

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's 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 17-7 p.m.-No Mass

Tuesday December 18-7 p.m. – Virginia, Paul & Tino Cirone, Franca Di Gennaro, Luis Grajales, Leonardo Moccia, Niccarato Aiello, Giuseppe Iaconetti & family members

Wednesday December 19-9:00 a.m. – Renaldo Manuel

Thursday December 20-9:00 a.m. – Michael & Nick Greco

Friday December 21- 9:30 a.m. –Vincenzo DiDonato

Saturday December 22-5 p.m. – Isabel Bernardo, Danny & Giovanni Ruggiero, Jose & Margarida Medeiros, Norberto Paiva, Emma Matos, Peppino Massarone, Herald & Margaret Roche

Sunday December 23

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:

In Thanksgiving for prayers received

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Monday:	Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.
Tuesday:	Rev. Tim Uniac, C.R.
Wednesday	Missionaries
Thursday:	Rev. Stephen Murrin
Friday:	Rev. Timothy Higgins
Saturday:	Rev. Romelito Guillen

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY



Micah 5.1-4
Hebrews 10.5-10
Luke 1.39-45

“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”

Sunday Offerings



IN OUR PARISH

Sunday September 30th \$6,173.20

Thank you for your support!

41ST ANNUAL SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROJECT 2018

We need your help!

Please return gifts as soon as possible. If you can, please consider using your November 25th SSVP donation envelope any Sunday before Christmas.

Please place canned goods in boxes at the Parish doors. We are looking for volunteers for packing and delivery of the hampers on Saturday, December 22nd, 2018. The packing will take place at Annunciation of Our Lord school gymnasium. The packing begins at 8:30 am and delivery begins at 10:30 am.

Please pray to strengthen our spirit of service and for the needs of those we serve!

Anyone who wishes to adopt a family for Christmas (that is buy/donate extra gifts/outfits for that family), please call the office @ 905-388-2078 Ext 3, and leave a message. Thank you for your support!

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS and MASS TIMES

Please note that Christmas confessions will be our regular times, (Tuesdays, 6:00 -6:45 pm & Saturday 10:30 -11:30 am) as well as **Wednesday December 19th, 7-9 pm, and Saturday December 22nd, from 9:30 – 11:30 am.**

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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE



The CWL Executive would like to wish all CWL members and their families a very happy and blessed Christmas.

Please remember that there will be no January meeting. We will meet next on Thursday February 7. Look for details in January.

Ladies of the parish interested in joining the CWL, please contact Claudia at 905-575-5379.

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 office along with your donation before December 20th. Thank you for your support!

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KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS



The Knights of Columbus will again be selling religious Christmas cards as well as the Christmas fruit Cakes. The cards and cakes will be available in the Narthex after all Masses

during the month of November, beginning on Saturday November 3, 2018. The small amount of proceeds from the Christmas cards will be donated to Knight's Charities. All proceeds from the Christmas cakes will be forwarded to Campaign Life Coalition. The Knights thank you for all your support all through the year!

2019 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The 2019 offertory envelopes have been prepared and are available for pick up in the hall next to the parish center. Please be sure to pick up your envelopes early!

ONE HEART ONE SOUL

The Diocese of Hamilton is conducting the One Heart, One Soul Campaign to raise money for every parish in the Diocese and for shared ministries. Answers to a set of Frequently Asked Questions appear in parish bulletins regularly. A compilation of all questions that have been published are available throughout the campaign at oneheartonesoul.ca.

What is the state of diocesan finances? Is this a desperate situation that requires a campaign?

The diocesan financial picture is strong – the amount of assets has grown in recent years and investments are doing well. Meanwhile, the Diocese is generous with grants and loans to parishes and Catholic organizations within the Diocese. Parish assessments have been stable in recent years but have not kept up with increases in

diocesan operating costs. Property sales have been used more frequently to keep the Diocese's operating budget balanced and strong, and many assets (such as the Care and Maintenance Fund for Cemeteries) are restricted and not at the Diocese's disposal. This is not an emergency situation. The Diocese is looking ahead and acting before any kind of emergency could develop. Overall, the campaign is a way to ensure that more parishes will be able to be self-sufficient over the long term, building up themselves and the Diocese at the same time.

I've heard the Diocese has a lot of assets. Can't those be used?

At the end of 2017, the Diocese reported assets of \$322 million. However, the majority of the assets are restricted assets, such as the Care and Maintenance Fund for Cemeteries, money legally reserved for the maintenance of cemetery operations and funds held for pre-arranged funeral services and burials. Unrestricted assets are less than a third of the total capital. Of these unrestricted assets, more than 90 percent is used to generate investment income that – when combined with parish assessments – pays for annual diocesan operations (68 percent) and make funds available for grants and loans to help parishes and organizations within and outside the Diocese (32 percent).

Is there any chance that funds would be used to settle potential claims of abuse of children by clergy?

The tragic stories recently in the news, thankfully, do not reflect the circumstances and history of our diocese. However, it should still be noted that funds raised during the campaign will be held in a segregated account, in trust for the parishes and ministries for which they were raised. Both civil and canon law require the diocese to use the gifts we receive for the stated purposes for which they were given – an obligation to which we are fully committed. Regarding how the Diocese handles abuse allegations, Bishop Crosby said in an August 2018 letter to all in the Diocese: "All allegations of sexual misconduct have been and will continue to be taken seriously and addressed immediately in accordance with our diocesan policy." For a link to the full letter, see our diocesan website, hamiltondiocese.com.

What kind of financial transparency can we expect?

Transparency is a top priority for the Diocese. Summaries of diocesan financial reports from 2012 through 2017 are on the diocesan website, and copies of the full reports are available from the Diocese's financial office. Regular updates of campaign goals, projects and fundraising will be communicated during the campaign through a number of avenues – the website, emails, social media, to name a few.



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