

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 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 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 25- *No Mass*

Tuesday September 26 – 7pm *Dennis & Maria Roque & Deceased family members, Shelah Horsham, Jose & Margarida Medeiros & Deceased family members, Fatima Coutto, Julie Noronha, Lucia Chiaravalle, Sp. Int Sison family*

Wednesday September 27 – 9am - *Filomena Radassao*

Thursday September 28 – 9am- *Domenico & Elvira Maniccia*

Friday September 29 -9am – *Hilda Parekh*

Saturday September 30- 5pm – *Bruno & Mario Gagliarai, Artimizea Correa, Isabel O’Gorman, Matilda Gabriele, Minnie Lyons, Fatima Coutto*

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 of Jim Brideau

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

- Monday:** Rev. Murray McDermott, C.R.
- Tuesday:** Rev. Franciso Cruz
- Wednesday:** Parish Staff
- Thursday:** Rev. Mussie A. Keflezghj, M.C.C.J.
- Friday:** Rev. Brian Quigley, M.C.C.J
- Saturday:** Rev. Jungheon (Franciso) Kwak

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



Ezekiel.18.25-28
Philippians.2.1-11 or 2.1-5
Matthew 21.28-32

“The tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.”

SUNDAY OFFERINGS



IN OUR PARISH

September 3rd, 2023, \$ 4781.00
Building Fund \$ 65.00

Thank you for your support!

From the Pastor’s Desk

I was standing in the Narthex the other day and looking at the wall of Pastors with a few parishioners and they were pointing out what Priest was here when they got married or arrived in the Parish. While we’re blessed to have had some good Pastors, it was a reminder to me that while Pastors come and go (I’m the ninth Pastor in 46 years, plus a few administrators and associates) it is the people who remain and that’s fitting because the people really are the parish. As we begin a new school year and activities of the parish ramp up, perhaps this is a good reminder that this is your parish because you are the parish, so it needs your participation. Happily, there are many ways to get involved. See the list below and if interested, speak to me after Mass or give me a call during the week.

- Lectors, - Parish Centre Ministry,
- Funeral Servers, - Ushers & Greeters,
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Youth Group Leaders, - Altar Servers,
- Childrens’ Liturgy Leaders, -Knights of Columbus,
- Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, - Livestreaming,
- Gardening Team, - Baptism Prep Team

Youth Group

Our parish youth group starts up again on October 1, after the 11:30 Mass and will meet usually the first Sunday of each month. Youth grade 7-12 are invited to join. Check out the posters in the Narthex and scan the QR code for more information.

Con't from Pastor's desk

40 Days for Life

At our Mass on Tuesday evening Hamilton's 40 days for life will begin and we will pray for the success of the campaign and the wellbeing of participants for an end to abortion and for a greater respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death. There will be a small reception in the Parish centre to follow.

Arriving for Mass

Over the last few months, at many of our Sunday Masses, there has been a steady stream of people arriving up until almost the reading of the Gospel. If coming on time is a challenge, please try to arrive five minutes earlier than you normally do, this would be appreciated by others in the pew and the Pastor.

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.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Seek the Lord while he may be found." While searching, listen; could it be that you are being called to serve as a priest, deacon, sister, or brother, or consecrated virgin? If God is calling you, contact Fr Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

FEAST OF ST. FAUSTINA

On Sunday, October 8, the Apostles of Divine Mercy invite you to celebrate the feast of Saint Faustina. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 3:00 with the recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet, with Mass celebrated by Fr. Paul at 4 and a reception to follow in the Parish Centre. All are welcome!

THE MASS OF DEDICATION FOR ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

in Hamilton is scheduled for October 22, 2023, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Parishioners from the former Corpus Christi and Our Lady of Lourdes Parishes came together a few years ago and began the process of building a new community and a new home. Excitement is building. If you haven't experienced a Mass of Dedication before, plan to attend!

In Honor of Our Lady

Friday September 29, 2023, beginning at 6:30pm St Elizabeth of Hungary church is having an evening of Prayer, Reflection, and Holy Mass with Father Francis Geremia. Location is St Elizabeth Village 391 Rymal Rd W. All are welcome to attend.

Saint Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is running their Baby Layette drive again for the organization formally known as "St. Martin's Manor". Although no longer under the umbrella of Catholic Family Services, the Manor continues to support young single mothers in their efforts to raise their children well. This is a mandate that we wish to continue to support. Please join us in this effort by choosing a tag from the mobiles, purchasing the item listed and returning the gift (not wrapped) to the designated boxes by October 8. Please note that diapers in sizes 3-4 are VERY welcome.

ALSO, one of our neighbours in need is looking for a men's mountain bike in good condition. If you have one available to donate, please leave your name and number with the church office—attention St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you!

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