3902. We do have a great team at the Store and you will be trained for the different tasks. We are also looking for "driver assistants", which entails lifting and moving furniture pieces during "pick-ups" as well as in the Store. PLEASE CALL 905-549-3902 to sign up.

SHOPPERS - We invite you to visit our store at 200 Parkdale Avenue North to experience that "feel good shopping" atmosphere as you walk through and among our numerous "Next to New" items of clothing for men, women and children. We also have a wide range of furniture for any room in your home, including small appliances, books, magazines, kitchen wares and unique "one of a kind" items. Again, these are all "Next to New" and you will be amazed at the great quality to choose from. SEE YOU at the Store which is on the Parkdale bus route.

BISHOP CROSBY'S EASTER MESSAGE

My dear friends,

"He is not here; He has been raised!"

What a breathtaking message the young man dressed in a white robe imparted to the women who had come to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus! At that moment everything changed – for them for us! At that moment Jesus' teaching took on a new authority, a new power. Because of this event the followers of Jesus, at that time and throughout the past 2000+ years, have witnessed reassuring miracle upon miracle proving that He lives – and truly helps us to "live fully"!

Mary Magdalene – the Apostle of the Apostles – was the first to announce the Good News to his followers. Certainly, the lives of Peter and the closest disciples of Jesus were changed immediately. And when filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, they set out to proclaim that Good News "to the ends of the earth"!

Because "He has been raised", He is still doing awesome healing works, lifting us up, freeing us, saving us! The miracle of new life is always a blessing – the promise of a future filled with hope. The dedication and commitment of healthcare workers during these pandemic days, even in the midst of suffering and death, has been inspirational – and life-giving! My brother tells me that my niece is planning to study epidemiology! I hope she does – I hope other young people are so inspired!

I am always astounded by the outreach of so many to assure the well-being of people who are challenged in many ways. The Good Shepherd Ministries, the DeMazenod Door, Wayside House, the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton, Catholic Family Services, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, The Bridge, Rygiel Supports, the Catholic Youth Organization – and there are so many other good works – all providing supports for people who reach out for a helping hand. Filled with the Spirit of Jesus, they go about "lifting up", providing opportunities for a fresh start.

The pandemic has shone the spotlight on the importance of care for our senior sisters and brothers – those who have provided us with the blessings we experience in our lives. We understand that we have a responsibility to assure their well-being no matter their age. Migrant farm workers leave their homes and families to work on farms in our communities to assure that the "food chain" is safe so we can enjoy nourishing meals. They, too, must be supported by our caring outreach. His rising from the dead provides us the grace and courage to do so joyfully!

My dear friends, we are only too aware of the misery and suffering of our world – of our lives. The message of the young man at Easter assures us that "there is something happening here" which makes life worth living. That, precisely, is our HOPE – life does not end – rather it goes

on; because we are His sisters and brothers, we are His heirs! Alleluia!

Sincerely in the Risen Christ and Mary Immaculate,

+ Douglas Crosby, OMI

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton

ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021 has been cancelled due to restrictions and concerns around COVID-19. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years Anniversary starting in January on the Diocesan website. The Chancery Office will send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

There are still many boxes of envelopes to be picked up in the Parish Center. Please be sure to pick up your envelopes!

MARRIAGE TIP FROM THE DIOCESE

At the heart of every relationship there needs to be a foundation of love and respect. When couples respect each other, including their differences, they continually build each other up and enjoy time together. When we respect the other in relationship, we can accept their desire to influence us with their understanding of what is true, good and beautiful. When we are open to our spouse's view of things, we not only grow, but we grow together. When we grow together, we cannot help but grow in love.

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 4, 2021

The glorious Feast of the Resurrection of Christ proclaims, forever, that life is greater than death. Jesus commanded us to preach this good news to all peoples in all places at all time. If you feel God is calling you to minister his church as a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations, diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988, ext 2246.

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Jesus | Trust in You!

Immediately after these words & without any further explanation, Sister Faustina records this unexpected request of Our Lord:
At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy for the whole world. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion. (1320)
O Blood & Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust you. (I, 35)



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