

Annunciation of Our Lord Parish

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Father Don Wilhelm, Pastor

PARISH STAFF

Susan Healy, Parish Secretary
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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 years 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

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)
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.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 16– No Mass

Tuesday December 17-7 pm- *Thomas Sebastian, Mathew Plathottaithil, Giustina Cinelli & Iolanda, Domenico Antonio Schinella, Michalina Pisano, Aleya Abraham, Joan*

Wednesday December 18–9:00 am- *Vincena Di Donato*

Thursday December 19–9:00 am- *Renaldo Manuel*

Friday December 20-9:30 am- *Hilda Parekh*

Saturday December 21-5 pm- *Patrick Noon, Deceased members of the Monti Family, Dennis Roque & deceased family members, Danny & Giovanni Ruggiero, Donna John, For the Holy Souls in Purgatory*

Sunday December 22

9:30 a.m. – *Pro Populo*

11:30 a.m. – *Pro Populo*

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:

Special intentions of Renjith Abraham

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Monday: Rev. Alessandro Tirelli, C.R.S.P.
Tuesday: Rev. Fernando Ferreira Pinto
Wednesday Youth Ministers
Thursday: Rev. Tim Hingston
Friday: Rev. David Avila
Saturday: Rev. Jerzy Tomon



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 7.10-14
 Romans 1.1-7
 Matthew 1.18-24

“Joseph.....took Mary as his wife.”

SUNDAY OFFERINGS



IN OUR PARISH

Sunday October 6th \$6,605.50

Annual Appeal \$100.00

Building Fund \$40.00

Thank you for your support!

ADVENT CONFESSION TIMES

Please note that Advent confessions will be our regular times for the month of December (Tuesdays, 6:00 -6:45 pm & Saturday 10:30 -11:30 am) as well as **Wednesday December 18th, 7-8:30 pm and Saturday December 21st, from 9:30 – 11:30 am.**

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Mass times are 5 pm and 7 pm. Christmas Day Mass times are 9:30 am & 11:30 am. Please note there is NO MIDNIGHT MASS.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We are looking for Eucharistic Ministers to take people communion in their homes. Presently, we have two people who are doing this, however we are in need of more help! Please consider volunteering! For more information, please call the parish office at 905-388-2078 Ext. 200.

BAPTISM PREPARATION TEAM

Annunciation of Our Lord Parish is looking for couples interested in joining our Baptismal Ministry. This team assists Fr. Don in the preparation and the service of Baptism. Your participation is only required approximately twice a year. Training will be provided. If you are looking to get involved with the parish, this is a rewarding Ministry! For more information please contact Ida Caruso at 905-387-5162.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



The CWL would like to thank those who came out for our annual Christmas dinner. A lovely evening was had by all. Our next **general meeting** will be on Thursday January 9 at 7 pm in the parish centre. This will be our election night for the new executive. All members are encouraged to attend. Members are reminded that **Nominations are due by December 15** and can be deposited in the collection at mass.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Knights of Columbus Council 11960 - will be hosting our ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER on Thurs December 19, 2019 at 7:00 in the Parish Centre. A traditional turkey dinner will be served. This event is open to all Knights and their spouses. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Please RSVP to David Bellingham (phone 905-388-4348) by December 2, 2019

OUT OF THE COLD SOCK DRIVE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council is sponsoring a "Socks Drive" during the months November & December for "Hamilton Out of the Cold." Although their main goal is to provide hot, nutritious meals for those in need, but they also need clothing items, such as sock to help those less fortunate. Please help us out and donate at least one pair of socks. Our goal is to donate at least (100) pairs of socks. Drop off in boxes located in the narthex and office entrance. Thanks for your continuous support.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

For Catholics, Christmas is about so much more than gifts: it is the promise, through the birth of Jesus, of goodness and light coming into our lives. Do your children know this is the focus of Christmas? Advent and Christmas are perfect times to highlight the "reason for the season". Read stories about the Advent wreath so they understand what each candle symbolizes; read the story of the Nativity (more than once!); be sure the tree is adorned with symbols of the faith; read family Advent reflections daily during Advent; attend Mass and reflect on the readings each week, including Christmas Day. Faith sets a foundation on which to stand and Christmas is a perfect time to bring Christ into your family activities!

HEALING AFTER AN ABORTION

Healing After an Abortion: It Is Possible - Caring hearts are available to help you deal with the difficult feelings that often come after an abortion. At Project Rachel we offer a confidential service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

CANADA POST



Canada Post has once again printed Christmas stamps with a Christian theme and they are available now. When you are purchasing stamps, please request these special stamps to ensure that Canada Post will continue the practice of printing religious themes on the stamps each year!

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 with the Poinsettia acknowledging your family's donation. If you are interested please fill out the information below and drop it off to the parish along with your donation by Friday, December 20th, 2019.

DONATED BY _____
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MARRIAGE TIP FROM THE DIOCESE

At Christmas we gather with loved ones to share gifts, eat great food and build joyful memories. Sometimes we get caught up on the glitter and glam of the season and forget to take time as a couple to decide how much money, time and energy we can expend during the season. This year why not sit down in advance and decide how much you can do as a couple/family. Weave into your plans time for the two of you to take a quiet moment with each other. During Advent and Christmas, take time to pray and share important faith moments with each other. Trying these initiatives could make this Christmas your best yet!

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CONQUEST and CHALLENGE Youth Ministry
Registration for the 2019-2020 Year
IS NOW OPEN!

We are very happy to announce that registration for the 2019-2020 year is now open. We will be offering the program, twice a month on Tuesdays from 5:45pm – 7:30 pm.

Beginning December 17, 2019 – OPEN HOUSE/COME & SEE

KICK OFF DATE: January 21, 2020

We hope to see you all back! Please pick up a registration form at the Narthex or by calling Mrs. Tess Perez at 905-388-2078 to register and/or for more information.

Participants: Open to any Boy (Conquest) and Girls (Challenge) from Grades 4-8

Cost: \$40.00 per child



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