

# *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

## **PARISH STAFF**

Susan Healy, Parish Secretary

Sr. Lucina, C.S.J.B., Office Assistant

Peter Gibbs, Custodian

Cindy Green, Parish Assistant

## **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 years 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 10:30 a.m. (except July and August)

## **PARISH SCHOOLS**

Annunciation of Our Lord 905 388-4495

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**

When death occurs in your family, please contact your Funeral Director who will coordinate with our office in making liturgical arrangements.

## **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. Our Mother of Perpetual Help Mass  
Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.  
Friday 9:30 a.m. (Mass with School Children)  
Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.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](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.

Mass  for the Intentions  Week

**Monday March 19-NO MASS**

**Tuesday March 20-7 P.M.** – Paolo Truncale, Bill Dickens, DiBernardo Maria & Family, Margherita Di Domenico, Isabel Michael

**Wednesday, March 21–9:00 A.M.** – Margaret Shevlin

**Thursday March 22–9:00 A.M.** – Branko Grcar

**Friday March 23-9:30 A.M.** – Maria Ennett

**7:00 PM – STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Saturday March 24-5:00 P.M.** – Giovanni & Danny Ruggiero, Special int. of Jenny Correa Winn & Dave Winn, Joe Reis, Lewis Marlin, Guido Pompillii

**Palm Sunday March 25**

**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:

*For our Parish Community*

**Diocesan Prayer Calendar**

- Monday:** Rev. Francesco Cucchi
- Tuesday:** Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo
- Wednesday:** Legionaries of Christ (L.C.)
- Thursday:** Rev. David Wilhelm
- Friday:** Rev. Scott Whitfield
- Saturday:** Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki, D.D.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**



- Isaiah 50.4-7
- Philippians 2.6-11
- Mark 14.1-15.47

***“Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy”***

**OFFERINGS**

**Sunday Offerings**



IN OUR PARISH

**Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup>- \$7,538.05**

**Building Fund- \$366.00**

***Thank you for your support!***

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE FOR LENT**

**Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup>** – 6:00 – 6:45 pm

**Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup>** -7-8pm

**Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup>** - After Stations of the Cross until 9pm

**Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup>** - 10:30 – 12:30 pm

**Tuesday March 27<sup>th</sup>** - 6:00- 6:45 pm

**Wednesday March 28<sup>th</sup>**- 7-9 pm

**Friday March 30<sup>th</sup>**- After Stations of the Cross until 9 pm

**Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup>** – 10:30am – 12:30 pm

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will “lay down their lives for their friends”. If you think God is calling you to lay down your life as a priest, religious or deacon for His Church, call, **Contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 x2246**

Email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

**ANNUNCIATION PARISH FEAST DAY AND VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT**

Please join us on Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> for Annunciation of Our Lord`s Feast mass and Volunteer Appreciation Night. Mass is at 7 pm followed by light refreshments in the Parish Centre. We hope to see you there!

**EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORIAM**



Once again this year we will have Easter Flowers available for a donation of 30.00 in memory of your deceased friends or family, or on behalf of you and your family. Cards will be placed with the Easter Flower acknowledging your donation. If you are interested, please fill out the form below and drop it off to the parish office with your donation on or before March 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support!

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**ITS BACK!!**



On April 25 we will be hosting a **SPAGHETTI SUPPER!** Bring your family, friends and neighbours and enjoy a delicious homemade spaghetti and meatballs supper prepared by our chef Andy Romano. Ticket prices are \$12.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children 10 and under. Tickets will go on sale starting this weekend of March 17/18 after all masses. If anyone is interested in helping out please call George or Josie at [905 512 9050](tel:905-512-9050).

**THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY**



The Apostles of Divine Mercy Canada cordially invite you to the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 here at Annunciation of Our Lord Parish. The celebrants are Fr. Luc Samba and Fr. Francis Hubilla, Associate Pastor from St. Peter Church and the Missions, Durham, ON

- 1:30 p.m. - Confessions**
  - 2:45 p.m. - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
  - 3:00 p.m. – Holy Hour Prayer**
    - Chaplet of Divine Mercy
    - Holy Rosary
  - 4:00 p.m. – Holy Mass**
  - 5:00 P.M. -Veneration of Divine Mercy Image**
    - Blessings of Religious Articles
- Reception to follow in the Parish Centre**

**CATHOLIC WOMEN`S LEAGUE NEWS**



Our next regular meeting will be on Thursday April 5, at 7 pm in the Parish Centre. We will have a short meeting followed by a gentle exercise class.

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

**A Lent to Remember**

**A Lenten Encounter with Mercy**

Join us for a 4-week video-based study on [formed.org](http://formed.org) featuring the Augustine Institute original productions *Symbol and Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession. A Lent to Remember* is a beautiful presentation of the transforming power of mercy in the Sacrament of Confession. No matter what you have done, no matter how long you have been away, Jesus is waiting for you with open arms this Lent!

- ▶ Week One: February 26 at 7 pm  
**Forgiven: Where Are You?**
- ▶ Week Two: March 5 at 7 pm  
**Forgiven: An Encounter with Mercy**
- ▶ Week Three: March 12 at 7 pm  
**Forgiven: Embraced in Mercy: The Rite Explained**
- ▶ Week Four: March 19 at 7 pm  
**Symbol: The Paschal Mystery**

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**



**Solidarity Sunday** We wish to thank

you for your generosity on this Development and Peace Solidarity Sunday. Your donation will be used to help our sisters and brothers all over the world — from Lebanon to Cambodia, to Nigeria and beyond! The theme of our Share Lent campaign Together for Peace, invites us to build peace through dialogue and reconciliation and to consider mercy as a source of hope for the future. This is what Pope Francis underlined on the occasion of the Jubilee of Mercy: "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instils in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Thank you for helping us create a future filled with hope!

**FROM THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES**

Families are reminded that all winter decorations are to be removed from graves by April 1<sup>st</sup> to assist with the Spring clean-up. Any wreaths on stands or other winter decorations left on graves after this date will be removed and discarded. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. The Spring Memorial Mass will take place at **Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Burlington** on Saturday, April 7 at 11:00 am. The principal celebrant will be Fr. Con O'Mahony. All are welcome!

**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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