Annunciation of Our Lord Parish

PARISH STAFF

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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 just outside of the Sacristy. Please 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 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

When a death occurs, in coordination with the funeral home, the parish will provide assistance in making arrangements for your loved one.

PARISH CENTRE RENTALS

Please contact parish office for details to book the hall.



ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD

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.

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Monday - Saturday 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Sunday 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every First Friday of the month following the morning Mass, with Benediction at 10:30 a.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

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 Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m., (except during Mass, and on Sundays 1p.m. - 5 p.m.) 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 registration form found just outside of the Sacristy.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Monday noon, written submissions only.



Monday April 14th - NO MASS

Tuesday April 15^{th –}7:00pm - John Destro (10yrs), Duncan Lewis White, Christopher DeHoog, Mario Berlingieri, John Dermody, Syahril Marbun, Special Intentions Marcus & Gloria Terfloth

Wednesday April 16th 9:00am-Christopher DeHoog Holy Thursday April 17th Mass of the Lords Supper 7:30pm-Pro Populo

Good Friday April 18th 11am & 3pm-Passion on the Lord- *Pro Populo*

Adoration 6:00pm & Stations of the Cross 7:00pm Holy Saturday April 19th 11am-Blessing of the Food 8:00pm Easter Vigil- Pro Populo

Easter Sunday April 20th 9:30 m & 11:30am-*Pro* <u>Populo</u>

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

Monday:Rev. Tomy ChittinapillyTuesday:Rev. Gregory MerkleyWednesday:Oblates of Mary Immaculate

Thursday: Holy Thursday

Friday: The Passion of the Lord

Saturday: Holy Saturday

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



Acts 10.34a, 37-43 Colossians 3.1-4 John 20.1-18 or 20.1-9

"I have risen, and I am with you still."



IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Sunday, February 23rd, 2025, \$ 5707.20 Building Fund Collection \$ 157.00 *Thank you for your support!*

From the Pastor's Desk

The readings on Palm Sunday reflect the glory of the Lord Jesus in his divinity. They remind us that he is fully God and fully man. Though we see glimpses of his glory today, we also see him empty himself of that glory, of His divinity. We will see this emptying of self throughout Holy Week. We will see it on Holy Thursday as Jesus gets down on his knees to wash his disciples' feet. We see it at the Last Supper as he entrusts the gifts of the Eucharist and the Priesthood to the very group of men who will deny, desert, and betray Him. We will see it on Good Friday, as Jesus stretches out his arms for the salvation of the world as he hangs upon the Cross. So let us keep watch with Jesus, this week and always, so that we might come to see his glory and rejoice in his death and resurrection.

Fr Paul

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

Blessed are they who come in the Name of the Lord! Am I being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? If God is calling you contact Fr Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Please note: There will be no Confessions on Holy Saturday. There will be no regular 5:00pm Mass that day either. The Mass for Holy Saturday is the Easter Vigil, which is a little over 2 hours long.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday

Morning Prayer, 9:00am Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00pm concluding with Night Prayer **Good Friday**

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 11:00am and 3:00pm Stations of the Cross- 7:00pm

Holy Saturday

Blessing of Easter Foods- 11:00am (in Parish Centre)

Easter Vigil- 8:00pm **Easter Sunday**- 9:30 and 11:30

Confessions during Holy Week

Confessions during Holy Week will be available on Tuesday, April 15 from 6:00-6:45. Following the 7pm Mass confessions will resume for as long as necessary. The last opportunity for Confessions prior to Easter will be Wednesday, April 16 from 4:30-6:30pm sharp with both priests available. Confessions will end promptly at 6:30 that evening.

Divine Mercy

Please join the Apostles of Divine Mercy Canada for their annual celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday on April 27. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 3 followed by the praying of the chaplet. Confessions are available during this time. At 4:00pm there will be a Mass for Divine Mercy presided by Fr. Francis Hubilla, followed by a reception in the Parish Centre.

The chaplet will be prayed in the church every day from Good Friday until Divine Mercy Sunday. On Good Friday it will begin immediately after the 3:00pm service. Every other day it will begin at 3:00pm

Friendly Reminder as we approach Easter

If you need to leave Mass early, please wait until at least after the Communion Prayer. No one would leave a restaurant with food still in their mouth unless it was an emergency, so we should not do that with the Body of Christ. Ideally, we would wait until the final hymn is finished before leaving.

Also please do not park where signs are posted that indicate it is a fire route. If we ever needed to call for emergency services while Mass was going on, we could incur fines for not having that space cleared.

Easter Flowers in Memoriam

Once again, this year we will have the Easter Flowers available for a donation of \$40.00 in memory of your loved ones, or on behalf of yourself 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 at the Parish office with your donation before Wed April 16th. Thank you for your support!

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