

# 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](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 18- No Mass**

**Tuesday December 19-7pm-** Rev. George Sammut, Raynaldo Manuel, Paul Henderson, Deceased members of the Morin Family, Richard Harris, N.K. Joseph, Special intentions of Gilroy Alex

**Wednesday December 20-9am -** Ennio Maniccia

**Thursday, December 21-9am -** Anna Rocco

**Friday December 22- 9am-**Ennio Manniccia

**Saturday December 23-5pm-** Vincenzo DiDonato, Deceased members of the Monti Family, Donna John, Leonardo & Concetta Moccia, Francesco Pugliesi, Angela, Ignazio & Adalgisa Bozzo, Lucio Galli, Santina Guidi, & Rinaldo Carlo Guidi

**Sunday Dec. 24- 9:30am & 11:30am -**Pro Populo

**Christmas Eve – 5 pm & 10 pm- Pro Populo**

**PRAY TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP**

*For the Holy Souls in Purgatory*



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. Msgr. T. Slaman
- Tuesday:** Single Catholics
- Wednesday:** Voluntas Dei Institute (i.v.Dei)
- Thursday:** Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino
- Friday:** Rev. Ronald Hodara
- Saturday:** Rev. Donald Wilhelm

**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**



**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 favor with God”*

**SUNDAY OFFERINGS**



IN OUR PARISH

**Sunday November 26, 2023, \$4,421.00**  
**Building Fund \$ 10.00**  
**EFT Payments Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, \$2036.00**  
**Thank you for your support!**

**WELCOME!**

Next weekend, the fourth Sunday of Advent, we welcome Bishop Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton, who will preside and preach at all three Masses. We thank his Excellency for his presence amongst us and for helping us in our last-minute preparations for Christmas!

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DEC. 17, 2023**

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, call Fr. Mark Morley, director of Vocations, diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

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

**VESPERS**



A small, but mighty group has gotten together each Thursday evening during the season of Advent to pray Vespers or Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. Join us this week at 7pm. All materials are provided.

**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 21<sup>st</sup>.

Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Christmas Mass Schedule 2023**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Saturday December 23 at 5:00pm  
Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm  
Sunday December 31<sup>st</sup> 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

**CONFESSIONS**

As we prepare for Christmas next week, we have a few times for those who still wish to go to Confession before Christmas. Confessions will be heard from 6:00 – 6:45pm on Tuesday, the 19<sup>th</sup> and then after the 7 pm mass until the line is finished. There will be three other opportunities on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm and on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 8am-9am and 4-4:45 pm.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

This is the last weekend for Children's Liturgy before it pauses for Christmas. It will resume on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to our volunteers who lead it each week!

**VOCATIONS MASS & YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT**

Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup> – 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 THIS SUNDAY DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2023. DONATIONS GIVEN AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE INCLUDED ON YOUR 2024 INCOME TAX.**

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