

# 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 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](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 registration form found just outside of the Sacristy.

### BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Monday noon, written submissions only.

Mass  for the Intentions  Week

**Monday Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm- NO MASS**

**Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup> -7:00pm-** *Ransirini Biyanurla, Frank Fontana, Lusamma Ulahannan, Edith Takac, Special Intentions of the D'Mello family, Special Intentions of Fr. Paul & Fr. Pierre*

**Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-** *Kurian Joseph*

**Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup> -9:00am-** *Betsaida del Carmen Guayara*

**Friday December 20<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am-** *Special Intentions of Monika Garlisi*

**Saturday December 21<sup>ST</sup> 5:00pm-** *Donna John, Lucio Galli, Leonardo & Concetta Moccia, Antonietta & Lorenzo Finelli, Alberto & Maria Toderi, Rentao & Marietta Capobianco, Pasquale Di Filice, Patrick Noon, Edda Aiello, Special Intentions of Mauricio Munoz Ochoa & Christopher Noon*

**Sunday December 22<sup>ND</sup> 9:30am & 11:30am-** *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:

*In Memory of Robert Petrauskas, rest in peace knowing you are loved forever*

**Diocesan Prayer Calendar**

- Monday:** Rev. Ljubo Branimir Lebo
- Tuesday:** Rev. Stipe Rotim
- Wednesday:** Voluntas Dei Institute
- Thursday:** Rev. Ilija Petkovic
- Friday:** Rev. Vinko Nenadic
- Saturday:** Rev. Peirre Caouette

**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**



**Micah 5.2-5a  
Hebrews 10.5-10  
Luke 1.39-45**

“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”



IN OUR PARISH

**SUNDAY OFFERINGS**

**Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, \$ 5067.00**  
***Thank you for your support!***

**Jubilee 2025, Pilgrims of Hope**

An ancient tradition of the Church is to hold a year of Jubilee every 25 years. The last ordinary jubilee year was in 2000, which marked the beginning of the third millennium and 2000 years since the birth of Christ. Pope Francis has made the theme for Jubilee 2025 “Pilgrims of Hope.” The Jubilee year will begin on the feast of the Holy Family, December 29 and conclude on the feast of the Epiphany, January 6, 2026. We will mark the beginning of the jubilee year at Masses on the feast of the Holy Family. Stay tuned for more details about how we will mark this jubilee year as a parish and throughout the diocese.

**Third Sunday of Advent**

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister to help our world of today to truly “prepare the way of the Lord”? Contact Fr Mark Morley. Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

Please see below our list for our Christmas Mass times

**Tuesday December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve**

5:00pm

&

10:00pm Mass during the evening, (incense will be used at this Liturgy)

**Wednesday December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day**

9:30am

&

11:30am

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

Tuesday December 31<sup>st</sup> 5:00pm

&

Wednesday January 1<sup>st</sup> 10:30am

## Welcome Back

The Parish office staff would like to welcome back Fr. Paul, we are happy you had such a healthy and speedy recovery, and it is nice to have you back in the office. Also, thank you to Fr. Pierre for all your extra help

## Advent Confessions

In addition to our regular scheduled confession times, during the Advent season, confessions will be on Saturdays from 1-2 pm. During the third week of Advent there are a few more opportunities to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare for Christmas.

Additional Confession times will be Tues Dec 17<sup>th</sup> after 7pm mass, until finished.

Wed Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 4-6pm, both priests available and Thurs Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30pm.

The last opportunity for Confession before Christmas is the regular 4:00 Confessions on Saturday, December 21. There will be no confessions on December 24 or December 31.

## CHRISTMAS YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

During the Christmas Season, Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, 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 with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, January 4th at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Road West, Hamilton, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

## Offertory Envelopes

Our Offertory envelopes are now available to pick up in the Narthex of the Church. They are in Alphabetical order, **please make sure to pick up your box and double check for your name on the top before taking it with you. Some of your numbers may have changed so please don't look for your number, look for your name.**

## Fall Appeal Letter

Thank you very much to everyone who responded so generously to our Fall Appeal Letter. We received just under \$20,000. Thank you very much! This past week, we were able to make another payment on our mortgage. We thank all parishioners for their generosity to our parish, both spiritually and financially. May God continue to bless us as we strengthen our community so that we might proclaim the Gospel and build up the kingdom of God.

## MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

December can be a stressful month with all the preparation and planning that goes on before Christmas. This stress can cause us to lash out in ways we often would not, especially towards our spouses. This year make a conscious decision to break the cycle. Get out your calendars and plan some quiet couple time: a shared coffee, a walk in your neighborhood, watching a shared movie, or a dinner out. At least once a week make the gift of the season time with each other because its impact will last much longer than any other material gift you might give. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

## CHRISTMAS POINTSETTIAS IN MEMORIAM

This year we are offering Poinsettias in memory of your loved ones and/or friends/relatives for a donation of \$40.00. Cards will be placed on the flowers and placed on the altar. If you are interested, please fill out the information below and drop it off at the parish office along with your donation sometime before Friday December 20<sup>th</sup>



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 and lean not to your own understanding.  
 In all your ways acknowledge him,  
 and he shall direct your paths.**  
**Proverbs 3:5-6**

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