Annunciation of Our Lord Parish

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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 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 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

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 November 27- No Mass

<u>Tuesday November 28-7pm-Dennis & Jose Roque, Stan Berlingieri, Joe Noronha, Bill Dermody, Sp. Int of Hilma D'Souza, Sp. Int of James Giordano, Sp. Int of Jasmine D'Costa & Sophia D'Costa</u>

<u>Wednesday November 29-</u> Giuseppe & Clotilde Silvestri

Thursday, November 30- Anna Rocco First Friday December 1- 9am-Paolo & Maria & Deceased members of the Di Fonte family

First Saturday December 2-5pm-Gertrude Marlin, Lucy Borges, Leo Conlon, Lorenzo Finelli, John Destro, Ennio Maniccia, Antonia & Lorenzo Finelli, Patrick & Patricia McKenna & deceased family members, Antonino & Rosa Maisano, Deceased members of the Veltri, Bozzo & Filice families.

Sunday December 3

9:30 am-Pro Populo 11:30 am-Pro Populo

PRAY TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

For the Holy Souls in Purgatory



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:

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Monday:Rev. Roger Yaworski, S.J.Tuesday:Parents & Guardians

Wednesday Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ (p.j.c)

Thursday: Rev. Edward Hampson Friday: Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger

Saturday: Rev David Reilander

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.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY



Isaiah 63.16b-17;64.1,3-8 Corinthians 1.3-9 Mark 13.33-37

"What I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

SUNDAY OFFERINGS



IN OUR PARISH

Sunday November 5, 2023, \$5,272.00 Annual Appeal \$ 1,525.00 Building Fund \$ 607.00 Thank you for your support!

From the Pastor's Desk

It was a joy to hold the Christmas Bazaar this year after a four-year hiatus. Thanks to everyone who came, who donated and who volunteered. It was a great success. A huge thank you goes to Laurie Bridges and Adele Landry, the co-ordinators of the Bazaar for their enthusiasm and tireless efforts. They were working on it often late into the night. All the credit goes to them.

This week the Church celebrates the Feast of Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe. It was established by Pope Pius XI to offer Christ's model of kingship as a contrast to the rise of fascism throughout Europe. We honour Christ as our King by making known his kingdom here on earth. Our King and Lord tells us how to do that in the Gospel as we hear "that just as you did it to the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me." We pray that our parish daily might be a sign of Christ's kingdom here on Earth and give homage to Christ our King.

Have a good week! - Fr. Paul

Christ the King

"Lord, when was it that we saw you...?" Have you heard the Lord as well? If God is calling you to serve as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, contact Fr, Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email





Annual Appeal

Thank you to everyone who so generously donated to our re-started Annual Appeal letter. It was a great success. We are very happy to say that we raised just over 17,000 dollars. We are humbled by your generosity. While your prayerful and spiritual support are most important, your financial support is also vital to the flourishing of our parish so that we might build up the kingdom of God in our part of the city.

St Joseph Sunday Missals

Once again, we are asking for your help to fill our pews with the St Joseph Sunday Missal. The time has come to replace the old missals with the new 2024 edition. You can donate a missal for the pews at a cost of \$6.00 per book. Each book will have a label identifying the donor. Order forms are in the Narthex of the Church.

Saint Vincent de Paul: Jesse Tree Project

Our trees are up! Please consider supporting families in our community or the Good Shepherd Outreach, by taking a tag from the tree, purchasing a gift, and returning it to the designated boxes by **December 3**. This continues to be a bright spot for families that our congregation assists throughout the year! We thank you for your involvement and prayers!

Saint Vincent de Paul

"Do you want to help people in need? Do you want to put your Faith into Action?

The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul needs your support!
You can help by volunteering, providing financial
assistance or by starting a conference in your Parish.
Please see our newsletter here:
https://ssvphamiltonpc.org/newsletter-7/

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COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS

Join us for an afternoon of reflection and strategies on coping at Christmas. The session will be facilitated by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry. The gathering will be held at the Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King St. West in Hamilton, on Sunday, December 3rd, 2023, from 1:30 – 3:00 pm. You are welcome to join the session in person or by zoom. The event is FREE of charge. Please call Sarah to reserve a seat, or to receive the zoom link: 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or register online at

https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/family-ministry/healing-and-or-counselling/coping-with-the-holidays/ (You must register to join by zoom; in person you can also walk in the day of the event.)

RESTART: REFRESH, RENEW, REVIVE

Join us for learning, support, and fun on a Friday evening. Held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month. These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Join in-person (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or by ZOOM. Please contact Sarah at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 if you plan to attend in person and for the zoom link if joining online. We look forward to seeing you!

Waters of Italy Trip!

With Fr. Mark Gatto. October 9 to 18, 2024. For more information contact Fr. Mark at mgatto@hamiltondiocese.com

Please Note:

On Wednesday December 6th & Friday December 29th our Mass times will be 8:30am instead of 9:00am

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available online in December at www.hamiltondiocese.com

Advent at Annunciation of Our Lord



Advent Confessions:

In addition to our regularly scheduled times, the sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on Saturday mornings from 8:00-9:00 and Wednesday afternoons from 4:00-5:00.

Vespers - Join us on the Thursdays of Advent at 7pm where we will pray together Evening Prayer or Vespers from the Liturgy of the Hours. The Liturgy of the Hours is the official prayer of the Church. Priests, monks and religious brothers and sisters promise to pray the Hours for the Church and the world each day. Diocesan Priests pray the Hours five times throughout the day. The laity are also encouraged to pray the Liturgy of the Hours. No experience is needed, a brief tutorial will be given before we pray each week, and all materials will be provided. During Vespers, Father will give a reflection on one of the psalms or antiphons to help us understand what the Church is praying as we prepare to greet the Lord Jesus at Christmas. Please join us.

To Whom Shall We Go? - Our difficult topics series continues with a look at why the Church ordains men only to the Priesthood and why the Latin Church requires Her Priests to be celibate. Join us immediately after the 7pm Mass on Tuesday, December 5. The presentation will last roughly an hour.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

On Friday, December 8, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the singular grace that freed the Blessed Virgin Mary from the stain of original sin as she was conceived in the womb of her mother, Saint Ann, so that Our Lady might be a worthy dwelling to bring forth the Word made flesh, Christ the Lord. We will celebrate Mass at 9am and 7pm.



Advent at Annunciation of Our Lord



Christmas Mass Schedule 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23-5:00 Sunday, December 24- 9:30 and 11:30

Christmas Eve Masses

5:00pm 10:00pm (with Incense)

Christmas Day Masses

9:30am 11:30am

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 30-5:00 Sunday, December 31-9:30 and 11:30

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

New Year's Eve- 5:00pm New Year's Day-10:30am

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