

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 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.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Mass Intentions for the Week



IN OUR PARISH

Monday Jan 13th - NO MASS

Tuesday January 14th - 7pm Mass - John Ulahannan, For the Holy Soul in Purgatory, Milton & Maria Fernando, Special Intentions of the Ganesaratnam Children, Special Intentions of Daniel Fraser, Special Intentions of Dave Winn & Jenny Correa-Winn, Special Intentions of Jim & Anne Brideau

Wednesday January 15th - 9:00am - Connie Rosati

Thursday January 16th - 9:00am - Special Intentions

Friday January 17th 9:00am - Special Intentions of Mike & Bev Traina

Saturday January 18th 5:00pm - Luigi Giordano, Giovanna Gualiano, Mary Emily Giordano (12yrs), Tony Cisternino (3 yrs), Vincenzo Aiello, Martin O'Brien, Special Intentions of Giordano family, Special Intentions of the Maquire Family

Sunday January 19th 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:

Maria J. Silva

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Monday: Rev. Allen Varlaki
Tuesday: Rev. Rajesh Dsouza
Wednesday: Sisters of St John the Baptist
Thursday: Rev. Jerzy Tomon
Friday: Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen
Saturday: Rev. Pierre Luc, S.J.

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 62.1-5
Corinthians 12.4-11
John 2.1-12

"Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water.'"

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Sunday December 22nd, 2024, \$ 10,485.80

Building Fund \$ 115.00

Christmas \$ 1295.00

Thank you for your support!

Christmas Thank You

Both Fr. Paul and Fr. Pierre would like to thank everyone who sent cards, gifts, and food to the rectory for Christmas. Your generosity is much appreciated!

Baptism of the Lord

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the beloved, with you I am well pleased." Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious. If He is, contact Fr Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Offertory Envelopes

Our Offertory envelopes are now in the hallway, just outside the parish center. 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.

Serra Club

The Serra Club of Hamilton is pleased to welcome His Excellency, Bishop Crosby to their next meeting here at Annunciation on Tuesday, January 21. The bishop will preside at the 7pm Mass and will give a brief talk about his life as a priest and bishop. All are welcome to join us.

Bible Study

In mid-February we are pleased to be starting an 8week Bible study through Ascension Press called "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible". The series begins with the book of Genesis and will go through the story of Israel, the coming of Jesus, the sending of the Holy Spirit and concludes at with the book of Revelation. There are sign-up sheets on the tables in the Narthex for those interested. There are a couple of proposed times, please indicate which time you would prefer.

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.

Heart 2 Hands

Please join in our monthly workshop at St. Catherine of Siena Parish. It is for anyone interested in helping to make milk bag mats for the homeless. Also, those that knit and crochet are also invited to make hats, scarves and gloves for the homeless of our community. We are asked to bring scissors, a ruler, yarn, crochet/knitting needles and yarn, if we have any donations. We are always looking for yarn donations.

Any questions, please call Maria 905-973-2467 or Elizabeth 905-387-5324

JUBILEE OF HOPE, 2025

The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as "Pilgrims of Hope!" All invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been designated as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Resources, information and locations of the pilgrimage sites are all available on the Diocesan Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com.

On December 29, 2024, the Feast of the Holy Family the Jubilee Year was inaugurated in our Cathedral Church and all parishes in the Diocese of Hamilton.

Each month in the Diocese of Hamilton, we will pray for Heros of Hope – those members of our parishes and communities who offer hope to those in need by their ministries and service. During January, we pray for those who serve in Parish Ministries:

Lord God, by the grace of our baptism, you have given us new life in Christ and called us to serve as pilgrims of hope. We pray in thanksgiving for those who have responded to your call to be leaders in our parish community and for the volunteers who dedicate their gifts for the building up of your Church and the service of their sisters and brothers. Through their varied ministries, may they touch the hearts of all in our community who long for the hope, born of our Christian faith, that never disappoints.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Knights of Columbus Bingo

The next bingo night hosted by the Knights of Columbus is Friday, January 24 in the Parish Centre. Doors open at 6:30 and games start at 7:00. All are welcome to join!

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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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