

# *Annunciation of Our Lord Parish*

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## **PASTORAL STAFF**

Father Don Wilhelm, Pastor

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Mrs. Tess Perez, Pastoral Associate/Youth Minister



Mass  for the  
Intentions  Week

**Monday December 25-CHRISTMAS DAY**

**9:00 a.m.** - Pro Populo

**10:30 a.m.** - Pro Populo

**12 Noon** - Pro Populo

**Tuesday December 26-NO MASS**

**Wednesday December 27 -NO MASS**

**Thursday December 28-9:00 a.m.** - Michele & Nick  
Greco

**Friday December 29- 9:30 a.m.** - Special intentions of  
Gilroy & Sally Alex

**Saturday December 30-5:00 p.m.** - Emiteria Anastasio,  
Vincenzo Di Donato, Landolfi Enrico, Angelo Oddi, Shirley  
& Bill McCracken, Paul Henderson

**Sunday December 31-NEW YEAR`S EVE**

**9:00 a.m.** - Pro Populo

**10:30 a.m.** - Pro Populo

**12:00 p.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*

**Diocesan Prayer Calendar**

**Monday:** The Nativity of the Lord  
**Tuesday:** Rev. Roshan D` Souza, O.C.D.  
**Wednesday:** Franciscan Fathers  
**Thursday:** Rev. Lawrence Parent, O.F.M.  
**Friday:** Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski  
**Saturday:** Rev. Brian Quigley, M.C.C.J.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**



Genesis 15.1-6;17.3b-5, 15-16;21.1-7  
Hebrews 11.8, 11-12, 17-19  
Luke 2.22-40

***"Simeon said, `This child is destined for the falling and rising of many in Israel.***

**OFFERINGS**

**Sunday Offerings**



IN OUR PARISH

Sunday December 3 \$7,270.85  
**Thank you for your support!**

**PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOURS**

The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas Day and Boxing Day. We will open regular hours on Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup>. We will close at noon on Friday December 29<sup>th</sup> and will reopen for regular hours on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. The staff would like to wish everyone a most Blessed Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Please note that there is **NO MASS Tuesday, December 26 and Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**. Also, no mass on Tuesday, January 2-January 5, 2017 inclusive. Regular mass times resume on Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.

***Society of St. Vincent de Paul***



***Dear Parishioners, Thanks to your prayers and support our 2017 Christmas Hamper project was able to assist neighbours in need within our Parish boundaries. We were also able to provide gifts requested by the Good Shepherd which will help them in their vocation to serve those in need within our city. Once again, thank-you for your generous sharing of prayers, and donations of food, money, gifts and time. Your efforts are a great blessing. May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts.***

***Merry Christmas, Your members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul***

**CWL News**



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!

## FORMED - 'Catholic Netflix'

How to register for free:

- 1) Go to [formed.org](http://formed.org)
- 2) Click "Register"
- 3) type in your Parish Code (Z7DFT8) and email then click "GO"
- 4) Fill in your name, address and create a password (at least 6 characters)
- 5) check box and click "SUBMIT"
- 6) Go to your email and click the link to activate your account. Just LOGIN any time you return to [formed.org](http://formed.org) with your email and password you created.

## PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel is a ministry of healing for any person suffering pain or problems from an abortion experience. This **confidential** service allows 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!

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said `Yes!` `...and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director.

Email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
[www.Hamiltonvocations.com](http://www.Hamiltonvocations.com)

## MULTI CULTURAL MASS

The Diocese of Hamilton will be hosting our annual Multicultural Mass on **Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. This is sure to be a beautiful celebration. All are welcome to join us for the Mass and the social event which will take place in McNally Hall after the celebration. There will be performances by various ethnic groups, as well as a chance to sample some delicious foods from around the world.

## 2017 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

We would like to say thank you to everyone who has financially contributed to support the upkeep and running of our parish during this past year. We truly appreciate ALL donations regardless of the amount. Income tax receipts will be issued to everyone who gave more than \$25.00 for the year. If you gave less than \$25.00 for 2017 and desire an income tax receipt please call the parish office and we will provide you with a receipt. **Please note: the last day for contributing to your 2017 income tax receipts will be Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>. Donations given after this date will be included on your 2018 income tax. Thank you for your support!**

### *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/challengeandconquest>

#### **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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