

# Annunciation of Our Lord Parish

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Mass  for the  
Intentions  Week

**SUNDAY OFFERINGS**



IN OUR PARISH

**Monday December 27- No Mass**  
**Tuesday December 28-7 pm -No Mass**  
**Wednesday December 29-9 am -No Mass**  
**Thursday December 30 – No Mass**  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE December 31-7 pm-Pro Populo**  
**MARY MOTHER OF GOD -10:am -Pro Populo**  
**Sunday January 2-9:30 am-Pro Populo**  
**11:30 am-Pro Populo**

**Sunday December 12, 2021**  
**Regular Sunday -\$4,117.00**  
**Christmas - \$1,200.00**  
**Building Fund \$403.00**  
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**CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS & MASSES**

We will be closed December 27, 28, 29 & 30<sup>th</sup>, reopening on New Years Eve, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> until 12 noon. There will also be no mass on Tuesday, Dec 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. Please note that any intentions scheduled for that week will be moved to the first week of January. We apologize for any inconvenience.

We will be closed on Monday January 3, 2022, opening with regular hours on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our parishioners a very blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained, or consecrated person. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon please contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).

**SAMARITANS PURSE**

Thank you to all parishioners for sending gifts of love and hope to all the worlds children in need by filling sixty-two shoeboxes!!

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2022**

Please note that the 2022 offertory envelopes are available for pick up in the Parish Center. They are sorted alphabetically. Please let us know in the Parish Office if you need any assistance in finding your envelopes. We are happy to help!!



**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:

*Special intentions of the Maniccia family*

**Diocesan Prayer Calendar**

**Monday:** Very Rev. Msgr. Murray Kroetsch  
**Tuesday:** Rev. Francisco Cruz  
**Wednesday** Sisters of St. Anne  
**Thursday:** Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, C.R.  
**Friday:** Rev. Miro Grubisic, O.F.M.  
**Saturday:** The Nativity of the Lord

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**



Isaiah 60.1-6  
Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6  
Matthew 2.1-12

***"They knelt down and paid him homage"***

**NEW YEAR'S EVE, DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2021**

7:00 PM

**NEW YEAR'S DAY, MARY MOTHER OF GOD, JAN. 1<sup>ST</sup>**

10:00 AM

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022**

9:30 AM & 11:30 AM



## BISHOP OF HAMILTON

Christmas 2021

My dear friends,

*“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light:  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shone!” Is. 9.2*

The fact that we are now dealing with the Omicron variant of the pernicious COVID-19 virus is discouraging indeed. We have worked so hard to do what we can to “manage” the pandemic protocols, but the daily bad news of increased infections, after we thought we were getting ahead of things, makes it difficult to remain positive.

The scripture passages given to us by the Church in the daily readings during the Christmas season remind us over and over again that we are a people of HOPE – darkness does not overwhelm us. The powerful recounting of the Christmas story lifts us up out of darkness, sadness, and sorrow, and reminds us that God has given us a Saviour who is Christ the Lord. This announcement gladdens us and reassures us that the Lord is with us – especially in the darkest of nights. It is the blessing of Christmas!

*May the God of infinite goodness,  
who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world  
and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy night,  
drive far from you the darkness of death  
and illumine your hearts with the light of life!*

(From the solemn blessing of Midnight Mass)

Merry Christmas! Enjoy the season.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

*+ Douglas Crosby, OMI*  
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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)

Jesus | Trust in You!

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