

# *Annunciation of Our Lord Parish*

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## **PASTORAL STAFF**

Father Malcolm Katzenberger, Pastor  
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## **PARISH STAFF**

Susan Healy, Parish Secretary  
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## **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 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**

At the Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 12 noon Masses (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.

## **DEVOTIONS**

1st Friday (Ex Jul & Aug) 9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Adoration  
1st Saturday (Ex Jul & Aug) 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
- Pro-Life Rosary & Liturgy of the Word

## **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 20-NO MASS**

**Tuesday March 21– 7 p.m.** -Richard Dubois, Agnes Bouchar Savoie, Members of the Dias & Montont Families, Detta Brennan, Margarita Santos, Joanna Fabrizio, Luger Savoie & deceased family members, Rita Booth, DeBerardo Pat

**Wednesday March 22 -9:00 a.m.**-Joe Marchildon

**Thursday March 23– 9:00 a.m.**-Patrick Empey

**Friday March 24– 9:30 a.m.**-Gerald Davis

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS -7 p.m.**

**Saturday March 25-5:00 P.M.**-Bernie Columbus, Rosina Runco, Joe Greco, Giovanni & Danny Ruggiero, Joseph Victor Menegon, Salvatore Agro, Maria Moniz, Eva Nesti, Grazia Merla

**Sunday March 26**

9:00 a.m. – Dennis Roque

10:30 a.m. – Grazia Merla

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:

*In loving memory of Virginia Cirone & Jenny & Dennis Booker*

**Diocesan Prayer Calendar**

- Monday:** Rev. Ilija Petkovic.
- Tuesday:** Rev. Msgr. Ivan Vuksic
- Wednesday:** Legionaries of Christ (L.C.)
- Thursday:** Very Rev. Cornelius O'Mahony
- Friday:** Rev. Felix Nwatu
- Saturday:** Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki, D.D.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**



1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13  
Ephesians 5.8-14  
John 9.1-41

*"I am the light of the world"*

**OFFERINGS**



IN OUR PARISH

**Sunday Offerings**  
**March 5<sup>th</sup> \$7,651.15**  
*Thank you for your support!*

**PARISH LENTEN PENANCE CELEBRATION**

Please join us for our Parish Lenten Penance Celebration on Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Effective March 5th, the Saturday morning Pro-Life Rosary, and Liturgy of the Word, will be withdrawn.

**HAMILTON VOCATIONS**

Third Sunday of Lent

"But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty." Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, please contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 email [mking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com) [www.hamiltonvocations.com](http://www.hamiltonvocations.com)

**SHARE LENT**



Women are breaking the chains of sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo  
This year, why not share year-round by joining Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's monthly donor program? More information can be found online at [devp.org/shareyearround](http://devp.org/shareyearround). Development and Peace has been working with the Congolese Catholic Church to encourage citizen participation and ensure a fair electoral process since the first democratic elections in the DRC in 2006.

**DIOCESAN CHOIR**

The Diocesan Choir is seeking new members – the ability to read music and previous choral experience is an asset. The choir rehearses weekly on Monday evenings in Hamilton in preparation for major liturgies at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. If you are interested in singing in this choir, contact Sharan Fazari at [sfazari@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:sfazari@hamiltondiocese.com).

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**Save the Date!**



There will be a **Conquest and Challenge Youth Club SUMMER DAY CAMP** at St. Therese of Lisieux school from July 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 inclusive. Details will follow at a later date.

**RETRouvaille**

A Lifeline for Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 24, 2017, please call 905-664-5212 or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

**DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

On Sunday, June 25, 2017, Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. The Mass is for couples celebrating an anniversary between **January and December, 2017** for 25,40,50,60 or 60 plus years in the year 2017. (Space allows room for anniversary couples only- those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if assistance is required.) To participate in the celebration, please refer to the poster in the Narthex or register online at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Canadian Catholic Organization for  
Development and Peace**

This year Development and Peace celebrates 50 years of working to overcome the root causes of poverty and injustice. In 1968 we supported projects in 32 countries. Today, thanks to your generous donations, we support 173 partners and 194 projects in 46 countries around the world. To help us celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we invite you to attend our anniversary mass on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. celebrated by Bishop Miehm at St. Joseph's Parish in Hamilton (260 Herkimer St. at Locke St.). Join us after mass for refreshments. On display is our Solidarity Quilt, made up of squares that reflect each Diocese in Canada. More information is available on the Anniversary from the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace at our website: [devp.org](http://devp.org).

**BIRTHRIGHT HAMILTON**

Giving hope at Birthright means finding a way to bridge the gap between the fear people feel when they face an unplanned pregnancy and the hope they find when their needs have been met. Offering free pregnancy tests, counseling and many other services, we help those facing

a pregnancy say "yes" to life. Can you help us reach out to them in their time of need by becoming a volunteer? If so, please call Birthright at 905 527-3677 and ask for Eva.

**Mass of Chrism**

Bishop Crosby will celebrate the annual Mass of Chrism on Monday, April 10th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**



Ladies of the CWL and all parish members are invited to join the Catholic Women's League for the Stations of the Cross on Friday March 24 at 7 pm. Ladies of the parish who are interested in the CWL, please come out to see what we are all about. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm in the Parish Centre.

**FROM THE DIOCESE....**

Lent is the perfect time to focus on our faith journey. Help your children look beyond giving something up, to the deeper meaning of Lent. Remind them that Lent is about looking forward to Christ's Resurrection, which opens us to the joy of eternity. During Lent help your children reflect on what Christ's coming meant for us - he taught us how to live good and holy lives; he showed us what it means to be faithful to a promise; he gave us the gift of Salvation and the hope of eternity; he reminded us that God has a plan for each of us. Pray together, attend the Stations of the Cross; read the Bible, commit to fasting as a family (perhaps from arguing with siblings, or speaking back to parents), give alms as a family unit. When you take your task of helping your children understand Lent and its purpose to heart, everyone benefits!  
(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

**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** is a club for boys designed to instill virtue, develop character and encourage spiritual growth, while offering its participants challenging physical, intellectual and spiritual activities.

**Challenge** is a club for girls to grow in virtue, friendship and their Catholic faith. Both clubs are currently operating in over 150 parishes and schools in US and Canada with over 3,500 members, 200 volunteers and 500 teen leaders. Please do prayerfully consider having your boy or girl attend these programs. They will not regret it!

**Place:** St. Therese of Lisieux  
1760 Garth St., Hamilton, ON

**Participants:** Boys (Conquest) and Girls (Challenge)  
Grades 4-8 (Mom & Dad are welcome!)

**For more info: Mrs. Tess Perez 905-388-2078 x 201**



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