

# *Annunciation of Our Lord Parish*

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*prepare the way...*



# **ADVENT**

Mass  for the  
Intentions  Week

Monday December 25-Christmas Day-  
9:30am & 11:30am

Tuesday December 26-No Mass

Wednesday December 27-No Mass

Thursday, December 28-9am – Antonio DiCosmo

Friday December 29- 8:30am-Hilda Parekh

Saturday December 30-5pm-Dennis Roque & deceased family members, Jose Lindo, Patricia Kelly, James Morris, Luigi Pavoni, Sp. Int Terezina Spanarelli, Sp. Int of Hazel Paul, Deceased members of the Giordano & Bondan families, In thanksgiving for Annunciation parish staff.

Sunday Dec. 31- 9:30am & 11:30am -Pro Populo

**PRAY TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP**

*In Loving memory of Filomena & Giuseppe D'Agata  
From your daughter Guiseppina*



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:** The Nativity of the Lord  
**Tuesday:** Chancery Staff  
**Wednesday** Congregation of the Sisters of St Anne  
**Thursday:** The Holy Innocents  
**Friday:** Rev. Edward Hinsperger  
**Saturday** Rev. Phillip Cook

**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**



Genesis.15.1-6;17.3b-5,15-16;21.1-7  
Hebrews 11.8,11-12,17-19  
Luke 2.22-40

*Simeon said, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel."*

**SUNDAY OFFERINGS**



IN OUR PARISH

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, \$8,379.85**  
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**FROM THE PASTORS DESK**

"Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace among those whom he favours!" This hymn of praise sung by the Angels as they announced the birth of our Saviour rings out with exultation as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. A saviour born for us, and Son given to us!

In becoming man, God breaks into our reality and experiences for Himself our human condition. He comes not with power or armies but to bring us His peace- because that is what we need. Peace to heal our broken hearts, peace to calm our worries and fears, peace as a remedy to violence, and war, and hatred. This year perhaps we might cherish this gift of peace even more as we continue to see war in Ukraine and have witnessed the war in the Holy Land, the very place where Christ was born, these past months, while also seeing increasing violence, conflict, and division closer to home. We pray that the peace that our newborn King brings us may abound in our hearts and throughout the world.

On behalf of our Parish Staff, I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and God's blessings throughout the New Year!

Merry Christmas! **Fr. Paul**

**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.

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her Life and she said "Yes!" and so the Saviour came into the World. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 Email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

## Scheduling Note

Please be aware that there will be no Mass on December 26 and 27. There will be Mass the rest of the week, however, Mass on Friday, December 29 will be at 8:30. Thanks for your cooperation.

Also, the office will be closed until after New Year's. However, if you need anything send Father an email and he'll get back to you.

## 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

## 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>.

## 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.

## SAVE THE DATE: THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS!

Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples

only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available online in December at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

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