

# *Annunciation of Our Lord Parish*

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## PARISH STAFF

Fr. Paul Edmondstone, Pastor  
Susan Healy, Parish Secretary  
Peter Gibbs, Custodian

## 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

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	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](http://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 12-** *No Mass*

**Tuesday December 13-** *Rob Petrauskas, Giuseppe Temprile (2<sup>nd</sup> year anniversary), Marianna Mattina, Joe Capobianco, Maire Strom, Sylvia Cinelli, Corrado Crugnale, William McPhail*

**Wednesday December 14-** *Dr. Richard Schulze*

**Thursday December 15-9am-** *Michalina Pisano*

**Friday December 16-9:00am** - *Deceased members of the O’Gorman Family*

**Saturday December 17 - 5 pm-** *Josephine Azzopardi, Michalina Pisano, Tony Cisternino, Erica Rinaldo, Paul Henderson, Deceased members of the Morin Family, David Muir, Leonardo & Concetta Moccia*

**Sunday December 18**

**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:

*In loving memory of our son Rob Petrauskas resting with the angels, Forever missed and always loved.*

**Diocesan Prayer Calendar**

<b>Monday:</b>	Rev. Michael Anderson
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Rev. Robert Love
<b>Wednesday</b>	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer
<b>Thursday:</b>	Rev. Robert Kavelj, O.F.M.
<b>Friday:</b>	Rev. Marko Puljic, O.F.M.
<b>Saturday:</b>	Rev. Illija Petkovic

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**



**Isaiah 7.10-14**  
**Romans 1.1-7**  
**Matthew 1.18-24**

*“Joseph took Mary as his wife...”*

**2022 Income Tax Receipts**

***Any contributions intended for the 2022 tax year must be received at the church by the end of the 11:30am Mass on Sunday, December 25, 2022.***

**SUNDAY OFFERINGS**



IN OUR PARISH

**November 27, 2022**

**Regular Sunday Offerings-\$5,399.00**

**Building Fund \$90.00**

**Christmas \$40.00**

**Thank you for your support!**

**SACRAMENT SERIES**

Almost every part of our lives has been impacted by the pandemic and related restrictions. As we all know, the Church and our faith life have been no exception to this. Unfortunately, one of the harder hit areas of our faith has been the celebration of the sacraments, as every single one has been impacted by the pandemic and restrictions. To that end, as we are coming out of these restrictions, it might be good to take a look at each sacrament, its history, theology, and how it is celebrated today. We will have one sacrament per month starting in October. See the dates below:

**Thursday, January 12, 7:00- Reconciliation**

**Thurs, Feb. 9, 7:00- Anointing of the sick**

**Thursday, March 9, 7:00- Holy Orders**

**Thursday, April 13-7:00- Holy Matrimony**

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

We are happy to be able to celebrate Christmas without any major restrictions this year!

Please join us to celebrate the birth of our Lord.

**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve**

5:00pm- Mass for children and families (no confessions at 4pm)

10:00pm- Mass during the night (incense will be used at this liturgy)

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day**

9:30am

11:30am

Please note there is no afternoon Masses on Christmas Day in the Diocese of Hamilton.

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 5:00pm

Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>- 9:30am, 11:30am

### CHRISTMAS HAMPER PACKING DAY

Annunciation parishioners are very welcome to come and pack the food hampers for our community: Saturday, December 17 at 9 am in Annunciation school gym. Packing starts first, followed by delivery at around 11 am. We'd love to see you there!

### CHRISTMAS PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish office will be closed on Friday, December 23, at noon hour and will re-open on Tuesday, January 3, 2023. We would like to wish all our parishioners a very blessed and safe Christmas and New Year!

### COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS



*We know that at Christmas our hearts will be full – we want our pews to be full also! Throughout Advent, Parishes across the Diocese are being encouraged to invite all the faithful to Come Home for Christmas. We all know people who have fallen away from*

*regular Mass attendance, and Christmas provides a privileged occasion to welcome them home. All parishioners are encouraged to join in this effort to extend a warm invitation to return - for more information, visit <http://hamiltondiocese.com>*

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

After a long hiatus, Children's liturgy has returned at the 11:30am Mass! Children from kindergarten to grade 2 are invited to participate. If you're interested in becoming a leader, please to talk to Fr. Paul after Mass or contact the Parish Office at 905-388-2078, Ext. 200.

### ANNUNCIATION YOUTH GROUP

The Annunciation Youth Group is making it's return! Youth from grade 7 to grade 12 are invited to come after the 11:30 am Mass until 2:00 pm, once a month for food, games, and to learn more about our faith. The first meeting was a great success! If you're interested in joining or learning more, click on the Youth Group link on our parish website!

### ADVENT CONFESSION TIMES

In addition to our regularly scheduled confession times, during the season of Advent, confessions will be available on Saturday mornings from 8:00-9:00am. In addition, there will be all day Confessions held at Saint Margaret Mary parish on Wednesday, December 14. Come and prepare your hearts to welcome our newborn King!

### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



Once again, we are holding a Christmas Raffle to help with our Parish expenses. The draw will be held on December 18th after the 11:30 Mass. The draw will be Live Streamed. You will be receiving two books of tickets in the mail (along with a Christmas letter from Fr. Paul.) PLEASE either buy the two books or sell them to your family and friends. Thank you again for your continuous support! Your Christmas Raffle Committee

### 2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The 2023 Offertory Envelopes will be available the first week of January this year. We are reprocessing the numbers to cut costs to the envelopes. Anyone with a number between 800 and 1400 will receive a new number as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Please use the visitor envelopes available in the pews if you wish to donate for Dec 31/Jan 1. Thank you!

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT-December 11

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, please contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Once again, 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 with the Poinsettia acknowledging your family's donation. If you are interested, please fill out the information below and drop it off to the parish office along with your donation before December 23<sup>RD</sup>. Thank you for your support!

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### ACTIVE SENIORS SECOND WALK

Friday, Dec. 16. Park at Limeridge Mall at 8:00 am. Enter by Fox and Fiddle pub. We will walk the interior of the mall to our individual limits. Coffee after in the mall. Bring water. Wear white! Joiner's welcome! Contact Jack at [jackfrei44@gmail.com](mailto:jackfrei44@gmail.com)



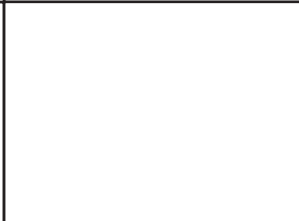
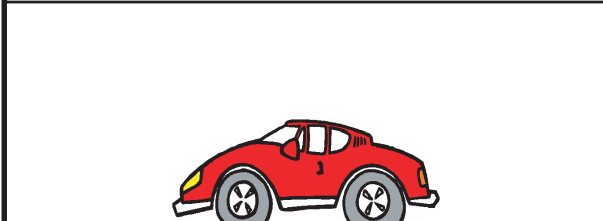
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Immediately after these words & without any further explanation, Sister Faustina records this unexpected request of Our Lord:  
At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, 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 mercy for us, I trust you. (I, 35)

Jesus | Trust in You!



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