

# *Annunciation of Our Lord Parish*

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## PARISH STAFF

Fr. Paul Edmondstone, Pastor  
Susan Healy, Parish Secretary  
Peter Gibbs, Custodian

## 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](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 blue registration form found at the entrances.

## BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Monday noon, written submissions only.

Mass  for the  
Intentions  Week

**Monday January 9-** *No Mass*

**Tuesday January 10-7pm-** *Marianna Mattina, Salvatore Bonanno, Giuseppe Cappello, Evelyn Kuntz, Fernando Finocchi, Anna Sgro, Rosaria Catinella*

**Wednesday January 11-9am-** *Patrick Thompson*

**Thursday January 12-9am-** *Victoria Blackburn & Family*

**Friday January 13-9:00am -** *Santina Sivitilli*

**Saturday January 14- 5 pm-** *Ernest Eckent Anicla, Judy Marie O'Hara, Michael Chiarelli, Carlo Zarcone, Julieta Salangsang, Massimo & Gabriele Paduano, Angelo & Giuseppa Mendolia, Ilariot, Margherita & Giuseppe Samarelli*

**Sunday January 15**

**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*

**Diocesan Prayer Calendar**

<b>Monday:</b>	Baptism of the Lord
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Rev. Fernando Ferreira Pinto, C.S.Sp.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Sisters of St. John the Baptist
<b>Thursday:</b>	Rev. Allen Varlaki
<b>Friday:</b>	Rev. Jerzy Toman
<b>Saturday:</b>	Rev. Aurimas Paulius Rudinskas

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**



**Isaiah 49.3,5-6**  
**1 Corinthians 1.1-3**  
**John 1.29-34**

*"Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"*



**SUNDAY OFFERINGS**



IN OUR PARISH

**Sunday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> \$6,987.00**

**Christmas \$295.00**

**Building Fund \$152.00**

**Thank you for your support!**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RAFFLE WINNERS!**

Thank you to all for participating in our raffle, which was a huge success! Thank you also to our Bazaar Committee for all their hard work!

The winners are:

- 1. Luca Mugheddu, \$1,000.00 Ticket #6587**
- 2. Lisa Bigney \$500.00 Ticket #6283**
- 3. Luigi Paron \$250.00 Ticket #5566**

The final profit will be available in next week's bulletin.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

After a long hiatus, Children's liturgy has returned at the 11:30am Mass! Children from kindergarten to grade 2 are invited to participate. If you're interested in becoming a leader, please to talk to Fr. Paul after Mass or contact the Parish office.

**2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

The 2023 offertory envelopes are now available for pick up in the Narthex. The envelopes are sorted alphabetically.

Please note that those with number 801-1400 have now been assigned new numbers effective January 1, 2023. Your new number is written on the label affixed to the box of envelopes. If you do have a new number, please be sure not to use your envelopes from previous years. Thank you for your cooperation!

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Thank you to all parishioners who donated to, packed, and helped deliver our Christmas Hampers on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>! Together with our partner schools, we were able to support and encourage 51 families in our immediate community! Thanks to everyone for sharing in this expression of God's love and care to our neighbours. With gratitude, The Saint Vincent de Paul team.



**ANNUNCIATION YOUTH GROUP**

The Annunciation Youth Group is making it's return! Youth from grade 7 to grade 12 are invited to come after the 11:30 am Mass until 2:00 pm, once a month for food, games, and to learn more about our faith. If you're interested in joining or learning more, click on the Youth Group link on our parish website!

## 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, January 12, 7:00- Reconciliation**  
**Thurs, Feb. 9, 7:00- Anointing of the sick** **Thursday,**  
**March 9, 7:00- Holy Orders**  
**Thursday, April 13-7:00- Holy Matrimony**

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage." Then, opening their treasure chest, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have you been given to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, please contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
[www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations)

## RESTART PROGRAM

**RESTART:** Refresh, Renew, Revive- A gathering for separated and divorced individuals offering learning, support and fun! This program offers continual support and insights for people on their journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Join us on the second and third Friday of each month from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Either in person or via ZOOM. No registration is required. For the ZOOM link please contact Sarah at [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com).

## EVENINGS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY

Auxiliary Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for "Evenings with His Excellency. "An opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the second Friday of each month from 7:00-8:30pm at St. Ann Parish in Ancaster. It is also available on St. Ann's YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith! All are welcome!

## MASTERING YOUR MONEY: A FINANCIAL WELLNESS PRESENTATION FOR THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

Financial worries are the top source of stress for all Canadians, ranking above work concerns, health worries and even relationship struggles. The need for financial literacy has never been more pressing. Join us for this special zoom session on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, from 7-8:30 p.m., presented by Mr. Fred Masters, President & Founder of Masters Money Management Inc., and the author of the critically-acclaimed new book 'Lessons on Mastering Money'. He has delivered dozens of financial literacy presentations and is a sought-after media commentator on financial literacy. This is a free virtual event, but you must register at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) under Upcoming events, or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, to receive the Zoom link

## THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS IS BACK!

Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the Kind in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (space allows room for Anniversary couples only-those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance.) Registration will be available in early January at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

## STRUGGLING AFTER AN ABORTION?

Your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help – you can heal from the pain. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. **Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.** Your call is important to us.

## CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES

Catholic Family Services provides confidential:

- Individual, Couple & Family Counseling
- Seniors Intervention and Support
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## 2022 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Thank you to all for your generous support to Annunciation of Our Lord Parish! We truly appreciate all of our parishioners' donations. Please be aware that we give income tax receipts over 25.00. If you would like a receipt for under 25.00 dollars, please call the parish office and inform us.



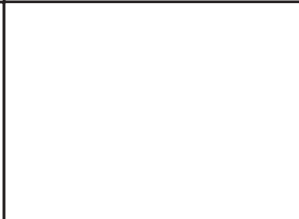
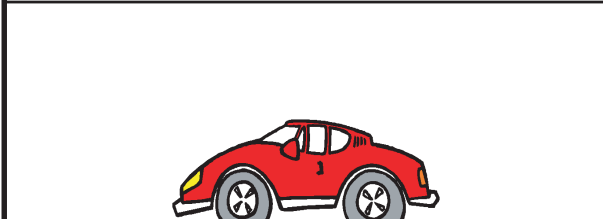
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