

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 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

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 blue registration form found at the entrances.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Monday noon, written submissions only.

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

Monday December 11- No Mass

Tuesday December 12-7pm- Carmen & Rosina Berlingieri, Guisepppe & Marianna Bozzo, Nancy Bettolini, Pietro Alessi, Sheila Cirone, Eupharisa Morris.

Wednesday December 13-9am Ennio Maniccia

Thursday, December 14-9am Franco Maniccia

Friday December 15- 9am-Ennio Maniccia

Saturday December 16-5pm-Josephine Azzopardi, Michelina Pisano, Yolanda & Giulio Cappelletti, George Thomas, Monika Pereira Janicas, Luigi Paron, Rob Petrauskas, Guisepppe Temprile, Donato Ruggiero, Deceased members of the Catalucci family, Sp. Int. of the Aiello Family

Sunday Dec. 17- 9:30am & 11:30am Pro Populo

PRAY TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

In loving memory of Rob Petrauskas resting with the Angels, forever loved, and missed.



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. Andrew Lopatniuk
Tuesday: Married Couples
Wednesday Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R.)
Thursday: Rev. Wallace Metcalf
Friday: Rev. Charles Galea
Saturday: Rev. Robert Kiffman

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. 61.1-2a, 10-11
Thessalonians. 5.16-24
John. 1.6-8, 19-28

"I baptize with water. Among you stands... the one who is coming after me."

SUNDAY OFFERINGS



IN OUR PARISH

Sunday November 18, 2023, \$5,680.45
Annual Appeal \$ 1100.00
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EFT Payments Dec 1st, 2023, \$2036.00
Thank you for your support!

Second Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton @ 905-528-7988, or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Offertory Envelopes 2024

Please note that our 2024 envelopes will be out a little later than normal this year because of printing issues. Anyone with a number from 701-799 will receive a new envelope number.

Parish office Christmas hours

Friday December 22nd Office is open 9-12 noon. Please note that the Parish office is closed from Monday December 25th to Monday January 1st and reopens Tues. January 2nd. There will be **NO MASS** on Tuesday December 26th or Wednesday December 27th.



FORMED.ORG

A reminder to all parishioners that Annunciation parish is a member of Formed.org. This means that you can register for free and have access to the best Catholic content. Please visit. www.formed.org

CHRISTMAS POINTSETTIAS IN MEMORIAM



This year we are offering Poinsettias in memory of your loved ones and/or friends/relatives for a donation of \$40.00. Cards will be placed on the flowers and placed on the altar. If you are interested, please fill out the information below and drop it off to the parish office along with your donation sometime before December 21st.

Donated by: _____

Phone: _____

In memory of: _____

Christmas Mass Schedule 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday December 23 at 5:00pm

Sunday December 24th at 9:30 am & 11:30 am

Christmas Eve Masses

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

Christmas Day Masses

9:30 am & 11:30 am

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday December 30th 5:00 pm

Sunday December 31st 9:30 am & 11:30 am

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

New Year's Eve 5:00 pm

New Year's Day 10:30 am

Saint Vincent de Paul

Hamper Packing Day: Saturday, December 16. The Saint Vincent de Paul Team welcomes the parish family to help pack and deliver our Christmas Hampers to our neighbours in need starting at 9 am. at Annunciation School Gym. Teens, this counts for volunteer hours, we'd love to have you join us! If you are unable to physically help, we welcome your prayers for all involved!

Vocations Mass and Young Adults Night

Friday, January 5th – Hamilton, The Serra Club of Hamilton invites all parishioners to attend a Mass for vocations at 6:00pm. Following the Mass, Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults to attend a night of Adoration, fellowship, and praise music in celebration of the Christmas Season. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:30pm), praise night and vocations talk (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Friday, January 5th at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Rd W, Hamilton, ON L9C 2V2). Co-sponsored by the Serra Club of Hamilton and the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE AND DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Given that Christmas is on a Monday this year, some have wondered about fulfilling the days of obligation. To fulfill the obligation for Sunday and the obligation for Christmas, you must attend two masses. The 5 pm mass on Christmas Eve is the mass of the Nativity of the Lord, not the 4th Sunday of Advent. So, choose one of the masses for the fourth Sunday of Advent and one of the masses for Christmas and you'll have fulfilled the obligation for both. We'll have to do the same the following weekend for the Feast of the Holy Family and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. There is no mass on either weekend that covers both obligations.

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**

2023 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

IMPORTANT! THE LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTING TO YOUR 2023 INCOME TAX RECEIPT WILL BE SUNDAY DECEMBER 17TH, 2023. DONATIONS GIVEN AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE INCLUDED ON YOUR 2024 INCOME TAX.

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