

Annunciation of Our Lord Parish

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PARISH STAFF

Fr. Paul Edmondstone, Pastor
Susan Healy, Parish Secretary
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Closed from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. for lunch
Closed Mondays

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 or speak to Fr. Paul after mass 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 11:30 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	4:00 - 4:45 p.m. or by appointment

MASSES

Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - Friday	9:00 a.m.
Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

First Saturday Mass 9:00 a.m. - Confessions 8:15 - 8:45 a.m.

PERPETUAL ADORATION IN OUR ADORATION CHAPEL

10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every First Friday of the month 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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 February 27- No Mass

Tuesday February 28-7pm- Dennis Roque, Libania Pavao, Pietro & Eugenia Pin, Isca & Eugenia Netto, Marianna & Angelo Pin, Paul Halpin

Wednesday March 1-9am- Arnold & Rita Eccles

Thursday March 2-9am- Giovanni & Maria Cinelli

First Friday March 3-9:00am -Alice Adams

Stations of the Cross-7 pm

First Saturday March 4- 5 pm- Saviour Calleja, Patricia Hansen, Rosa Carmela Cusato, Special intentions of the Romaniw Family, Domenico Antonio Schinella, Marilyn Inigio, Egidio Dinizo

Sunday March 5

9:30 am-Pro Populo

11:30 am-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 our parishioners to take a moment and offer a prayer for these intentions:

Special intentions

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Monday: Rev. Jim Valk, C.R.
Tuesday: Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, C.R.
Wednesday: Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Thursday: Rev. Sutherland Macdonald, C.R.
Friday: Rev. Philip Reilly, C.R.
Saturday: Very Rev. Aleksander Mazur, S.A.C.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as married couples, priests, consecrated virgins, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give of themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY



Genesis 12.1-4
2 Timothy 1.8b-10
Matthew 17.1-9

“Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.”

SUNDAY OFFERINGS



IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY February 5, 2023

Regular Sunday Offerings \$4,692.00

Seminarian Collection \$897.00

Building Fund \$65.00

Thank you for your support!

FROM THE PASTORS DESK...

As we embark upon the holy season of Lent this week, our scripture readings focus us towards the reality of temptation. Though it is difficult to overcome, we know that we're not alone- as temptation is as old as humanity itself as we see in the book of Genesis this weekend and even the Son of God was tempted as we hear in the Gospel. Lent gives us an opportunity by the practices of prayer, fasting, almsgiving to draw nearer to the Lord, to be more aware of His presence in our lives, especially in moments of temptation so that we might, with His help, overcome the snares of the evil one. So if our Lenten practices are making us miserable, maybe we need to adjust them so that we might feel the joy of drawing closer to Jesus Christ through our works of self-denial. Happy Lent!

-Fr. Paul

NEW ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We are in need of new altar servers at every Mass, especially at the 5pm Mass on Saturdays. If you're interested, please fill out a sign up sheet and return it to the office or Fr. Paul at Mass. Everyone from Grade 3 and up is able to serve. An initial training session will be held on Saturday, March 25 at 1:30 in the Church. It's a rewarding ministry and guarantees you the best seat in the house!

SECRETARY POSITION

Susan, our dedicated Parish secretary, is going to reduced hours to focus mainly on the bookkeeping side of things beginning next month, so we are currently hiring a new secretary to work in the office for 25-30 hours a week. If you or anyone you know might be interested, please contact Fr. Paul.

ST. JOHN'S BIBLE

After Mass on Tuesday, March 14, there will be a presentation of the St. John's Bible in the parish centre. The St. John's Bible is a work of art and a work of theology, having been copied by hand with enlightening illuminations of various familiar stories found throughout scripture. A brief presentation will be made about the Saint John's Bible and it's production and then we will take a look at the Gospel of John, particularly the Gospel passages we will read this year on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent- the woman at the well, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus. Please join us!

HEART2HEARTMINISTRY

Our Lady of Lourdes and Corpus Christie have started an initiative to help the homeless in our community. "Plarn" sleeping mats are woven and crocheted by these individuals using the outer milk bags which are washed, cut into strips and looped together to make a yarn, which is then used in making the sleeping mats. We are appealing to parishioners to save and donate **CLEAN milk bags** which will greatly help with the production of these mats. Members of this group are also crocheting and knitting hats, scarves, and various other articles. If you have any yarn to donate this is also appreciated! All are welcome! The group meets at Our Lady of Lourdes basement one Saturday every month. There will be a workshop to teach and explain how these items are produced.

The next meeting is being held **Saturday March 4, 2023** from 1-3pm, in the church hall at Our Lady of Lourdes site. Please bring a pair of scissors, a ruler, and if you knit or crochet, please bring needles and supplies to do this as well. For further information please call Maria 905-318-5724 or Gina 905-923-7186. Thank you for your support!

SACRAMENT SERIES

Almost every part of our lives has been impacted by the pandemic and related restrictions. As we all know, the Church and our faith life have been no exception to this. Unfortunately, one of the harder hit areas of our faith has been the celebration of the sacraments, as every single one has been impacted by the pandemic and restrictions. To that end, as we are coming out of these restrictions, it might be good to take a look at each sacrament, its history, theology, and how it is celebrated today. We will have one sacrament per month starting in October. See the dates below:

Thursday, March 9, 7:00- Holy Orders

Thursday, April 13-7:00- Holy Matrimony

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

SAVE THE DATE!! ANNUNCIATION PARISH PASTA SUPPER IS BACK!!



On May 17th, 2023, after a long hiatus, our Pasta supper is back! Bring your family, friends and neighbours and enjoy a delicious homemade spaghetti and meatball supper. Please watch upcoming bulletins for ticket sales and prices.



Join 40 days for Life this Lent- the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history. '40 Days for Life' is a peaceful, prayerful- and effective-pro-life campaign that has already been embraced by more than half a million people worldwide, save 22,829 lives from abortion, let to the conversion of 247 abortion workers, and saw 132 abortion facilities close. It takes place this year from **February 22, 2023 - April 2, 2023**. 40 Days for Life features prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil across the street from McMaster Children's Hospital/McMaster University.

Learn more about how you can "speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves" by visiting: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/hamilton>

PRE-AUTHORIZED DONATIONS

To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, Annunciation of Our Lord Parish depends entirely on the generosity of our parishioners. Several of our neighboring parishes have implemented pre-authorized donations with success. Pre-authorized giving allows you to give to your parish intentionally and faithfully through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account. **On or near the 20th day of each month, your account will be debited an amount you specify.** These funds are then deposited directly into the parish's account. The pre-authorized program is supported and encouraged by The Hamilton Diocese. Please speak with Fr. Paul or call the parish office if you are interested. Thank you for your ongoing support!

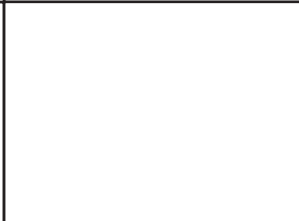
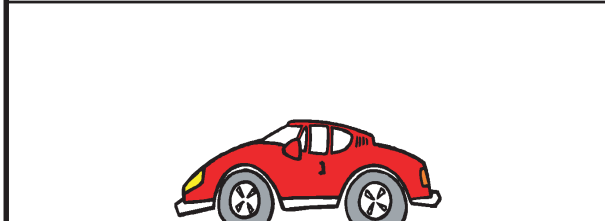


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