

Annunciation of Our Lord Parish

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Closed from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. for lunch

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's notice is required.

R.C.I.A.

Considering Becoming Catholic? Please contact the Parish Office for information 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

At the Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 12 noon Masses (except July and August)

PARISH SCHOOLS

Annunciation of Our Lord 905 388-4495

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 death occurs in your family, please contact your Funeral Director who will coordinate with our office in making liturgical arrangements.

PARISH CENTRE RENTALS

Please contact George or Josie at 905-512-9050



CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Saturday 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

MASSES

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Our Mother of Perpetual Help Mass
Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.
Friday 9:30 a.m. (Mass with School Children)
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

PERPETUAL ADORATION IN OUR ADORATION CHAPEL

Please call the office at 905-388-2078 for access.

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.

Mass  for the Intentions  Week

Monday December 18-No Mass

Tuesday December 19- 7:00 p.m.- *Domenic Mirra, Virginia, Paul & Tino Cirone, Reynaldo Manuel, Sean Browne, Christina, In thanksgiving for the received by St. Therese of Littleflower, Victor Ignazi, Landolfi Enrico*

Wednesday December 20 –9:00 a.m. - *Mrs. Settimia Luizzi*

Thursday December 21–7 p.m. – *Leonardo Moccia*

Friday December 22- 9:30 a.m- *Special intentions of Saramma Thomas*

Saturday December 23-5:00 p.m.- *Dennis Roque & deceased family members, Richard Dubois, Angela, Ignazio & Adagisa Bozzo, Patrick McKenna, Calogera Agro, Adele Fusco, Deceased members of the Capuno & Capitolo family, Rosalina Di Guzman*

Sunday December 24-CHRISTMAS EVE

9:00 a.m. – *Pro Populo*

10:30 a.m. – *Pro Populo*

12:00 p.m. – *Patrick Noon*

5:00 p.m.-FAMILY VIGIL MASS

7:30 p.m. – FAMILY VIGIL MASS

12 MIDNIGHT-FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS

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 of our parishioners to take a moment and offer a prayer for these intentions:

In loving memory of Giuseppe & Filomena D'Agata, from your daughter Giuseppina

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

- Monday:** Rev. Junghyuk Choi
- Tuesday:** Rev. Allen Varlaki
- Wednesday:** Missionaries
- Thursday:** Rev. James Malone
- Friday:** Rev. Stephen Csiszar
- Saturday:** Rev. Jerome Mascarenhas, O.C.D.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY



2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8b-12,14a,16
Romans 16.25-27
Luke 1.26-38

“Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God”

OFFERINGS



IN OUR PARISH

Sunday Offerings

Sunday November 26th \$6,913.10

Thank you for your support!

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOURS

The Parish Office will close at noon on Friday, December 22. We will be open regular hours on Wednesday, December 27 and Thursday, December 28th. We will close at noon on Friday December 29th and will reopen for regular hours on January 2nd. The staff would like to wish everyone a most Blessed Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Please note that there is NO MASS Tuesday, December 26 and Wednesday, December 27th. Also, there is NO MASS for the week of Tuesday, January 2 until Friday, January 5, inclusive. Regular mass resumes Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 5 p.m.

EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES FOR ADVENT

Please note that extra confession times are available on **Thursday, December 21, at 7 p.m. and Friday, December 22 at 7 p.m.** as well as our regular times, Tuesdays 6-6:45 p.m and Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS IN MEMORIAM



This year we are offering Poinsettias in memory of your loved ones and/or friends/relatives for a donation of \$30.00. 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 22nd. Thank you for your support!

DONATED BY _____

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IN MEMORY OF _____

CWL News



The executive of the CWL would like to wish our members, and indeed, all members of our Parish a blessed and joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Please note that there will not be a January meeting. Ladies of the parish interested in joining the CWL, please contact Claudia at 905-575-5379.

"Out of the Chill" Chili Dinner

The CWL will be serving up our annual Chili dinner after mass on Saturday, January 20. Tickets will be on sale after masses for 3 weekends only: Dec 16-17, Jan 6-7 and Jan 13-14. Dinner will include 2 types of chili (meat or veg), buns, coleslaw, and dessert for \$8 (adults) and \$5 (children 5-12).

2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The 2018 Offertory envelopes are available for pickup in the hall beside the Parish Centre. Please be sure to pick up your envelopes early!

FORMED - 'Catholic Netflix'

How to register for free:

- 1) Go to formed.org
- 2) Click "Register"
- 3) type in your Parish Code (Z7DFT8) and email then click "GO"
- 4) Fill in your name, address and create a password (at least 6 characters)
- 5) check box and click "SUBMIT"
- 6) Go to your email and click the link to activate your account. Just LOGIN any time you return to formed.org with your email and password you created.

PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel is a ministry of healing for any person suffering pain or problems from an abortion experience. This **confidential** service allows people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905.526.1999 or toll free, at 1.888.385.3850.

CANADA POST



Canada Post has once again printed Christmas stamps with a Christian theme and they are available now. When you are purchasing stamps, please request these special stamps to ensure that Canada Post will continue the practice of printing religious themes on the stamps each year!

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 x2246.

Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
www.Hamiltonvocations.com

2017 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

We would like to say thank you to everyone who has financially contributed to support the upkeep and running of our parish during this past year. We truly appreciate ALL donations regardless of the amount. Income tax receipts will be issued to everyone who gave more than \$25.00 for the year. If you gave less than \$25.00 for 2017 and desire an income tax receipt please call the parish office and we will provide you with a receipt. **Please note: the last day for contributing to your 2017 income tax receipts will be Monday, December 25th. Donations given after this date will be included on your 2018 income tax. Thank you for your support!**

Annunciation of Our Lord Parish Youth Ministry

Conquest and Challenge Club

"Amen, I say to you. Whatever you do to the least brothers of mine, you did it for me"

CONQUEST (Boys Club) AND CHALLENGE (Girls Club)

<http://annunciationparish.wix.com/challengeandconquest>

Registration for 2017-2018 CONQUEST AND CHALLENGE Club is now open!

We are very happy to announce that registration for 2017-2018 is now open. We will be offering the program, twice a month on Tuesdays from 6-8pm, from September 2017 to May 2018. The cost is \$60.00. This program is open to any boys and girls from Grades 4-8. We hope to see you all back! Please pick up your registration form at the parish office or at the Narthex of the church or by calling Mrs. Tess Perez at 905.388.2078 Ext 201 for more information.

If your child is entering Grade 9 next year, they may consider coming back as a leader, gaining volunteer hours, leadership skills and faith formation!

Place: Annunciation of Our Lord School
250 Limeridge Rd W. Hamilton

Participants: Boys (Conquest) and Girls (Challenge)
Grades 4-8 (Mom & Dad are welcome!)



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