



OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH

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LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday ✕ 5:00 pm

Sunday ✕ 8:30 am, 10:00 am & 11:30 am

(Children's Liturgy offered during 10am & 11:30am Masses)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 8:30 am

Tuesday 7:00 pm

Wednesday 8:30 am

Thursday 8:30 am

Friday 8:30 am

Saturday 9:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday ✕ 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

First Fridays ✕ 8:00 am – 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

Celebrated one Sunday every month. Contact the parish office to provide information. We will contact you to arrange an appointment with you.

rites of initiation for adults

Adults seeking full initiation into the Catholic Christian faith enter a period of preparation called the Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). Please email: denise@olota.ca

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Kindly contact the parish office at least six months prior to desired date of marriage. A Marriage Preparation Course is essential as are several meetings with the priest.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please contact the parish if you know someone confined to home or in hospital, so sacramental and pastoral care may be arranged.

FRIDAY ADORATION

Exposition ✕ 8:00 am – 9:00 am

Benediction ✕ 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays thru Fridays

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

(we are closed for one hour at noon)

CATHOLIC FUNERAL RITES

When a death occurs in your family, please contact the parish office before contacting the funeral home and we will assist you in making liturgical arrangements. The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton website is: www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you and your family to Our Lady Of The Assumption! Please introduce yourself to Father Andrew. Registration forms are available at both entrances to the Church and online.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions may be booked in person during regular office hours or by using the mass intention envelopes in the main entrances of the church. These may be placed in the collection baskets. Requests for specific dates must be booked in the parish office.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Andrew Quarshie

Office Manager: Donna Coruzzi

Secretary: Vanessa Villanueva

Evangelization Coordinator: Denise Araiche

Finance: Luisa Conti

Music Director: Rosanna Faccio-Polimeni



MASS INTENTIONS

December 25th ~ December 31st

SUNDAY – 24th Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:30pm – Christmas Carols

6:00pm – Christmas Vigil Mass

11:30pm – Midnight Carols

MONDAY – 25TH The Nativity of the Lord

12:00am – Solemn Midnight Mass

9:00am – Christmas Day Mass

11:00am – Christmas Day Mass

TUESDAY - 26th

7:00pm – NO Mass

WEDNESDAY - 27th

8:30am – †Thomas Carlos

THURSDAY – 28st

8:30am – Szawaz Family (Thanksgiving)

FRIDAY – 29th

8:30am – †Carmela Falcone

SATURDAY – 30th

9:00am – Zyla Family (Thanksgiving)

5:00pm – †Fiore Sozio

†Sebastian Rivero

†Anica & Paul Simatovic

†Dorothy Brennan

†Marissa Marrazzo

†Peter Thanh

†Anna Dien

†Joseph Hoang

†Paul Dang

†Joseph Le

SUNDAY – 31st The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:30am – †Frances Taylor

10:00am – Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)

11:30am – †Paul & †Jeannine St. Jean



Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas to you!

Christmas is always a time of joy; we share the joy of welcoming the child Jesus among us and we celebrate his presence. This Christmas, my thoughts have been on the Holy Family, on how they welcomed the child Jesus amidst the uncertainties and challenges of their present circumstances. My thoughts have been on all the sacrifices they had to make to have Jesus.

I thought about how the Holy Family welcomed the wise men (Matthew 2:1-12) and the Shepherds (Luke 2:8-20) to see Jesus. I also thought about how a star had led the wise men to see Jesus, and how angels went to announce to the shepherds about the birth of the child Jesus.

I had two things to take away from my reflection: Christmas is a time to do all we can to welcome Jesus into our lives; secondly, Christmas is a time to do all we can to lead others and welcome them to encounter Christ. Just like the Holy Family, may our parish family here at Our Lady of the Assumption, be a place where Christ is welcomed and always celebrated. May we be like the Holy family to do all we can to welcome people to come to encounter Christ. May we be like the star leading others to Christ. May we be like the angels to forever announce Jesus who is the Good News to the world, so that all may come to experience the joy of salvation which he brings to our partly broken world.

We welcome Fr. Jason Kuntz, Vice Rector of St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario, to our parish. We thank Fr. Jason for sharing his inspiring and holy ministry with us this Christmas. We are truly blessed that Fr. Jason is able to help our parish during the big festivities.

A very Merry Christmas and a grace-filled New Year to you all!

Fr. Andrew

SUPPORT REPORT – December 17th, 2023

Sunday Offering Envelopes \$ 5,502.69

REMEMBER YOUR PARISH Keep your love for your parish alive. Remember Our Lady Of The Assumption Parish in your will and when recommending expressions of sympathy.

Fourth Sunday Of Advent



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & VIGIL MASSES

Sunday, December 24, 2023 ~5:30pm & 6:00pm

SOLEMN MIDNIGHT CAROLS & MIDNIGHT MASS

Sunday December 24 & 25, 2023 ~ 11:30pm & 12:00am

MASSES DURING CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25, 2023~9:00am & 11:00am

SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

(Holy Day of Obligation in Canada)

Saturday, December 30, 2023~ 9:00am ~ 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 31, 2023 ~ 8:30am~ 10:00am~11:30 a.m.

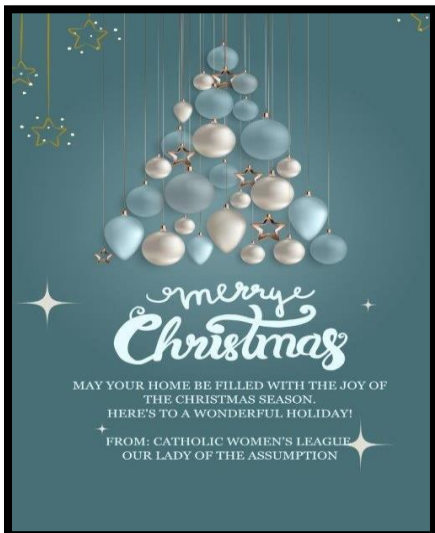
Monday January 1, 2024 ~ 11:00am



"And when we give each other Christmas gifts in His name, let us remember that He has given us the sun and the moon and the stars and the earth with its forest and mountains and oceans—and all that lives and move upon them. He has given us all green things and everything that blossoms and bears fruit and all that we quarrel about and all that we have misused—and to save us from our foolishness, from all our sins, He came down to earth and gave us Himself."

--Sigrid Undset

Message from CWL – Our Lady of the Assumption



The **2024 Donation Envelopes** are available for those who currently use them and are to be picked up in the corridor leading to the parish hall. If you have recently requested envelopes and your envelopes are not at

this location, please call the parish Office.

When picking up your new 2024 Offering Envelopes please do not use them until January 1, 2024. When using them for the first month please put your name and full address with telephone number on the envelope, that way we can ensure that your donation will be applied correctly. For those who do not currently use envelopes and wish to begin doing so, you can fill our Parish Registration Form requesting them or you may call the Parish Office.



There will be **NO** Children's Liturgy on **Sunday, December 31st**. We hope that everyone has a wonderful and blessed Christmas, and we look forward to welcoming the children, in Junior Kindergarten to grade two, back to Children's Liturgy on **Sunday, January 7, 2024!**



The Office will be closed from **December 22nd at noon** and will return on **Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024.**



YOUTH CHOIR NOTICE

WE ARE SINGING:

Christmas Eve Dec 24th at 6pm Mass. Please meet in the church at 5pm. Caroling begins at 5:30pm.

Rosanna



ADULT CHOIR NOTICE

Practices will resume on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the church and will be held every other week.

Fausto & Grace

