

# 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 for the Intentions Week

## SUNDAY OFFERINGS



IN OUR PARISH

January 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> \$4696.46

Building Fund \$ 5.00

Thank you for your support!

**Monday February 19<sup>th</sup> - No Mass**

**Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup> -7pm** - Edda Aiello, Giovanna Guagliano. Thomas Lyon Miller, Therese De L'Etoile, Concetta D'Ippolito, Filippina Gibilaro, Sp. Int of Barbara Horst.

**Wednesday February 21<sup>st</sup> - 9:00am** Carmelo Bonitatibus

**Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> -9am-** In Thanksgiving for Anne Perera

**Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup> -** Hilda Parekh

**Saturday February 24<sup>th</sup> -5pm-** Andrew Venditello, Agustina Sri Sulasmi (7<sup>th</sup> anniversary), Edda Aiello, Corona Eni Bondan (37<sup>th</sup> anniversary), Pasquale Lentini, Angela Passaretti, Antonio Agemi, Fernando Costa, Sp. Int of Peter Giordano

**Sunday February 25<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:

In Thanksgiving for Dr & Mr. Namburi & Staff

### Diocesan Prayer Calendar

- Monday:** Rev. Robert Bulbrook
- Tuesday:** Rev. Ron Cote
- Wednesday** Discalced Carmelite Sisters
- Thursday:** Rev. William Foote
- Friday:** Rev. Michael Isabelle
- Saturday** Consecrated Virgin Candidates

### 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 22.1,9-13,15-18  
Romans 8.31b-35,37  
Mark 9.2-10

*"There appeared to them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus."*

### From the Pastor's Desk

This weekend, our Parish's three candidates for Baptism at the Easter Vigil will be welcomed as members of the Elect during the Rite of Election at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Please pray for Sachi, Gishani, and Richard as they make their final preparations for the Sacraments of Initiation and for their sponsors and their families. Over the coming weeks, we will celebrate the Scrutinies with our Elect at Sunday Masses on the third, fourth, and fifth weeks of Lent. It will be an opportunity to pray for them as they prepare to become fully initiated members of the Church and to welcome them to our Parish Community.

Fr Paul

### First Sunday of Lent

Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. If you think God could be calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905528-7988 or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

### Family Day Monday February 19<sup>th</sup>

We would like to take this time wish you all a great Family Day holiday and to enjoy your time with your loved ones.



## Stations of the Cross

Every Friday evening in Lent we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00pm with Benediction at 6:45. Confessions will be heard during Adoration. Following Benediction, we will pray the Stations of the Cross. Join us once or every week as we follow Christ on the way of the Cross.

## Difficult Topics Series

Our difficult topics series has only three sessions left. Remaining dates and topics are:

Tuesday, March 5- The Sacrament and Seal of Confession

Tuesday, April 9- Can we prove that the Resurrection happened?

Tuesday, May 7- The Sanctity of Human Life from conception to natural death

Each session begins immediately after the 7pm Mass and will last roughly an hour.

## 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 DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 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 is now available online at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com).

## 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.

## 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)

## RESTART: REFRESH, RENEW, REVIVE FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPORT GROUP

Struggling after divorce or separation? Join us for learning, support and fun on Friday evenings. Held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month, these get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Join in-person (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or by ZOOM. Register before each session: <https://sites.google.com/view/hamilton-restart/home>, or contact Sarah at [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com), or call her at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. We look forward to seeing you!

## Tax Receipts

Your 2023 Tax Receipts are ready for pick up, please look on the table in the Narthex for your envelope. They are in alphabetical order, please do not mix them up. Thank you.

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