# Annunciation of Our Lord Parish

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Feast of the Holy Family

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday Dec 30<sup>th</sup>- NO MASS <u>Tuesday December 31<sup>ST</sup>-5pm Mass-</u>*Pro Populo* <u>Wednesday January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, 10:30am-</u>*Pro Populo* <u>Thursday January 2<sup>nd</sup>-9:00am-</u>*Zena Pinto* <u>First Friday January 3<sup>rd-</sup> 9:00am-</u>*Pat Hansen* <u>First Saturday January 4<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm-</u>*Vincenzo & Mario Raso, Lusamma Ulahannan, Veronica Pinto, Pierre & Maria Vandesompele, Marcia & Ian Healey & Deceased family members, Deceased family members of the Monti Family, Special Intentions of Bernadette DeSouza* <u>Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30am & 11:30am-</u>*Pro Populo* 

### PRAY TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP



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The two blue candles by Our Mother of Perpetual Help can be lit for your intention (\$5 <u>each</u>). The shrine is located by our Blessed Tabernacle. We encourage all our parishioners

to take a moment and offer a prayer for these intentions:

#### For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### **Diocesan Prayer Calendar**

Monday:	Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O'Mahony
Tuesday:	Rev. Felix Nwatu
Wednesday:	Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God
Thursday:	Most Rev. Douglas Crosby
Friday:	Rev. Piotr Machnacki
Saturday:	Very Rev. Ranjan D'Sa

#### **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 60.1-6 Ephesians 3.2-3a,5-6 Matthew 2.1-12

"They Knelt down and paid him homage."



IN OUR PARISH

**SUNDAY** 

OFFERINGS Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, \$ 6266.45 Building Fund \$ 581.00 Christmas \$ 50.00 EFT December 2024 \$ 2493.00 Thank you for your support!

## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday December 31<sup>st</sup> 5:00pm & Wednesday January 1<sup>st</sup> 10:30am

## Feast of the Holy Family

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocations as a single, married, ordained, or consecrated person. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Fr, Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email him at vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

## Welcome

We are blessed to have Father Mark Morley this weekend. Father Mark is the Vocations Director for the diocese and is here to preach at all the Masses in anticipation of next weekend's Young Adult's Night here at Annunciation. Welcome Father and be assured of our prayers for your important ministry.

## Confessions

Please note there will be no Confessions this Tuesday, December 31. The regular Confession schedule resumes on Saturday, January 4 at 4:00.

Happy New Year and all the best for a Happy & Healthy 2025!! From Fr. Paul, Fr. Pierre & the office staff

## THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS – SAVE THE DATE!

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? Then you are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 1, 2025, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available online in January at hamiltondiocese.com.

# **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

## **Offertory Envelopes**

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

## **Knights of Columbus**

Will be having their Bottle Drive on Jan 5, 2025, from 10-1pm

## **Birthright Hamilton**

The birth of a child is a special moment and Birthright Hamilton has been offering support for pregnant and parenting moms in need for more than fifty years. The postal strike this year is having a severe impact on our ability to send out a Christmas donation letter to our supporters, which generally raises a large portion of our yearly budget. At this time of year, when we reflect on Christ's birth in a manager, might you consider a donation to help us through this challenging time? Donations can be made by e-transfer to birthrighthamilton@gmail.com, or by donating through Canada Helps (www.canadahelps.org/en/ and then searching Birthright Hamilton), or by dropping a donation at the office at 370 Main St. East in Hamilton (905-527-3677). Your support is helping us to help those in need and is greatly appreciated. Tax receipts are issued for all donations.

## **Jubilee Year**

This weekend at the beginning of each Mass, we will mark the beginning of the 2025 Jubilee Year. The letter to the Romans reminds us that "hope does not disappoint because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5). During this yearlong celebration of the hope that we have as Christians because Jesus Christ is crucified and risen from the dead, we are called to look for the signs of hope in our world that see in our pilgrimage to the Heavenly Jerusalem. In the coming weeks, we'll announce how as a parish we will mark the Jubilee Year.

# St Vincent de Paul

Our heart-felt thanks to all our parishioners who supported the Christmas Hamper program this year! Through your monetary donations, Jesse Tree purchases, food gifts and gifts of your time and energy-- 57 Christmas Hampers were delivered to homes within our community. We are humbled by your continued generosity and prayers on behalf of those who ask for help. God bless you all, Merry Christmas!" The St. Vincent de Paul team Liturgical Publications 3171 LENWORTH DR. #4 MISSISSAUGA, ON L4X 2G6 1-800-268-2637



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