

# *Annunciation of Our Lord Parish*

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## **PASTORAL STAFF**

Msgr. Pierre-Philippe Jean-Pierre, Pastor

## **PARISH STAFF**

Susan Healy, Parish Secretary  
Sr. Lucina, C.S.J.B., Office Assistant  
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Gina Ghaibi, Parish Cook

## **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 notice is required.

## **R.C.I.A.**

Considering Becoming Catholic? Please contact the Diocese of Hamilton regarding the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and the process for becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church. 905-528-7988

## **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)
First Saturday Mass - Devotion to Our Lady	9:00 a.m.
Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

## **PERPETUAL ADORATION IN OUR ADORATION CHAPEL**

Temporarily closed due to COVID-19.

## **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](http://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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Mass for the Intentions Week

**Monday March 15-No Mass**

**Tuesday March 16-7 pm**

**Wednesday March 17- 9 am-** *Special intentions of Mrs. Laurette Brideau, Mike Kulchekys*

**Thursday March 18 – 9:00 am** -*Maria De Jesus Monroy*

**Friday March 19 -9:30 am –** *Vince & Maria di Bernardo*

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 7pm**

**Saturday March 20-5 pm-** *Liberatore D'Amico, Special intentions of Kathleen Hanley, Colleen Tompkins, Michael Spencer*

**Sunday March 21**

**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 our parishioners to take a moment and offer a prayer for these intentions:

*For the Holy Souls in Purgatory*

#### Diocesan Prayer Calendar

<b>Monday:</b>	Rev. Msgr. Ivan Vuksic
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Rev. Jerek Scherber, L.C.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lay Parish Ministers
<b>Thursday:</b>	Rev. Louis DeVaugelas, L.C.
<b>Friday:</b>	Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.
<b>Saturday:</b>	Rev. Issac Tharayil, C.M.I.



#### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Jeremiah 31.31-34  
Hebrews 5.7-9  
John 12.20-33

*“Some bystanders heard a voice from Heaven”*



IN OUR PARISH

#### SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Sunday Feb 28, 2021 \$5,300.00

Christmas \$25.00

Seminary 175.00

Share Lent \$50.00

New Year's Day \$50.00

*Thank you for your support!*

### 2021 LENTEN SEASON AT ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD PARISH

**“Between the vestibule and the altar, let the Priest, the minister of The Lord, weep. Let them say “SPARE YOUR PEOPLE, O LORD” (Book of Joel, Chapter 2, Verse 17).**

#### FOR A SPECIAL 40 DAYS

**With the words of Prophet Joel, I invite every parishioner, every sick person, every family, to come privately to our church and rediscover its beauty: between the vestibule and the altar. In other words, from our painful reality to the Joy of The Risen Lord, The sacrificial Lamb.**

**Come and spend a few minutes of silent prayer with Jesus, The Way, The Truth and The Life. (John 14,6)**

**Our church is safe. It will remain open every Friday of Lent, from 8:00 am – 12:00 Noon.**

#### SPECIAL FOR THE 2021 LENT

**Every Friday: 9:30 am – 10:30 am: Holy mass followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.**

**Every Saturday: 10:30 am – 11:30 am: Confessions/4:15 pm: The chaplet of the Divine Mercy/5:00 pm: The Holy Eucharist**

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

On behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, we would like to thank everyone for your generous donations!

Please note: when writing a cheque to the St. Vincent de Paul, the bank no longer accepts cheques made out to Annunciation of Our Lord or "SVDP".

Therefore, all donation cheques should be made out to "**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul.**"

Thank you for your cooperation!

**THE DIOCESAN OFFICE FOR FAMILY MINISTRY** is presenting online information about the threat and impact on children and adults of *pornography* and the Catholic remedy on March 25<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Teresa Hartnett and Deacon Joseph DiLoreto will be the presenters. Registration is required so the ZOOM link can be sent, but the session is free. [Contact](#) the Family Ministry Office or call the Chancery and dial extension 2250.

**Marriage Tip:** At the heart of every relationship there needs to be a foundation of love and respect. When couples respect each other, including their differences, they continually build each other up and enjoy time together. When we respect the other in relationship, we can accept their desire to influence us with their understanding of what is true, good and beautiful. When we are open to our spouse's view of things, we not only grow, but we grow together. When we grow together, we cannot help but grow in love. *-From the Diocese of Hamilton*

## MASS OF CHRISM

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate the Mass of Chrism on Monday, March 29th, 2021 in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. This year, due to COVID capacity limitations and social distancing requirements, **attendance at the Chrism Mass will be limited to Priests only.** Each year at the Mass of Chrism, the Bishop blesses the Oil of the Sick, and the Oil of Catechumens, and consecrates Sacred Chrism. The blessed and consecrated Oils are taken to the Parishes of the Diocese to be used in the celebration of the Sacraments for the coming year. The Priests serving in the Diocese, together with the Bishop, renew the promises of their Ordination in which they committed themselves to serve this local Church in imitation of Christ the Priest, Prophet and Shepherd. Let us pray for all who minister to God's holy people in our Diocese – our Bishops, Priests, Deacons, lay leaders, and all God's holy people.

## LENT

Lent is a yearly celebration of the Church in preparation for Easter. ***Lent has two major purposes:*** It recalls or prepares for Baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's Word and of more fervent prayer, we are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery.

During Lent, the reminder of baptism already received, as well as the theme of repentance, renew the entire community along with those being prepared to celebrate the paschal mystery, in which each of the elect will share through the sacraments of initiation. (RCIA 125, Ad gentes, 14)

For those already baptized Lent is a time of preparation to celebrate the paschal mystery through reminders of our baptism and penitential practices. (GNLYC 27)

Lent is a privileged time for ***prayer, fasting and almsgiving.*** This season provides an opportunity to renew and deepen our relationship with Jesus, and to renew the choices we make, so that we might live as he taught.

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 17th, 2021,** and continues until the beginning of the **Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening, on April 1st, 2021.** The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

### **A Time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love**

In this year's [lenten message](#), Pope Francis focuses on the three theological virtues, inviting the faithful to "renew our faith, draw from the living waters of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God."

The Holy Father explains "accepting and living the truth revealed in Christ means, first of all, opening our hearts to God's word." Through fasting, "experienced as a form of self-denial," we are able "to rediscover God's gift and recognize that, created in His image and likeness, we find our fulfillment in Him." Fasting, too, by helping us recognize our own poverty, helps us to love both God and neighbour.

*"Lent is a time for believing, for welcoming God into our lives and allowing Him to 'make His dwelling' in us."*





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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)



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