

# Annunciation of Our Lord Parish

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## PARISH STAFF

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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 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.



## 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

## 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 September 11-** *No Mass*  
**Tuesday September 12 – 7pm** Antonio Beltrano, Marie & Milton Fernando, Sp. Int Sison family, Sp. Int Sally Alex  
**Wednesday September 13 – 9am-** Veneranda Maroni  
**Thursday September 14 – 9am-** Amedeo Capoferri  
**Friday September 15 -9am -** Mary Stout  
**Saturday September 16- 5pm –** Yolanda & Giulio Cappelletti, Monica Pereira Janicas, John Dunwoody, Maria Spadafora, Luigi Paron, Calogero Baio, Sp. Int Brenton Joseph, Sp. Int Quintela family

**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:

*In Thanksgiving for the Guzman Family  
 From James & Anne Brideau*

**Diocesan Prayer Calendar**

**Monday:** Rev. Ronald Voisin  
**Tuesday:** Rev. Sam Restivo C.R.  
**Wednesday:** Missionary Sisters of Christ the King  
**Thursday:** Rev. Roque Concepcion  
 Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
**Friday:** Our Lady of Sorrows  
**Saturday:** Rev. George Nowak, 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**



**Sirach. 27.30-28.7**  
**Romans.14.7-9**  
**Matthew 18.21-35**

*“His Lord handed him over to be tortured.”*

**SUNDAY OFFERINGS**



IN OUR PARISH

**Month of July 2023 \$22,601.46**  
**August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, \$ 4606.70**  
**August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, \$ 4904.10**  
**August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, \$ 4523.75**

**Thank you for your support!**

**From the Pastor’s Desk**

I hope that everyone had a restful and relaxing summer. Though the summer months are often quieter around parishes, there was still a great deal of activity here. The renovations in the rectory, made possible by funds from the One Heart One Soul campaign, are now complete. I hope to post some pictures on the website soon so that you can see the work that has been done. Thank you to all who donated so generously to the campaign for making this project possible. Thanks also to the parishioners who helped on the project from stocking and restocking the kitchen to installing lights and taking down drapes. A big thanks to our “foreman” Guido Kelly who managed and coordinated the project through every speed bump and hurdle seamlessly. We’re blessed as a parish, and I am blessed as the Pastor to have so many dedicated volunteers who help in so many ways to make Annunciation the beautiful community that it is. Have a good week!

**Fr. Paul**

**To Whom Shall We Go?**

This was Simon Peter’s reaction to Jesus’ question if the disciples wanted to go away after the crowds had deserted him because they found his teaching that his body is true food and blood true drink too difficult. In our own day there are many teachings of our faith that the world finds difficult and that we ourselves might not know how to fully articulate or know why the Church teaches what she teaches. Beginning in October, on the first Tuesday of each month after the 7pm Mass, we will explore a difficult teaching- one that’s either hard to understand fully or one that the world finds challenging. You are encouraged to suggest possible topics to Father Paul over the next few months, by sending him an email or letting him know after Mass.

## Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? We are starting the process soon. Adults looking to be baptized or to become fully initiated members of the Church are encouraged to make an appointment with Father Paul over the week or so.

## For parents of children not in Catholic School

If you are a parent of a child in grade 2 or 7 who does not attend a Catholic school and would like your child to receive First Communion or Confirmation this year, please contact Fr. Paul or the parish office as soon as possible for details regarding registration and how we can help prepare your child to celebrate the sacraments.

## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." The community that gathers needs leadership; consider the priesthood, diaconate, religious or consecrated life. Contact Fr Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

## Catholic Children's Aid

Catholic Children's Aid of Hamilton has been helping children in the Hamilton Diocese of over 50 years and the needs continue to increase. **Youth** in our community **are facing homelessness, food insecurity and mental health issues**. You can make a difference today by helping us to raise funds by placing a bid on our online auction & raffle. All the money raised will be poured back into support for our young people. There are a variety of items to choose from - something for everyone! Check it all out at this link and help us help children in need! Be sure to scroll to the bottom of our page and hear from some of our youth directly. [Children First Raffle & Auction \(auctria.com\)](#) or **CONTACT US:** Roger Ali: [Roger.ali@hamiltonccas.on.ca](mailto:Roger.ali@hamiltonccas.on.ca) or 905-525-2012 ext. 3150. If you like to play golf, you might also consider joining us for our golf tournament on Sept. 12th. See more here: [Attend or Support a Fundraising Event – Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton \(hccas.ca\)](#)

## YOUTH MINISTERS RETREAT

The annual Youth Ministers' Retreat for the Diocese of Hamilton will be held the weekend of Friday, September 22nd to Sunday, September 24th at Mount Mary Retreat Centre. The retreat is open to all those who minister to young people within the diocese. Information and registration about the retreat can be found at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/> or contacting [youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com).

## PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

As summer ends and school begins, it is time to get back to a more scheduled lifestyle. As you organize your family, remember that our priorities are what we give the most time to and what we schedule time for, so do not forget to schedule family time, prayer time and Church attendance into your schedule. Place these items on the calendar because they matter to your whole family and seeing them there raises their importance!

## Restart: MOVING FORWARD

Our 10-week program offers support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The sessions will run from Sept. 19-Nov. 28 and take place from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person, or you are welcome to join our zoom classroom. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration is required so please call Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com), or register online at [hamiltondiocese.com](https://hamiltondiocese.com) and look under Upcoming Events.

## FRASSATI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Office of Youth Ministry will be holding a Catholic leadership program for young people in grade ten (ages 15-16). This program will equip them and encourage them to draw closer to Christ and their respective communities. The goal of this program is that young people will join us for opportunities for formation as Catholic leaders and then go back to their respective communities to turn their learning into practice. Registration for this program closes September 30th and can be found at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/>.

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