

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 Parish Office for information regarding the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and the process for becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

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

At the Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 12 noon Masses (except July and August)

PARISH SCHOOLS

Annunciation of Our Lord 905 388-4495

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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

When death occurs in your family, please contact your Funeral Director who will coordinate with our office in making liturgical arrangements.

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. Our Mother of Perpetual Help Mass
Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.
Friday 9:30 a.m. (Mass with School Children)
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

PERPETUAL ADORATION IN OUR ADORATION CHAPEL

Please call the office at 905-388-2078 for access.

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.

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

Monday December 11-No Mass

Tuesday December 12- 9 a.m. - Jose Medeiros, Dolly Joy, Peter Bowen (17 years), Special intentions of the Dias & Britto Families, Angelo & Johnny Brunogallo, Special intentions of Fr. Domini Borg, OCD, Deceased members of the Cicchi & Salvati families, Francesco Greco

Wednesday December 13 –9:00 a.m. Tom Grosvenor

Thursday December 14–7 p.m. – Nunzia D'Ambrosio

Friday December 15- 9:30 a.m.-Dipier Domenico & family

Saturday December 16-5:00 p.m.-The deceased members of the Monti Family, Danny & Giovanni Ruggiero, Tony Piccirillo, Michelina Pisano, Giovanni Puzzo, Carmen, Pietro & Assunta Bozzo, Deceased members of the Torresin & Gris Families, Antonietta Giriecti

Sunday December 17

9:00 a.m. – Luisa DiGiovanni

10:30 a.m. – Vincenzo Di Donato

12:00 p.m. – Pro Populo

PLEASE NOTE MASS TIME CHANGES

During our Advent Parish Mission this Week, mass time on Tuesday December 12th will be at 9 a.m. instead of 7 p.m. On Thursday, December 14th morning mass is cancelled and is being moved to 7 p.m.

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 of our parishioners to take a moment and offer a prayer for these intentions:

Praying for a life companion

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Monday: Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger
Tuesday: Rev. Arthur Scidmore
Wednesday: Carmelites of Mary Immaculate
Thursday: Rev. Gary Schlack
Friday: Rev. Mervin Perera
Saturday: Rev. Thomas Manninezath

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY



Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11
 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24
 John 1.6-8, 19-28

"I baptize with water. Among you stands...the one who is coming after me

OFFERINGS



IN OUR PARISH

Sunday Offerings

Sunday November 19th \$6,664.55
Thank you for your support!

OUR ADVENT PARISH MISSION

"Work Out Your Salvation" (Philippians 2:12)
With Fr. Wade Menezes, CPM

Our Parish Mission begins this week from **Sunday to Thursday night**, and you will not want to miss it! **Come with your family and bring a friend.** **Confession** is an essential part of the Mission. Below are listed Confession times and schedule.

SUNDAY, December 10th: "Be Faithful to Daily Duty"

5:30PM & 8:15PM – Confessions
 7:00PM - Mission Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Benediction

Monday, December 11th: "Be Other-Centered"

5:30PM & 8:15PM – Confessions
 7:00PM - Mission Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Benediction

Tuesday, December 12th: "Understand the Reality of Vice and Virtue"

5:30PM & 8:15PM – Confessions
 7:00PM - Mission Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Benediction

Wednesday, December 13th: Practice and Live the Sacraments"

5:30PM & 8:15PM – Confessions
 7:00PM Mission Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Benediction

Thursday, December 14th: "Live A Trinitarian Spirituality"

5:30PM - Confession
 7:00PM – Holy Mass with extended homily so as to encourage everyone to receive Holy Communion which is one of the five requirements so as to obtain the **plenary indulgence** associated with having attended a Parish Mission.

Light Refreshments to follow!

PARISH MISSION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we humbly beseech You to make us more faithful sons and daughters of Your Son's Church. Help us to be joyful, knowledgeable Catholics living in the midst of the modern world, so that we may be beacons of light shining forth in defense of the Church's Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition and Magisterium, her teaching Office. Help us always to cultivate the virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity in our daily lives, so that whether single, married or consecrated bishops, priests, deacons or Religious, we may always share Your Truth with others. We ask this through Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. AMEN.



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – CHRISTMAS HAMPER PREPARATIONS

Please, return any outstanding Jesse Tree gifts as soon as possible. We are in the process of organizing and packing the collected gifts. Please, bring canned goods and other non-perishable food items to the boxes in the Narthex. We need lots of non-perishable food items to fill the food hampers. Thank-you to Conquest and Challenge for organizing this food drive. On Saturday, December 16th we will be packing the Christmas Hampers. Packing begins at Annunciation of Our Lord School at 8:30am and delivery will begin around 11:00 am. We could use your assistance! In your "Sunday envelope box", you will find your SSVP donation envelope dated November 26th. Once more, on behalf of those families who turn to us for help, we humbly ask for your financial support. If you are in a position to contribute then please consider using your 'Nov. 26th' envelope any Sunday before Christmas.

CWL News



Thank you to all who came out to join in this year's CWL Christmas dinner. An enjoyable evening was had by all. Special thanks to the many volunteers who helped to make the evening happen. Please note that there will not be a January meeting. Ladies of the parish interested in joining the CWL, please contact Claudia at 905-575-5379.

"Out of the Chill" Chili Dinner

The CWL will be serving up our annual Chili dinner after mass on Saturday, January 20. Tickets will be on sale after masses for 3 weekends only: Dec 16-17, Jan 6-7 and Jan 13-14. Dinner will include 2 types of chili (meat or veg), buns, coleslaw, and dessert for \$8 (adults) and \$5 (children 5-12).

2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The 2018 Offertory envelopes are available for pickup in the hall beside the Parish Centre. Please be sure to pick up your envelopes early!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS IN MEMORIAM



This year we are offering Poinsettias in memory of your loved ones and/or friends/relatives for a donation of \$30.00. Cards will be placed on the flowers and placed on the altar. If you are interested please fill out the information below and drop it off to the parish office along with your donation sometime before December 22nd. Thank you for your support!

DONATED BY _____

PHONE _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

**Annunciation of Our Lord Parish
Youth Ministry
Conquest and Challenge Club**

"Amen, I say to you. Whatever you do to the least brothers of mine, you did it for me"

CONQUEST (Boys Club) AND CHALLENGE (Girls Club)
<http://annunciationparish.wix.com/challengeandconques>

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Registration for 2017-2018 CONQUEST AND CHALLENGE Club is now open!

We are very happy to announce that registration for 2017-2018 is now open. We will be offering the program, twice a month on Tuesdays from 6-8pm, from September 2017 to May 2018. The cost is \$60.00. This program is open to any boys and girls from Grades 4-8. We hope to see you all back! Please pick up your registration form at the parish office or at the Narthex of the church or by calling Mrs. Tess Perez at 905.388.2078 Ext 201 for more information.

If your child is entering Grade 9 next year, they may consider coming back as a leader, gaining volunteer hours, leadership skills and faith formation!

Place: Annunciation of Our Lord School
250 Limeridge Rd W. Hamilton

Participants: Boys (Conquest) and Girls (Challenge)
Grades 4-8 (Mom & Dad are welcome!)



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