

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

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

SUNDAY OFFERINGS



IN OUR PARISH

Sunday November 12, 2023, \$5,040.25
Annual Appeal \$ 250.00
Building Fund \$ 817.00
Thank you for your support!

Monday December 4- No Mass

Tuesday December 5-7pm- Deceased members of the Ciarlitto family, Merlin Mascarenas, Richard & Edith Murray, Harry & Valerie Lewis, George & Nathalene Lewis, Elmer Lazrado, Father Erwin Lazrado, Eleanora Merlin, Teresa & Casimir Lazrado.

Wednesday December 6- Fred D'Silva

Thursday, December 7- Anna Rocco

Friday December 8- 9am- Jose & Margarida Medeiros
7pm- Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday December 9-5pm- Deceased members of the Monti family, Sp.Int of the Flanagan Family, Vincent Guagliano, Lucia Scarponi, Marianna Bozzo, Sp. Int of Kevin Perrera, Deceased members of the Passaretti family, Sp. Int of the Naccarato family, Pietro Alessi, Rosina DiPasquale

Sunday December 10- 9:30 & 11:30 Pro Populo

PRAY TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Special Intentions to St Lucy



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. Pierre Caouette, L.C.
- Tuesday:** Grandparents & Elderly
- Wednesday** Order of Preachers (Dominican, O.P.)
- Thursday:** Rev. Donald Sanvido
- Friday:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Saturday:** Rev. David Perrin

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



- Isaiah 40.1-5,9-11**
- Peter 3.8-14**
- Luke 3.4,6**

"Prepare the way of the Lord..."

From the Pastor's Desk

We begin the season of Advent this weekend reminded to be ready and to stay awake for the coming of the Son of Man. Advent calls us to wait in joyful hope for the coming of Christ at the end of time and to greet him anew as we celebrate his birth at Christmas. Please refer to the insert in last weekend's bulletin not only for the Christmas Mass times and additional Confession times, but also for the different things happening in our parish to help prepare us for the coming of Christ as Christmas. Please join us this week for our difficult topic series, where we will explore the Priesthood: who can be ordained and why, immediately after the Tuesday evening Mass. Please also join us for Vespers of Evening Prayer, the prayer of the Church, on Thursdays during the season of Advent at 7pm.

Fr. Paul

Estate Gift

Thanks to the profound generosity of a donor, our Parish has received a gift in the amount of \$25,000. This gift is part of a significant bequest left to the Diocese of Hamilton by a parishioner whose intent was to support Parishes and charities within the greater Hamilton area. The transformational gift will provide much-needed funds over the next ten years. A profound testament to what is possible through the generosity of legacy giving. Have you ever considered an estate gift to the Church in your Will? For more information, please call 905-528-7988 ext.2251 or email give@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 4th 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.

Christmas Mass Schedule 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday December 23 at 5:00pm

Sunday December 24th 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 30th 5:00 pm

Sunday December 31st 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

PLEASE NOTE:

Mass this Wednesday, December 6 will be **celebrated at 8:30am instead of 9:00**. Father is saying Mass at St. Thomas More at 9:30 that morning, the schedule has been altered to accommodate that.

This Friday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. We will celebrate Mass at 9am and 7pm. Please join us to honour our Lady conceived free from the stain of original sin.

2023 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

IMPORTANT! THE LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTING TO YOUR 2023 INCOME TAX RECEIPT WILL BE SUNDAY DECEMBER 17TH, 2023. DONATIONS GIVEN AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE INCLUDED ON YOUR 2024 INCOME TAX. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Vocations Mass and Young Adults Night

Friday, January 5th – 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 5th 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

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 21st.

Donated by: _____

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