

# *Annunciation of Our Lord Parish*

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## **PARISH STAFF**

Fr. Paul Edmondstone, Pastor

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*Oh Come  
Let us Adore Him*

Mass  for the Intentions  Week

- Monday December 26-** *No Mass*
- Tuesday December 27-** *No Mass*
- Wednesday December 28-** *Antonio DiCosmo*
- Thursday December 29-9am-** *Deceased members of the Nelligan Family*
- Friday December 30-9:00am** - *Hilda Parekh*
- Saturday December 31 - 5 pm-SOLEMNITY OF MARY**  
- *Pro Populo*
- Sunday January 1-SOLEMNITY OF MARY**  
**9:30 am-** *Pro Populo*  
**11:30 am-** *Pro Populo*

**SUNDAY OFFERINGS**



IN OUR PARISH

**December 11, 2022**  
**Regular Sunday Offerings-\$12,149.65**  
**Building Fund \$1335.25**  
**Christmas \$492.00**

**Thank you for your support!**

**From the Pastor's Desk**

On behalf of our parish staff, I'd like to wish to you and your families a very 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

**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 Giuseppe & Filomena D'Agata, Merry Christmas, Love from you daughter Giuseppina*

**Diocesan Prayer Calendar**

- Monday:** Feast of the Holy Family
- Tuesday:** Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I.
- Wednesday** Congregation of the Srs. Of St. Anne
- Thursday:** Rev. Mishil Varghese, C.M.I.
- Friday:** Rev. Peter Nwachukwu, O.C.D.
- Saturday:** Very Rev. Cornelius O'Mahony, E.V.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**



- Numbers 6.22-27**
- Galatians 4.4-7**
- Luke 2.16-21**

*"He was called Jesus..."*



**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 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! **Please note that there is NO MASS on Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**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.

## 2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The 2023 offertory envelopes are now available for pick up. The envelopes are sorted alphabetically. Please note that those with number 801-1400 have now been assigned new numbers effective January 1, 2023. Your new number is written on the label affixed to the box of envelopes. If you do have a new number, please be sure not to use your envelopes from previous years. Thank you for your cooperation!

## 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!

## 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-THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD

We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister, or a consecrated virgin. Contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
[www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations)

## 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).

## EVENINGS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY

Auxiliary Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for "Evenings with His Excellency." An opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the second Friday of each month from 7:00-8:30pm at St. Ann Parish in Ancaster. It is also available on St. Ann's YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith! All are welcome!

## PARENTING TIP FROM THE DIOCESE

Christmas is an exciting and busy time of the year, a time when it is vital for parents to counter the secular side of the holiday, so heavily promoted, by helping their children understand the real "reason for the season." Ensuring you have a nativity set and Advent wreath in your home are important reminders that it is Christ we celebrate. Attending Mass, placing Jesus in the manger before opening presents on Christmas morning, giving to charity and reminding your children Baptism calls all of you to do so, are ways to give a place of importance to the birth of Jesus. If Christmas becomes only about Santa, it is a real loss for your children and their faith.  
-From the Family Ministry Office.

## THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS IS BACK!

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 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 16, 2023 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 1 guest if your require assistance.) Registration will be available in early January at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

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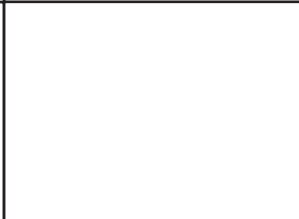
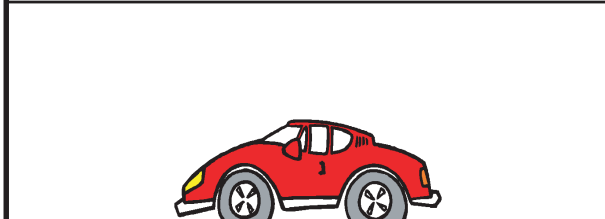


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