

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 year's 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.

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday March 18th - No Mass

Tuesday March 19th - 7:00pm- *Monica Sofia Pereira Janicas, Concetta & Emidio D'Altorio, Edda Aiello, Mieczyslaw & Helena Nalepa, Sandro Caddedu, Sp. Int for Dan & Elizabeth Vandesompele, Sp. Int for Cora Manuel, Sp. Int for Giordano & Bondan families & for the Deceased members of the Giordano & Bondan families.*

Wednesday March 20th - 9:00am- *Cassiano & Maria DiBernardo*

Thursday, March 21st - 9:00am *Mr & Mrs F & L Borges*

Friday March 22nd - 9:00am - *In Gratitude to God for Frank Anthony*

Saturday March 23rd - 5:00pm *Edward Mule, Michael Joseph Winn (1st anniversary), Ida Beltrano, Rosa Fiorentino, Loretta Fortino, Angelo & Johnny Brunogallo, Giulio & Yolanda Cappelletti (20yr Anniversary), Giovanni Sebastiano, Sp. Int of Jenny Correa-Winn*

Sunday March 24th

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:

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

- Monday:** Rev. Ken Miskiewicz
- Tuesday:** St Joseph, Patron of Canada & the Universal Church
- Wednesday:** Franciscan Fathers (O.F.M)
- Thursday:** Rev. Msgr. Dennis Noon
- Friday:** Rev. Donald Sanvido
- Saturday:** Permanent Diaconate 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



- Isaiah.** 50.4-7
- Philippians** 2.6-11
- Mark** 14.1—15.47 or 15.1-39

"Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!"

SUNDAY OFFERINGS



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Fifth Sunday of Lent

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will "lay down their lives for their friends." If you think God is calling you to lay down your life as a priest, religious or deacon for His Church, call Fr Mark Morley, director of vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, or send a email to vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Palm Sunday

Next weekend, we celebrate the Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Mass will begin at the back of the church. Please try to arrive 5 minutes early so that Mass can begin promptly and reverently. Striving to arrive a little earlier than we normally do for all the liturgies during Holy Week is a good way to help celebrate the mysteries of our salvation.

Holy Week Schedule:

Holy Thursday Morning Prayer, 9am

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 8pm, with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Parish centre, concluding with Night Prayer at 11:00pm

Good Friday

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
12noon and 3pm

Stations of the Cross- 6:00pm

Holy Saturday

Blessing of Easter Food-11am in the Parish Centre
Easter Vigil- 8:00pm
Easter Sunday Mass- 9:30am and 11:30am

Holy Week Confessions

During Holy Week, confessions will be available from 5:45-6:45 on Tuesday evening, prior to the 7pm Mass. If there is still a line when Mass begins, Father will return to the confessional after Mass until the line is finished. The final opportunity will be on Wednesday, March 27 from 4:30-5:30pm. Please note there will be no Confessions on Good Friday or Holy Saturday.

RCIA

We keep in our prayers our 3 elect who are preparing for reception of the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. We welcome them over the next few weekends as we pray over them, that they may be strengthened as they prepare to receive the riches of God's grace in the saving waters of Baptism.

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.

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Normally, our patronal feast day is celebrated on March 25. This year March 25 occurs during Holy Week, so the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord is transferred to the Monday after the Octave of Easter, April 8. We will have a solemn mass with music and incense at 7:00pm that evening. His Excellency, Bishop Wayne Lobsinger will preside and preach at the Mass. There will be refreshments in the Parish Centre to follow courtesy of the Knights of Columbus.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will be having their first Bingo Night on Friday April 19, 2024, at Annunciation of Our Lord Parish Centre. Doors open at 6:30 & Games start at 7:00pm. More details to come.

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Mass

On the Feast of Divine Mercy, the Apostles of Divine Mercy Canada will host a special Mass beginning with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the praying of the Divine Mercy beginning after 3:15 on Sunday, April 7. Mass will follow celebrated by Father Roque Conception, Pastor of St. Mark's parish in Kitchener. A reception will follow in the Parish Centre. All are welcome. Stay tuned for more details about times the Chaplet will be prayed during the Novena.

Youth Group

The next youth group meeting is April 7th. Students in grade 6-10 are welcome! Join us in the parish hall after the 11:30 mass until 2pm.

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Easter Flowers in Memoriam

Once again, this year we will have Easter Flowers available for a donation of \$40.00 in memory of your deceased family or friends, or on behalf of yourself and your family. Cards will be placed with the Easter Flower acknowledging your donation. If you are interested, please fill out the form and drop it off to the parish office with your donation on or before March 27th.

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