

Annunciation of Our Lord Parish

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Epiphany of the Lord

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday January 8- No Mass

Tuesday January 9 -7pm Rosaria Catinella, Jacqueline Brick, Maire & Milton Fernando

Wednesday January 10 – No Mass

Thursday, January 11 -9am-Sp. Int Mike & Bev Traina

Friday January 12–9am Elide Pellegrini

Saturday January 13 -5pm-Michael Chiarelli, Guiseppe & Luigina Filice, Mary Emily Giordano, Corona Eni Bondan, George Mahler, Francesco Silva, Edda Aiello, Antonietta Carsuo, Sp. Int. Luigi, Mario & Antonio Nocarato.

Sunday January 14

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:

Sp. Int for Annunciation of Our Lord Parish Parishioners

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Monday:	Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday:	Rev. David Reilander
Wednesday	Sisters of St John the Baptist
Thursday:	Rev. Franjo Spajc
Friday:	Rev. Matthew Durham
Saturday	Rev. Aurimas Paulius Rudinskas

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



1 Samuel 3.3b-10,19

1 Corinthians 6.13c-15a,17-20

John 1.35-42

"Look, here is the Lamb of God!"

SUNDAY OFFERINGS



IN OUR PARISH

December 17th, 2023, \$6,329.10

Building Fund \$675.00

Annual Appeal \$ 1,100.00

Thank you for your support!

From the Pastor's Desk

As we come to the end of the Christmas Season, there are many people I'd like to thank for helping make our Christmas celebrations so wonderful. Thank you to our musicians, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers and ushers. Thank you to our sacristy team for their hard work throughout the year but especially at Christmas and a big thank to you everyone who helped decorate the Church. Thank you to our parish staff for their dedication and help throughout the year as well. Thanks to all who came to help us celebrate the birth of our newborn King. Thanks to all who sent cards and gifts to the office and rectory, may God reward you for your generosity. May the joy of Christmas be with you and your families during this season and into the New Year.

Fr Paul

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (January 21, 2024) marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith. The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebration of Bible Sunday 2024. Visit our website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/>.

The Baptism of the Lord

The Christmas season concludes with the Baptism of the Lord. Most years it is celebrated on the Sunday following the Epiphany, however, occasionally it gets transferred to the Monday following the Epiphany, as it does this year. To mark the end of the Christmas season, we will celebrate Mass for the Baptism of the Lord at 9am on Monday, January 8.

Epiphany

The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If you think that 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

Saint Vincent de Paul

Thank you to our Parish Family and schools for contributing food, gifts, and muscle power to make our Hamper Day a success. We were able to assist over 60 families this year through our Hamper program! God bless you for your generosity and prayer!"

Please Note

Please note there will be no Mass on Wednesday, January 10. The Mass schedule for the rest of the week remains unchanged.

RESTART: Refresh, Renew, Revive

Struggling after divorce or separation? Join us for learning, support, and fun on a Friday evening. 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 for the sessions here: <https://sites.google.com/view/hamilton-restart/home>, or contact Sarah at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 if you plan to attend in person and for the zoom link if joining online. We look forward to seeing you!

YOUNG ADULTS' NIGHT

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship, and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night and vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Friday, February 3rd at St. Michael Catholic Church (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Knights of Columbus

The Knights will be holding the next parish breakfast on Sunday, February 11 after the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses. Tickets are 15 dollars for adults and 10 dollars for children. They can be purchased in the Narthex after Masses starting the weekend of January 6/7.

The Knights will also be selling Superbowl Squares for 10 dollars per square. If you're interested, they'll be selling them for the next few weekends in the Narthex after Mass.

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.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Our envelopes are in and will be available in the Narthex of the Church. **Please pick up your box of envelopes as soon as possible, This will be the last weekend that they will be in the Narthex.**

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