

Annunciation of Our Lord Parish

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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday April 15- No Mass

Tuesday April 16-7pm- Marino Bugiardini, Joseph Joseph, Barbara Horst, Rose & Mario Mazzocato, Francesca Gervasi, Antonia Orellana, Maria Soledad Mendoza

Wednesday April 17-9am – Domenico & Elvira Maniccia

Thursday, April 18-9am – Special intentions of Alicia Brown & Family

Friday April 19- 9am- Special intentions of Leo Fernandes

Saturday April 20-5pm- Charlie Sardo, Gaspare & Concetta Campanella, Richard Harris, Jose & Margarida Medeiros, Manuel Freire & parents, Miroslaw Mlynarczyk, Deceased members of the Romaniw & Zorro Families, Special intentions of Susie, Caterina Calleja, Gerardo Di Feo

Sunday April 21- 9:30am & 11:30am -Pro Populo

PRAY TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Special intentions of Mrs. DiFonte



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: The Annunciation of Our Lord
Tuesday: Rev. Allen Valarki
Wednesday: Permanent Deacons
Thursday: Rev. Rajesh D'Souza, O.C.D.
Friday: Rev. Jerzy Tomon
Saturday: Parents and Guardians

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



Acts 4.7-12
1 John 3.1
John 10.11-18

"I am the good Shepherd"

SUNDAY OFFERINGS



IN OUR PARISH

Sunday March 25th, 2024-\$7,031.75

Building Fund \$ 250.00

Good Friday-\$140.00

Easter-\$215.00

Thank you for your support!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

WELCOME!

Bishop Crosby has assigned Father Fernand Pierre to our parish as Associate Pastor. Father is originally from Haiti and has been serving as Associate Pastor at Saint Joseph's Parish in Hamilton. He will begin his ministry here at the end of June.

A NOTE ABOUT PASTORAL REFERENCES

Father Paul is happy to provide pastoral references for teaching candidates for area school boards, if they are members of the parish. He's happy to meet with those who have been away at university and teacher's college to re-connect them to parish life. As a rule, candidates seeking a pastoral reference should be involved and active in the parish. Those who are not members of Annunciation Parish will be encouraged to seek a reference from the Parish to which they belong.

COFFEE SUNDAY SIGNUP

We are looking at having Coffee Sunday after each Mass on the first weekend of every month. We need volunteers to help with this. Please see the sign-up sheets in the Narthex this weekend and next, to sign up for the Mass you'd like to help with. Many hands make light work!

ST. JOHN'S BIBLE

The Serra Club of Hamilton will host the St. John's Bible in the parish centre immediately after the 7:00pm Mass on Tuesday, April 16. We will look at the Resurrection accounts in the Gospels. If you've never seen the St. John's Bible it's worth a look!

THE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The sisters of the poor of Jesus Christ endeavor to serve Christ in the poor in our city. Every Thursday, they pack lunch bags and bring them to the homeless of downtown Hamilton. They are aided in this by volunteers and through the partnership of parishes in Hamilton. They've asked if Annunciation Parish would be willing to sponsor their efforts on the fifth Thursday of the month, which occurs this year in May, August, and October. For those interested from our parish in helping, please use the signup sheet in the Narthex and more information will be provided to you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus will be having their first Bingo Night this Friday, April 19, 2024, at Annunciation of Our Lord Parish Hall- Doors open at 6:30 & Games start at 7:00pm! All are welcome!

SPRING MEMORIAL MASS AT HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY

The Spring memorial mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Burlington will take place on Saturday, April 27th at 11:00 am. The principal celebrant will be the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton. All are welcome!

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 is available online at hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming Events.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

What could convince someone to turn to God? The story that God became human? The story that Jesus cured the sick? The story that Jesus forgave sin? The story that Jesus rose from the dead? or, perhaps the story of the witness of your own life! If you have the continuing inclination that God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, please call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988.

STRUGGLING AFTER AN ABORTION?

Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, and find hope and healing. **Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850**

VOCATIONS RECOGNITION DINNER 2024

The Serra Club of Hamilton invites you to gather on **Wednesday, May 15, 2024** at Liuna Station to celebrate the service of our Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters, Consecrated Virgins Living in the World and Permanent Deacons. Tickets: \$90pp. Contact: serrahamilton1965@gmail.com for more details.

RESTART: REFRESH, RENEW, REVIVE FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPORT GROUP

Struggling after divorce or separation? Join us for learning, support and fun on Friday evenings. 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. Register before each session here: <https://sites.google.com/view/hamilton-restart/home>, or contact Sarah at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or call her at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. We look forward to seeing you!

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

When we marry, we gain a spouse and his or her family. It is essential that we agree to ensure that we, as a couple, have the most important connection and that we remain united as a family unit when stresses with extended family arise. This means coming to agreement with each other on items such as how to celebrate holidays and traditions, the raising of children and other areas that directly impact us as a couple, even when family wants to have input. Our families can provide wonderful support to our marriage, but we must remember that the essential relationship is between our spouse and ourselves.

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