Annunciation of Our Lord Parish

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Father Don Wilhelm, Pastor

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 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)

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.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 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 February 24 - No Mass

<u>Tuesday February 25</u>-7 pm-*Calogero Ippolito, Donald L. MacDonald, Maria Concetta Moccia, Dennis Roque & Libania, Theresa Filice, Vincenza Silvestri*

<u>Ash Wednesday February 26</u>-9:00am-*Pro Populo* 7 pm-*Pro Populo*

<u>Thursday February 27</u>–9:00 am-*Deceased members* of Denis Keane's family

<u>Friday February 28-</u>9:30 am-*Hilda Parekh* <u>Saturday February 29-</u>5 pm-*Melissa Brideau, Anna- Maria Casegrande, Teresa Lynn Heit, William & Maureen Brown, Nunziata Livoti*

Sunday March 1

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 of our parishioners to take a

moment and offer a prayer for these intentions:

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Monday: Rev. James Curtin Rev. Marijan Mihokovic

Wednesday Ash Wednesday

Thursday: Rev. Msgr. Victor McNamara

Friday: Rev. Michael Bennet Saturday: Rev. Mike Myroniuk



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18, 25; 3.1-7 Romans 5.12-19

Matthew 4.1-11

"Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God.'"

SUNDAY OFFERINGS



IN OUR PARISH

Sunday December 15, 2019 Regular Offerings \$6,911.00 Thank you for your support!

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Expecting a child soon or have had a new birth in your family and will be looking for baptism at Annunciation Parish? Congratulations!

Baptism preparation is an opportunity not only to prepare for the sacrament of baptism but also to re-examine our own call to live the graces of the baptism that we received so many years ago. Every couple preparing for baptism of a child is required to be properly prepared for the celebration of the sacrament of baptism.

For families who are having their first child or if it has been a while since the last celebration (2 or more years) are required to attend a baptismal preparation meeting. This can be done (and even encouraged) if mom is still awaiting the birth of the child. Registration forms will be given out by the baptismal team members at the meeting and can be filled out at the meeting (with dates available for baptism) or at home and handed into the office with a request for available dates.

Baptismal preparation dates for this year are:

Date: March 1st
Date: May 3rd
Date: July 5th

Date: September 6th
Date: November 1st

All preparation meetings take place within the church

beginning at 1:00 pm. Please be on time.

Preparing early to celebrate the sacrament will ensure ample

time for family and friends to celebrate.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." Do you feel called to help people get closer to God? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, please **contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton a 905-528-7988. Email:** yocations@hamiltondiocese.com

THANK YOU FROM FR. DON

Fr. Don would like to thank the Catholic Women's League for their lovely gift of 4 new vestments! Thanks are also extended to Eva D'Alessio for her kind gift of altering the vestments.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS



Members please remit your annual dues in the usual manner, either using the envelope in your set or in a plain envelope with your name and address submitted with the weekly

collection.

If the current situation is not meeting your needs, you are free to join a CWL council at another parish.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+Wedding Anniversary in the year 2020? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 14, 2020 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please refer to the poster in the church for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE?

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated or angry in their marriage. This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty. For confidential information about, or to register for the program being offered on the weekend of March 13, 2020, call 905-664-5212 or email hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org.

"Keys to Loving Relationships" is a ten week video-based program that all people (married, dating, or single) can use to develop the skills needed to have a truly meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better "me" in all your relationships! The program is offered in both Kitchener and Hamilton as follows:

In Hamilton: At the Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King ST. W., Hamilton.

Thursday evenings from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. March 26 – June 4, 2020

The cost is \$45.00. For more information or to register, call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249 or register at: www.hamiltondiocese.com.

2019 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The 2019 income tax receipts are available for pick up in the hall across from the Parish Centre. There are also many offertory envelopes remaining to be picked up.

THIS SHARE LENT, LET'S STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE DEFENDERS OF THE EARTH

This year, **Development and Peace** — Caritas Canada is encouraging us to support all those in the Amazon and the Global South who are caring for God's creation.

How can we help? 1) Donate online at <u>devp.org/give</u> or give during the Solidarity Sunday collection on March 29, the 5th Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 149 projects in 36 countries around the world! 2) Read Development and Peace's Share Lent literature and watch the videos to learn about and hear from the guardians of the Earth. 3) Sign the Solidarity Letter addressed to two embattled Brazilian communities at <u>devp.org/act</u>.

For more information, please contact Raj Sinha at 905-575-5379

FRIDAY NIGHT DUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

Would it help you to have people around you to understand what you're going through? Would you like to hear some ideas that will encourage you and help you to develop new ways of coping with the stresses in your life?

The Hamilton Diocesan Support Group meets the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month and they can help! No need to register just come and join us at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West, Hamilton from 7 – 9 p.m. For more information call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. There is NO COST, but great learning, caring and support!

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CONQUEST and CHALLENGE Youth Ministry
Registration for the 2019-2020 Year
IS NOW OPEN!

We are very happy to announce that registration for the 2019-2020 year is now open. We will be offering the program, twice a month on Tuesdays from 5:45pm - 7:30 pm.

Beginning December 17, 2019 – OPEN HOUSE/COME & SEE

KICK OFF DATE: January 21, 2020

We hope to see you all back! Please pick up a registration form at the Narthex or by calling Mrs. Tess Perez at 905-388-2078 to register and/or for more information.

Participants: Open to any Boy (Conquest) and Girls (Challenge) from Grades 4-8

Cost: \$40.00 per child



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