

# Annunciation of Our Lord Parish

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## PARISH STAFF

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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 just outside of the Sacristy. Please 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

### 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 Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m., (except during Mass, and on Sundays 1p.m. - 5 p.m.) 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 registration form found just outside of the Sacristy.

### BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Monday noon, written submissions only.

# Mass Intentions for the Week

## SUNDAY OFFERINGS



IN OUR PARISH

**January 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> \$4892.00**  
**Building Fund \$ \$210.00**  
**Thank you for your support!**

**Monday February 12<sup>th</sup> - No Mass**

**Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup> -7pm** *Maria Primavera, Vincent C. DiBernardo, Anthony Loc Trong Nguyen, Deceased members of the Parkinson family*

**Ash Wed February 14<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am** *George Mahler*  
**7:00pm** *Pro Populo*

**Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> -9am-Sp.** *Int of Benjamin*

**Friday February 16<sup>th</sup> -9am** *Sp. Int of Nikhil Joseph*

**Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup> -5pm-** *Maria Chiarelli, Edda Aiello, Giuseppe Lafaro, Alfonsina Castellino, Giuseppe Sergi, George Thomas, Lucia Spetrini, Elvira Passaretti, Filippina Gibilaro, Alicia & Bernard Flanagan*

**Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30 am** *Pro Populo*

**11:30 am** *Pro Populo*

### 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:

*For Healing of sight and 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday for James Brideau, For the healing of Robert from Cancer.*

### Diocesan Prayer Calendar

**Monday:** Rev. Michael McHugh  
**Tuesday:** Rev. Msgr. Theodore Slaman  
**Wednesday** Ash Wednesday  
**Thursday:** Rev. William Trusz  
**Friday:** Rev. Vincent Kim Van Toan  
**Saturday** Rev. Msgr. Edward Sheridan

### 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 9.8-15**  
**Peter 3.18-22**  
**Mark 1.12-15**

Jesus was "tempted by Satan."

### From the Pastor's Desk

Though it feels like we only took down the Christmas decorations a few days ago, we begin the season Lent this week on Ash Wednesday. While it's a time that we may find difficult as we're called to greater fasting, prayer, and almsgiving during this time, it's an opportunity to grow closer to Christ but also to allow Him to work in our lives, to rely on Him, to trust in Him, to love like Him a little but more each day so that as we come to Easter we can celebrate with joy, not only that Christ has suffered and died for us but that He is alive guiding us and blessing us always.

**Fr Paul**

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel says that "Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper". Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcasts of today's society? Today, Jesus continues to call forward men and women to minister as he did. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon call Fr Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email

[vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

### Join Us

On Tuesday, February 20, Bishop Lobsinger will preside and preach at the evening Mass and will give a talk in the Parish Centre on the recent Synod on Synodality and the Diocesan response to it afterwards. The evening is sponsored by the Serra Club of Hamilton, but all parishioners are encouraged to attend.

## The Season of Lent

We begin the season of Lent this week on Ash Wednesday. We will celebrate Mass with the distributions of Ashes at 9am and 7pm. Please note that Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence.

On Fridays during Lent, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00pm with Benediction at 6:45. Confessions will be heard during Adoration. We will pray the Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm. Please join us to adore our Eucharistic Lord and follow Jesus on the royal road of the Cross this Lent.

In addition, to our normally scheduled Confession times, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on Saturdays from 1pm-2pm during Lent. Stay tuned for additional times closer to Holy Week.

## Remember in Your Prayers

As we begin the season of Lent this week, please keep in your prayers the four catechumens preparing for Baptism at Easter as they enter the final stage of their preparations. Next weekend, they will be enrolled in the Book of the Elect at the Cathedral during the Rite of Election. As a parish, we'll have a chance to welcome them on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent as they come for the scrutiny prayers during the weekend Masses.

## MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

The month of February, known as the month of love, can sometimes create unrealistic expectations for couples. "Real" love supports their spouse when they have had a bad day, creates ways to spend time together, offers help without asking and is self-giving, not self-receiving. This month, take the time to look for ways to support the one you love and you will experience a deeper, more connected relationship.

## PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Children love Valentine's Day because of the exchange of cards and little parties at school. It is a great time to talk to them about what real love is: giving, receiving, caring, thinking of others before self and putting others needs above your own. Your children will develop deeper and healthier relationships with this understanding. They will especially know what to look for when they grow up and find someone to love in their future. Do not forget to remind them that God loves them completely and unconditionally, so they can and should pray and talk to him about their life anytime.

## YOUNG ADULTS' NIGHT

(Saturday, March 2 – Hamilton)

Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship, and music for Lent in support of you as you discern your vocation and as we prepare to celebrate Easter. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food, vocations testimony, music, and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, March 2nd at St. Ann Roman Catholic Parish (120 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact:

[vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

## Pre-Authorized Giving

The Parish offers EFT or pre-authorized withdrawal as a way of making your weekly contributions to Annunciation. For more information, see the parish website or call the office. Thank you for your generosity.

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