

Annunciation of Our Lord Parish

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PARISH STAFF

Fr. Paul Edmondstone, Pastor
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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 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 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 February 20- Family Day (Parish office closed)

Tuesday February 21-7pm- William Pena, Jose Marie Pena, Emidio D'Altorio, Anthony Loc Nguyen, Maria & Bambino Primavera

Ash Wednesday February 22-9am- Andrew Cinelli
7 pm-Pro Populo

Thursday February 23-9am- Alice Adams

Friday February 24-9:00am -Hilda Parekh

Stations of the Cross-7 pm

Saturday February 25- 5 pm-Annamaria & Luigi Passarretti, Rose Mason, Dennis Roque & deceased family members, Chris D'Arcy, Agustina Sri Sulasmi (6th anniversary), Corona Eni Bonda (36th anniversary), Marino Bomben, Emma Corradetti, & for the special intentions of Peter Giordano

Sunday February 26

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 the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Monday: Rev. James Link, C.R.
Tuesday: Rev. David Mowat, C.R.
Wednesday Ash Wednesday
Thursday: Rev. Harry Reitzel, C.R.
Friday: Rev. Raymond Reitzel, C.R.
Saturday: Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R.

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 2.7-9, 16-18, 25; 3.1-7

Romans 5.12-19

Matthew 4.1-11



"Away with you Satan! for it is written, Worship the Lord your God."

SUNDAY OFFERINGS



IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY January 29, 2023

Regular Sunday Offerings \$4,824.00

Seminarian Collection \$15.00

New Year's Day \$55.00

Thank you for your support!

FROM THE PASTORS DESK...

We are going to make a change regarding Holy Communion for the sick and shut ins. The practice has been for many people to simply bring their pyx in the Communion line and have it filled by the priest or Extraordinary Minister. Starting the first Sunday of Lent, those who wish to bring Communion to the sick, are asked to come to the sacristy before Mass, fill the pyx with an unconsecrated host from a container that will be on the counter, and then place the pyx on the tray that will be on the gifts table. At the end of Mass, before the final blessing, I will invite those who are bringing Communion to the sick to come forward and receive the Blessed Sacrament. Thank you for cooperation and attention to this. – **Fr. Paul**

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

During the season of Lent please join us on Fridays for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 6pm, Stations of the Cross at 7pm, concluding with Benediction around 7:30.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

In addition to our regular Confession times, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be heard during Adoration on Friday's from 6:00-6:45 and Saturday mornings at 8:00am until 9:00am. Take the opportunity to prepare well for Easter and "return to the Lord with all your heart."

CONFIRMATION



Congratulations to the grade 7 students of our parish who received the sacrament of Confirmation this week. Thank you to their parents, sponsors, and teachers for their help in preparing them. We pray they may use of the gifts of the Holy Spirit well to make the world more like Christ!

ST. JOHN'S BIBLE

After Mass on Tuesday, March 14, there will be a presentation of the St. John's Bible in the parish centre. The St. John's Bible is a work of art and a work of theology, having been copied by hand with enlightening illuminations of various familiar stories found throughout scripture. A brief presentation will be made about the Saint John's Bible and its production and then we will take a look at the Gospel of John, particularly the Gospel passages we will read this year on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent- the woman at the well, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus. Please join us!

BEQUEST

Thanks to the profound generosity of a donor, our Parish has received a gift in the amount of \$50,000. 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. This 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.

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, March 9, 7:00- Holy Orders

Thursday, April 13-7:00- Holy Matrimony

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." Do you feel called to help people get closer to God? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, sister, or consecrated virgin, please contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

SAVE THE DATE!! ANNUNCIATION PARISH PASTA SUPPER IS BACK!!



On May 17th, 2023, after a long hiatus, our Pasta supper is back! Bring your family, friends and neighbours and enjoy a delicious homemade spaghetti and meatball supper. Please watch upcoming bulletins for ticket sales and prices.

BOTTLE DRIVE

Please save your bottles! We are having a bottle drive on Sunday February 26 as well as Sunday May 28th. Funds will go to the local food bank. Thank you for your support!



Join 40 days for Life this Lent- the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history. '40 Days for Life' is a peaceful, prayerful- and effective-pro-life campaign that has already been embraced by more than half a million people worldwide, save 22,829 lives from abortion, let to the conversion of 247 abortion workers, and saw 132 abortion facilities close. It takes place this year from **February 22, 2023 - April 2, 2023**. 40 Days for Life features prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil across the street from McMaster Children's Hospital/McMaster University.

Learn more about how you can "speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves" by visiting: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/hamilton>

PRE-AUTHORIZED DONATIONS

To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, Annunciation of Our Lord Parish depends entirely on the generosity of our parishioners. Several of our neighboring parishes have implemented pre-authorized donations with success. Pre-authorized giving allows you to give to your parish intentionally and faithfully through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account. **On or near the 20th day of each month, your account will be debited an amount you specify.** These funds are then deposited directly into the parish's account. The pre-authorized program is supported and encouraged by The Hamilton Diocese. Please speak with Fr. Paul or call the parish office if you are interested. Thank you for your ongoing support!



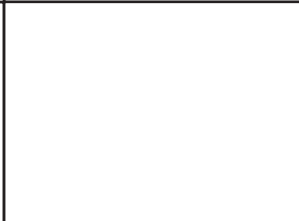
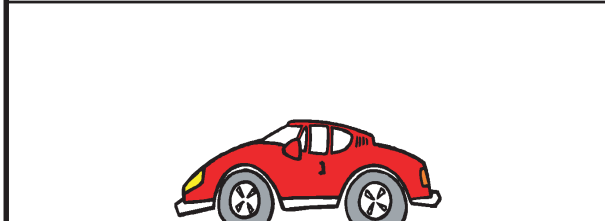
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