

Annunciation of Our Lord Parish

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PARISH STAFF

Fr. Paul Edmondstone, Pastor
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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 year 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 George or Josie at 905-512-9050



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.

First Saturday Mass 9:00 a.m. - Confessions 8:15 - 8:45 a.m.

PERPETUAL ADORATION IN OUR ADORATION CHAPEL

10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every First Friday of the month 6:00 - 7:00 p.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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday May 1– No Mass

Tuesday May 2-7pm-No Mass

Wednesday May 3-9am-Sandro Cadeddhu

Thursday, May 4-9am-Anna Rocco

First Friday, May 5- 9am-Special intentions of Florideritha Susilowati & Igatius Widyantoro

First Saturday May 6- 5 pm-Ferdinandus Bondan Surati (8th Anniversary), Antonietta Genovese, Jose & Margarida Medeiros & deceased family members, Pietro Bonitatibus, Ian Continho, Filippina Gibilaro, Monica Pereira Janicas, Caramina Carusiello, Giuseppe Addressi, Mario Fiorino

Sunday May 7

9:30 am-Pro Populo

11:30 am-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:

For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Monday:	Rev. Joe Selvanayagam
Tuesday:	Rev. William Foote
Wednesday	Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate
Thursday:	Rev. Terence Sehl
Friday:	Rev. Scott Whitfield
Saturday:	Rev. St. Francois De Laval Patron of the Bishops of Canada

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 2.14a, 36b-41
1 Peter 2.20b-25
John 10.1-10

"The sheep follow him because they know his voice."

SUNDAY OFFERINGS



IN OUR PARISH

Easter Sunday April 9, 2023
Regular Sunday Offerings \$11,783.00

Share Lent \$135.00

Turkey & Syria Emergency Appeal \$100.00

Good Friday \$3,204.00

Thank you for your support!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This weekend, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is Good Shepherd Sunday, otherwise known as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. In our diocese we are just beginning to experience the shortage of priests. If you are thinking of priesthood or religious life, please speak with me. If you know someone who might make a good priest or religious brother or sister, tell them you think that. While the priesthood often attracts some bad press, I can tell you that serving as a Priest is the highest honour and greatest joy of my life. So, pray for more vocations and that many more men will answer the call to serve at God's holy altar and be true shepherds after Christ's own heart! – **Father Paul**

FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to the more than 70 grade two students from our parish schools who received Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time over the last couple of weekends. Many thanks to the teachers at both schools and parents for helping prepare our young people so well for this beautiful sacrament. We pray that in receiving Jesus they may become more like Him and receive Him in the Eucharist as often as possible!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Good Shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them. Is He asking you to help others to find Him? Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious and consecrated life, especially for our Diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, please contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

SERRA CLUB DINNER

Please note, there will be no confessions or Mass this Tuesday evening due to the Serra Club Vocations Dinner.

FIRST FRIDAYS ADORATION TIME CHANGE

We will continue to have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on First Fridays in the church. However, it will be moved from 6:00pm to immediately after the morning Mass, with Benediction around 10:30. Please join us to adore our Eucharistic Lord!

Please note, that this coming Saturday, May 6, there will be no morning confessions or first Saturday Mass, due to the Priestly ordinations that morning. We will resume our normal First Saturday schedule in June.



Hamilton Right to Life Baby Bottle Campaign Mothers' Day – Fathers' Day

Our church is once again partnering with Hamilton Right to Life through the 2023 Baby Bottle Campaign from Mothers' Day to Fathers' Day. Baby Bottles will be available to take after the Mass on Sunday May 14th, Mothers' Day, and you are asked to return them on Sunday June 18th, Fathers' Day. Please take a bottle and fill it up with your coins, paper money or cheque. Hamilton Right to Life needs your support to raise money to educate, advertise, and get the message throughout the City of Hamilton of the devastating effects of abortion and other life-threatening issues. Please pray for families affected by abortion today. You can learn more about Hamilton Right to Life at www.HamiltonRightToLife.org or by calling 905-528-3065

SAVE THE DATE!! ANNUNCIATION PARISH PASTA SUPPER IS BACK!!



On May 17th, 2023, after a long hiatus, our Pasta supper is back! Bring your family, friends and neighbours and enjoy a delicious homemade spaghetti and meatball supper. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults, children 10 and under \$10.00 and will be on sale the weekend of April 15/16.

ATTENTION ALL BAKERS:

The Spaghetti Supper Committee needs your HELP. We need Cakes, Squares, Cupcakes and whatever is your specialty. The Ladies will be handing out trays after all the Masses the next three weekends. Please fill them and return them to the Parish Centre on Wednesday, May 17, 2023. Thank you for your support!

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in June 2023 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Please call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: MOTHERS DAY DRIVE FOR BIRTHRIGHT

As a parish, we have the opportunity again to purchase gift items for moms and newborns in support of the work of Birthright in downtown Hamilton. Starting May 6, please take a gift tag from the mobiles at the back of the church and bring your item back by May 21/22 with the tag included. It truly is an encouragement to moms to have this tangible support! Thank you for your generosity and prayers on their behalf."

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you for your donations to our St. Vincent de Paul Society. When writing a cheque, please remember to write payable to **St. Vincent de Paul Society**. The bank will **not** accept cheques made out to Annunciation of Our Lord. Thank you!

MESSAGE FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights are looking for new members. Remember, you are born a MAN but you become a KNIGHT! We are Catholic men building a bridge back to faith.

There is much work to be done in this world. Good and necessary work- and that's what the Knights strive to do every day!

We assist the sick and the disabled, we strive to protect those who cannot protect themselves, whether they are next door or around the world. This is the work of the Knights.

We do it in order to become better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbours, and Catholics.

We invest our time, our efforts, and our resources into our values: Charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. This is who we are!

We are having a recruitment weekend after all the Masses on May 6 and May 7. Listen to the announcement and talk to one of us after all the Masses. We look forward to seeing you then!

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