Annunciation of Our Lord Parish

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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 years notice is required.

R.C.I.A.

Considering Becoming Catholic? Please contact the Diocese of Hamilton regarding the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and the process for becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church. 905-528-7988

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)

First Saturday Mass - Devotion to Our Lady 9:00 a.m.

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

PERPETUAL ADORATION IN OUR ADORATION CHAPEL

Temporarily closed due to COVID-19.

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.



Monday March 1 - No Mass

Tuesday March 2-7 pm- Julia C. White, Cassidie A.H.

White

Wednesday March 3-9:00 am- Giovanni Cinelli

Thursday March 4 - 9:00 am

First Friday March 5th -9:30 am -Mr. Gary MacAloney

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 7pm

First Saturday March 6-5 pm-Mary Calleja, Iwona

Mlynarczyk

Sunday March 7

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 our parishioners to take a moment

and offer a prayer for these intentions:

In thanksgiving for the birth of Oliver

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Monday: Rev. Duy Van Nguyen **Tuesday:** Rev. John Van Hees

Wednesday Discalced Carmelite Sisters (O.C.D.)

Thursday: Rev. Vivek Trindade Friday: Rev. James Petrie Saturday: Rev. Gerald Mulhall



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Exodus 20. 1-17 1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25 John 2.13-25

"Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!"



SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Regular Sunday N/A
Thank you for your support!

2021 LENTEN SEASON AT ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD PARISH

"Between the vestibule and the altar, let the Priest, the minister of The Lord, weep. Let them say "SPARE YOUR PEOPLE, O LORD" (Book of Joel, Chapter 2, Verse 17).

FOR A SPECIAL 40 DAYS

With the words of Prophet Joel, I invite every parishioner, every sick person, every family, to come privately to our church and rediscover its beauty: between the vestibule and the altar. In other words, from our painful reality to the Joy of The Risen Lord, The sacrificial Lamb.

Come and spend a few minutes of silent prayer with Jesus, The Way, The Truth and The Life. (John 14,6)

Our church is safe. It will remain open every Friday of Lent, from 8:00 am - 12:00 Noon.

SPECIAL FOR THE 2021 LENT

Every Friday: 9:30 am – 10:30 am: Holy mass followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Every Saturday: 10:30 am - 11:30 am: Confessions/4:15 pm: The chaplet of the Divine Mercy/5:00 pm: The Holy Eucharist

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Looking for a wonderful opportunity to spend time together as a couple, in the safety of your own home? Join the Virtual/Online Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience from March 5-7. During these stressful times, give your marriage a booster shot! Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance. The Marriage Encounter experience is a skill-building enrichment program where together, you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be. No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths. Rediscover the love in your relationship! Contact: Marge & Gerard McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or (905) 792-1925 or visit the website at: www.me.org

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - Two kinds of love are on display in the month of February this year — one on Valentine's Day celebrating romantic love and one on Feb. 17th, Ash Wednesday, celebrating the infinite love of a merciful God. When we recognize the depth of God's love, so powerful that nothing can separate us from it, we feel secure that God is always with us. Both these loves are important, and this is a great month to help children understand that God is responsible for both. Talk to them about how He created us to want to be in relationships, care about others and love important people in our lives. Help them to understand that the six weeks of Lent ends with the celebration Easter. Easter, the day we rejoice over Christ's resurrection and through his love, our ability to spend eternity in Heaven.

2021 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The 2021 offertory envelopes are now available for pick up in the Parish Centre.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH In February we celebrate Valentine's Day, a day created to celebrate love and a great month to think back to the days of dating we experienced with our spouses! Days when we flirted, complimented, spent endless hours talking, hated to be apart and planned and went on dates! Now compare it to your time together today – have you given up all or most of these actions? Marriages that continue to have relationships that reflect their dating days feel connected, vitalized, and loved. Why not consider making February a month of renewal for your marriage? Purposely create a relationship with your spouse where you give them your time and attention by making them your number one priority and ignite that same spark of love you felt in those early days of dating.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021 has been cancelled due to restrictions and concerns around COVID-19. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years Anniversary starting in January on the Diocesan website. We will send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass.

LENT

Lent is a yearly celebration of the Church in preparation for Easter. *Lent has two major purposes:* It recalls or prepares for Baptism, and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's Word and of more fervent prayer, we are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery.

During Lent, the reminder of baptism already received, as well as the theme of repentance, renew the entire community along with those being prepared to celebrate the paschal mystery, in which each of the elect will share through the sacraments of initiation. (RCIA 125, Ad gentes, 14)

For those already baptized Lent is a time of preparation to celebrate the paschal mystery through reminders of our baptism and penitential practices. (GNLYC 27)

Lent is a privileged time for *prayer, fasting and almsgiving*. This season provides an opportunity to renew and deepen our relationship with Jesus, and to renew the choices we make, so that we might live as he taught.

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday**, *February 17th, 2021*, and continues until the beginning of the **Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening**, on *April 1st, 2021*. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

A Time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love

In this year's <u>lenten message</u>, Pope Francis focuses on the three theological virtues, inviting the faithful to "renew our faith, draw from the living waters of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God."

The Holy Father explains "accepting and living the truth revealed in Christ means, first of all, opening our hearts to God's word." Through fasting, "experienced as a form of self-denial," we are able "to rediscover God's gift and recognize that, created in His image and likeness, we find our fulfillment in Him." Fasting, too, by helping us recognize our own poverty, helps us to love both God and neighbour.

"Lent is a time for believing, for welcoming God into our lives and allowing Him to 'make His dwelling' in us."



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Immediately after these words & without any further explanation, Sister Faustina records this unexpected request of Our Lord:

At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy for the whole world. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion. (1320) O Blood & Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of



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