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 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 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.

Monday February 26th - No Mass

Tuesday February 27th – 9:00am-Dennis Roque & Deceased family members, James & Elinor Bianchi, Palmira D'Costa, In Thanksgiving for Jasmine D'Costa, In Thanksgiving for Tricia D'Cruz, Sp. Int John Couto, Sp. Int of Hilma D'Souza,

<u>Wednesday February 28th -9:00am</u>- Fernando Arrude <u>Thursday, February 29th - 9:00am</u>- In Thanksgiving for Saint Lucia

<u>First Friday March 1st-9:00am</u> Sp. Int of Leo Fernandes

First Saturday March 2nd -9:00am-Deceased members of the Monti family, Alfonsina Castellino, Alvira Passaretti, Edda Aiello, Eduardo Consoli, Antonio Biasutti, Harry Traina, Yvonne D'Souza, Harold Jerome Chisholm Sunday March 3rd

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:

Special Intentions of Rosa Veradano

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Monday:Rev. Zygmunt BaranowskiTuesday:Rev. Timothy HigginsWednesdaySociety of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Thursday:Rev. Michael KingFriday:Rev. Msgr Earl TalbotSaturdayRev. Ronald Voisin

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



Exodus 20.1-17 or 20.1-3,7-8,12-17 Corinthians 1.18,22-25 John 2.13-25

"Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!"

SUNDAY OFFERINGS



IN OUR PARISH

February 4th, 2024, \$ 4671.90 Seminary Collection \$931.00 Building Fund \$ 42.00 Thank you for your support!

Second Sunday of Lent

If you need examples of persons responding to God's call, look at Abraham and Sarah – called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God's call to be a priest, brother, sister, or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing, and think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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



Scrutinies

Starting next week and for the following two weekends, we will celebrate the Scrutinities with our RCIA candidates as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. This means our readings will come from the Mass for the scrutinites. You can find them in the Missals in the pews.

One Heart One Soul Update

Our sound system project is nearing completion. Many thanks to Scott Reid and his team from Mountain Audio for their work on the project. Thanks also to those who donated to the capital campaign for making this possible. We do still have some money left to work with. We're looking at finishing some updates to the second floor of the rectory (replacing of plaid drapes and wallpaper) and improving the A/V system and acoustics in the Parish Centre. The work continues!

Congratulations: to the Grade 2 students from our parish who received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week. Thanks to their parents and teachers for preparing them.

Baptisms

Beginning in May, the time of our Parish Baptisms will be adjusted slightly from 1:00 on the third Sunday of the month to immediately after the 11:30 Mass. Families and their friends coming for baptisms are encouraged to attend the 11:30 Mass and then stay for the Baptism. This also gives us a little bit more time for photos before the Melkite Parish has their Mass at 1:30.

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.

response to it afterwards. The evening is sponsored by the Serra Club of Hamilton, but all parishioners are encouraged to attend.

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

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.

Regina Mundi CWL Lenten Retreat

"The Illuminated Word" (stjohnsbible.org) Saturday March 9th, 2024, 11:30am-5:00pm Registration is \$5.00, Light lunch, presentations, Confession, Holty Mass For more information call Catharine at 905-318-2242

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.

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