

# *Annunciation of Our Lord Parish*

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## PARISH STAFF

Fr. Paul Edmondstone, Pastor  
Susan Healy, Parish Secretary  
Peter Gibbs, Custodian

## 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 year 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

Please contact the parish and arrange the day and time before your appointment with the Funeral Home.

## PARISH CENTRE RENTALS

Please contact George or Josie at 905-512-9050



## 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.

First Saturday Mass 9:00 a.m. - Confessions 8:15 - 8:45 a.m.

## PERPETUAL ADORATION IN OUR ADORATION CHAPEL

10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every First Friday of the month 6:00 - 7:00 p.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](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 5-** No Mass

**Tuesday December 6-** Humberto & Maria DaSilva, Marie Fernando & deceased family members, Giuseppina Pacini, Domencio Romano, The Holy Souls in Purgatory, Domenico Ieraci, Joe Campobianco

**Wednesday December 7-** Thomas John

**Thursday December 8-9am-** Jose & Margarida Medeiros  
**7 pm.-** Feast of Immaculate Conception-Pro Populo

**First Friday December 9-9:00am** -George Thomas

**First Saturday December 10 - 5 pm-** Marianna Mattina, Deceased members of the Monti Family, Angelo, Isolina & Rina Scattolon, Louis Raposo, Eslinda Fernandes, John Fernandes, Deceased members of the Misquitta & Vaz Families, Deceased members of Fernandes & DeMelo families, Santo, Emilia & Carmen Bozzo

**Sunday December 11**

**9:30 am-**Pro Populo

**11:30 am-**Pro Populo

**SUNDAY OFFERINGS**



IN OUR PARISH

**November 20, 2022**

**Regular Sunday Offerings-\$4,518.55**

**Building Fund \$85.00**

**Thank you for your support!**

**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, December 8, 7:30-Eucharist**

**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**

**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:

*Healing intentions for Fr. John Weber*

**Diocesan Prayer Calendar**

<b>Monday:</b>	Rev. Duy Van Nguyen
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Rev. Hayden Starczala
<b>Wednesday</b>	Order of Preachers (Dominican)
<b>Thursday:</b>	Rev. John Van Hees
<b>Friday:</b>	Very Rev. James Petrie, E.V.
<b>Saturday:</b>	Rev. Gerald Mulhall

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**



**Isaiah 35.16a, 10**  
**James 5.7-10**  
**Matthew 11.2-11**

*“When John the Baptist heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples...”*

**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 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

## SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This Thursday, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the singular grace afforded to our Blessed Mother to free her from original sin, to make her a worthy dwelling place for Christ the Lord. We will have an additional Mass that day at 7:00pm. Immediately afterwards, we will have our next installment of the Sacrament Series as we take a look at the Eucharist and a brief walk through of the Mass. Please join us!

## 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! Our next meeting is Sunday, November 13, 2022. If you're interested in joining or learning more, click on the Youth Group link on our parish website!

## ADVENT CONFESSION TIMES

In addition to our regularly scheduled confession times, during the season of Advent, confessions will be available on Saturday mornings from 8:00-9:00am. In addition, there will be all day Confessions held at Saint Margaret Mary parish on Wednesday, December 14. Come and prepare your hearts to welcome our newborn King!

## ADVENT

With Advent approaching, we are looking for individuals or families to light the Advent wreath at each weekend Mass. All we ask is that you sit near the front and come up to light the next candle on the wreath at the beginning of Mass. Please see the sign-up sheets on the tables in the Narthex.

## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



Once again, we are holding a Christmas Raffle to help with our Parish expenses. The draw will be held on December 18th after the 11:30 Mass. The draw will be Live Streamed. You will be receiving two books of tickets in the mail (along with a Christmas letter from Fr. Paul.) PLEASE either buy the two books or sell them to your family and friends. Thank you again for your continuous support! Your Christmas Raffle Committee

## 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!

## HELP NEEDED

Thank you to everyone who signed up for new ministries in the parish at last month's ministry fair! Two ministries we could use some more people are children's liturgy leaders and members of the Baptism Prep team. For more information on each, please contact the parish office.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT-December 4

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin in order to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? If God is calling you, please contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

## ST. JOSEPH SUNDAY MISSALS

Once again, we are asking for your help to fill our pews with the St. Joseph Sunday Missal. The time has come to replace the old missals with the new 2023 edition. You can donate a missal for the pews at a cost of \$6.00 per book. Each book will have a label identifying the donor. Order forms are in the Narthex of the Church, Also, forms and missals are available at the Parish Office.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAM AND JESSE TREE

"It's that time of year again! The SSVP are gearing up for our Christmas Hamper Project for families in our community. Nonperishable food donations can be placed in the boxes placed in the foyer from now until December 11. Please be mindful of expiration dates and damaged packaging.



The SSVP is glad to again run our Jesse Tree program to collect gifts for the families in our parish community as well as for the Good Shepherd Christmas outreach. Please join us by choosing a tag off the trees at the back of the church and return your contribution to the marked boxes by the weekend of December 3/4. On behalf of all our team and the families that we help, thank you so much for your generous and compassionate care!

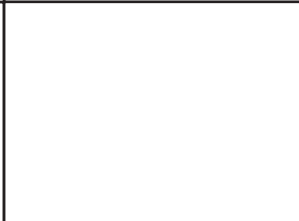
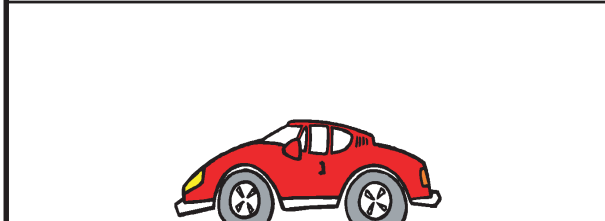


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Immediately after these words & without any further explanation, Sister Faustina records this unexpected request of Our Lord:  
At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion,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