

# *Annunciation of Our Lord Parish*

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## **PARISH STAFF**

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*Oh Come  
Let us Adore Him*

Mass  for the Intentions  Week

**Monday December 19-** No Mass

**Tuesday December 20-** Fernando & Tony Arruda, Tino, Paul & Virginia Cirone, Bill & Shirley McCracken, Deceased members of the Ryan Family, Alice, Murth, Kevin & Amon, Marianna Mattina, Salvatore Bonanno

**Wednesday December 21-** Donna John

**Thursday December 22-9am-** Reynaldo Manuel

**Friday December 23-9:00am -** Vincenzo Di Donato

**Saturday December 24- 5 pm-CHRISTMAS EVE**

5:00 pm-*Pro Populo*

10:00 pm-*Pro Populo*

**Sunday December 25-CHRISTMAS DAY**

9:30 am-*Pro Populo*

11:30 am-*Pro Populo*

**SUNDAY OFFERINGS**



IN OUR PARISH

**December 4, 2022**

**Regular Sunday Offerings-\$8,413.65**

**Building Fund \$75.00**

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**From the Pastor's Desk**

On behalf of our parish staff, I'd like to wish to you and your families a Merry Christmas! May the peace and joy brought by our newborn King abound in your lives and in all those you love. We rejoice that 2000 years ago, God entered an imperfect world to redeem it and save it by becoming one of us in all ways but sin. We rejoice at this profound gift of God's love for each one of us. Thank you to everyone who made our liturgies possible-lectors, extraordinary ministers, altar servers, and our parish musicians. Thank you to also our decorating team and our sacristans for their efforts throughout the year but especially at this time of year. Thanks also to our parish staff whose jobs are made busier at this time of year. May the peace of our newborn King be with you as we celebrate these holy days!

**- Fr. Paul**

**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



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:

*Special intentions*

**Diocesan Prayer Calendar**

- Monday:** Rev. Msgr. Ivan Vuksic
- Tuesday:** Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.
- Wednesday:** Voluntas Dei Institute(i.v.Dei.)
- Thursday:** Rev. Louis DeVaugelas L.C.
- Friday:** Rev. Jerek Scherber, L.C.
- Saturday:** Rev. Adam Zettel, L.C.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**



- Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7**
- Titus 2.11-14**
- Luke 2.1-16**

*"The Word is made flesh"*

**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.**

### 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



*Any time is a good time to invite family, friends, and neighbours to attend Mass. Especially so during the beautiful Christmas season. What better gift can we give a loved one who is away from the Church than a warm invitation to Come Home for Christmas? Whether they have*

*been away for a short time or a long time, we want all Catholics to know that they are warmly welcomed back to our Parish community. Please consider extending this invitation to loved ones, neighbours, and colleagues – 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!

### 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!

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT-December 18

“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife...When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.” Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? 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 POINTSETTIAS



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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### 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**

### RESTART PROGRAM

**RESTART:** Refresh, Renew, Revive- A gathering for separated and divorced individuals offering learning, support and fun! This program offers continual support and insights for people on their journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Join us on the second and third Friday of each month from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Either in person or via ZOOM. No registration is required. For the ZOOM link please contact Sarah at [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com).



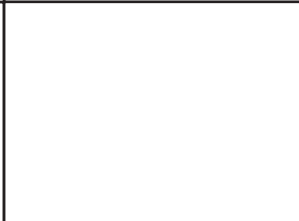
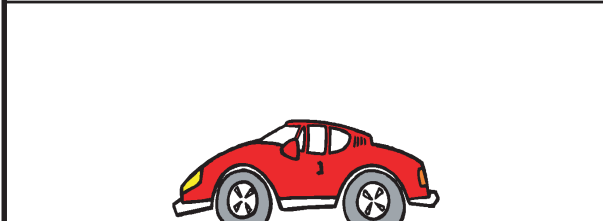
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Immediately after these words & without any further explanation, Sister Faustina records this unexpected request of Our Lord:  
At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion,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