

# 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  
Sr. Lucina Thanathuparampil, Office Assistant  
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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 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 6-NO MASS**

**Tuesday March 7– 7 p.m.**-Antonio Bozzo, Amalia Samonte, Massimo Paduano, Grazia Criminisi, Nancy Mattina, Ida DiFranco, Alice Whalen, Special intentions of George & Karen Britto, Giuseppe Mantione

**Wednesday March 8 -9:00 a.m.**-Patrick Empey

**Thursday March 9– 9:00 a.m.**- Teresa Joseph

**Friday March 10– 9:30 a.m.**-Sr. Regina Brunelle, S.J.C.

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

**Saturday March 11-5:00 P.M.**-Salvatore Mattina, Virgilio Camposilvan, Bernard Columbus, Keith Grehan, Pietro Addezi, Maria Cinelli, Dorina DiGiuseppe, Anna Antonia Oddi. William Jackson

**Sunday March 12**

**9:00 a.m.** – Nicola & Elgisa Sardo

**10:30 a.m.** – Jonas Gimzauskas

**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:

*Special intentions and healing for a family in Annunciation Parish*

**Diocesan Prayer Calendar**

**Monday:** Rev. Steven Murrin  
**Tuesday:** Rev. Jozo Grubisic, O.F.M.  
**Wednesday:** Sister Adorers of the Precious Blood  
**Thursday:** Rev. Marko Puljic, O.F.M..  
**Friday:** Rev. Jason Kuntz  
**Saturday:** Rev. Steven Costello, L.C.

**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.”*

**OFFERINGS**



IN OUR PARISH

**Sunday Offerings**

**Feb 12<sup>th</sup> \$5,296.15**  
**Seminary Collection \$675.00**  
**Building Fund \$804.00**

*Thank you for your support!*

**HAMILTON VOCATIONS**

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, please contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 email mking@hamiltondiocese.com [www.hamiltonvocations.com](http://www.hamiltonvocations.com)

**PRO-LIFE PRAYER SERVICE**

Please join us here at Annunciation of Our Lord Parish on the first Saturday of each month at 9:00AM for **A Prayer Service for Life.**

A Liturgy of the Word and pro-life meditations on the Rosary include broad and inclusive prayers and meditations on the sanctity of life and creation. Co-led by Sr. Elaine Arsenault, Sisters of Social Service and Terry Wallace, Cluny Associate.

**SHARE LENT**



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR

**Development and Peace**

**Women keep the land in their hearts in Paraguay**

Supporting women is a priority for Development and Peace – Caritas Canada. For this year's Share Lent campaign, we invite you to listen to the voices of women who are working to build the world of tomorrow — Women at the heart of change. You will find testimonials from the four corners of the globe inside our Mini-magazine, in today's bulletin. Did you know that in 1979, Development and Peace led a campaign to support the Grandmothers of Plaza de Mayo, in Argentina, whose children and grandchildren disappeared under the military dictatorship?

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS**



Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 9th at 7 pm in the parish centre. We are pleased to have Teresa Hartnett from the Diocesan office joining us to lead this year's spiritual retreat at this meeting. The topic of the retreat will be "Prayer and Spirituality" Ladies of the parish who are interested in the CWL, or who would like to join us at the retreat, please come out to see what we are all about

**Save the Date!**



There will be a **Conquest and Challenge Youth Club SUMMER DAY CAMP** at Annunciation Parish and 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](mailto:hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca) or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

**EVENING OF REFLECTION**

**With Fr. Todd Arsenault, LC**

*An opportunity to stop our normal routine, for a couple of hours and "Take time for God"*

*Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 pm*

The evening will include:

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Talk and time for silent prayer
  - Benediction
  - Light refreshments

*Everyone is welcome!*

**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)

**COUPLES FOR CHRIST**

We are inviting parishioners, friends and family to join us on March 11th (Saturday) and March 12th (Sunday) here at Annunciation of Our Lord Parish Hall for a weekend of Christian Life Program. This program introduces us to God's design of Love, Mercy and Hope. Program begins on Saturday from 8am to 4pm and concludes with the anointing of the Holy Spirit and graduation on Sunday from 1pm to 5pm. **REGISTRATION IS FREE!** Everything is free including meals and snacks, and all you are paying these sessions with is your time and commitment to the Lord. Please feel free to contact Abel/Susan at (905) 630-7679 for more information.

**PILGRIMAGE to the Holy Land** Fr. Ted Slaman, together with Fr. Robert Hetu, will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, leaving on Nov. 13 and returning Nov. 22. It includes four days in the Galilee area, and four days in Jerusalem, with Mass and/or other prayer and reflection times every day. Fr. Ted would LOVE to have parishioners of ANNUNCIATION Of Our Lord Parish participate with him, experiencing this wonderful spiritual opportunity to get more connected with Jesus and His times. You can pick up an information brochure, with details and pricing, at the back of the church, or at the parish office, or you can call Fr. Ted on his cell phone 905-334-9869 or email [tedslaman@rogers.com](mailto:tedslaman@rogers.com).

**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.

**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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