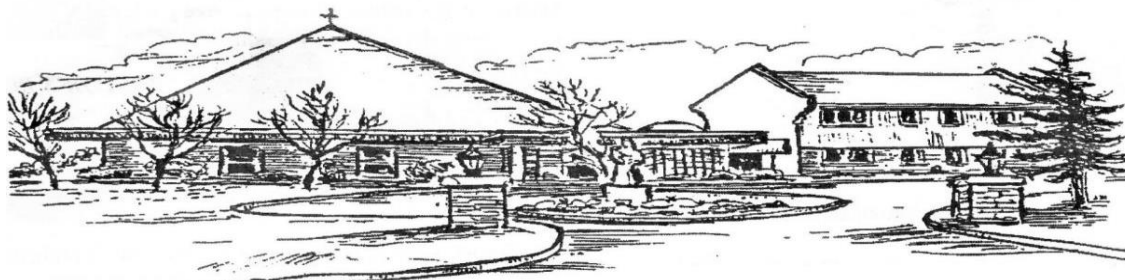




OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH

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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

January 15th ~ January 21st

MONDAY – 15th

8:30am – †Joseph Le

TUESDAY – 16th

7:00pm – †Renzo Piccolotto

WEDNESDAY – 17th

8:30am – †Thanh

THURSDAY – 18th

8:30am – †Vincent Long

FRIDAY – 19th

8:30am – Theresa Lim (Birthday)

SATURDAY – 20th

9:00am – Our Lady Of Assumption Parishioners

5:00pm – †Margaret Mastorianni

†Maria Custodio

†Anna Leone

SUNDAY – 21st Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am – †Roger & †Margaret Bota

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

11:30am – †Pawel & †Irena Badaj



Dear Parishioners,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We have the opportunity to look at the past with gratitude, the present with passion and zeal, and the future with joyful hope. Wishing every parishioner, the very best of the New Year!

SHORT ORDINARY TIME: Christmas season has ended. Last Tuesday, January 9th, the Church entered into the short Ordinary Time season which will last until Ash Wednesday on February 14, 2024. The season of Ordinary Time gives us the opportunity to reflect on the mysteries of Christ and to live out the fruits of our faith. We just celebrated Christmas; what did we learn; how best are we living what we just celebrated and learnt?

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD: The Weekend of January 21 is dedicated to the Word of God. It is designated as Bible Sunday. This is a great opportunity to continue to grow in our love and understanding of the Word of God, and to allow it to guide our lives. I would like to use this opportunity to encourage you to purchase the bibles we have procured for parish so that we can all learn and grow in our understanding and practise of the Word of God. We can begin to read the bible at least One Chapter a day to discover its hidden treasures of faith. Very important is to come to know Christ and to allow him to influence our lives.

Special Candlelight Adoration: there will be special healing and anointing service during our candlelight adoration on Friday, 26th of January 2024, at 7:00pm. Invite friends and families to this hour of grace and healing.

Growing together in Christ – Strategic Pastoral Plan: If we pay close attention to our Parish, we can see that our parish and the parish community is changing. There are new developments in our area which is attracting more people to live in our parish area. We have six (6) Elementary schools and one (1) High school in our parish. We also cater to three (3) seniors' homes in our parish area. Moreover, our 11:30am Mass is full and overflowing with some parishioners standing week after week to participate at Mass. Currently we have four (4) Masses over the weekend (Sat. 5pm, Sun: 8:30am, 10am and 11:30am). Our Parish Hall is no longer able to contain our parishioners for main parish social events. We have many blessings in our parish and some challenges as well.

To respond positively and strategically to the changes and pastoral dynamics in our parish we shall gather as a parish community to reflect on the life of our parish and to plan where we want our parish to be in the next 3-5 years. Also, we shall plan how we want to continue to thrive, be more engaging, relevant and sustainable. The first parish conference on Growing Together in Christ will be on Saturday 27th of January 2024, at 10:00am -12:30pm. There will be lunch to follow.

All Pastoral Councillors, Finance and Building Committee Members, Parish Staff, Parish Societal Leaders, Parish Ministry Leaders and interested Parishioners are invited to this seminar.

NOTE: Please ensure to register to make provision for seating and refreshments. Registration forms are at the entrance of the church doors.

Fr. Andrew

SUPPORT REPORT

December 31st Offering Envelopes **\$6,940.30**

January 7th Offering Envelopes **\$4,003.95**

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.



Friday, January 26, 2024 @ 7PM

Candlelight Adoration

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish

Come and experience the blessings, graces, and power of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament with uplifting meditations and songs. Invite friends and families. There will be a free will donation at this event.

SAVE THE DATE – Games Night

The Social Committee will be hosting a Games Night in the Church Hall on:

Saturday, January 20th from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Bring your cards or favourite board game to play with others. Light refreshments will be provided. All are welcome. Please note that child-minding is not available.



Sign up will be necessary for this event as seating is limited. Please **sign up** at the entrances of the church.



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



CWL 1st Annual "Empty Bowl" Fundraiser



The CWL will be hosting its **1st Annual "Empty Bowl" Fundraiser** on Sunday February 4th after the 11:30 mass in the Parish Hall. The CWL will be serving up a variety of soups. Please come and join us to raise funds for our local Food Bank. Visitors will be able to choose a donated bowl and try the delicious soups our CWL will be serving for a simple offering to our local Food Bank. All funds raised will be given to our local Food Bank. The CWL will have a box at the front entrance of the church where donations of soup bowls can be dropped off. We thank the parish community for their continued support. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for this event, please contact the CWL.



This year our team, **Our Lady of the Assumption CWL** will again walk in the Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) 2024 on February 24, 2024. This is a family-friendly event and everyone is welcome to join our team as we walk together!

Our team will be supporting **Hamilton Mountain Neighbour To**

Neighbour Food Bank. We have set an aggressive goal of \$5000 because so many of our neighbours are experiencing hunger and homelessness! Hamilton Food Banks are reporting a 40% increase in visits year over year.

As team captain, I am hopeful that we will surpass our goal. Please consider joining and/or sponsoring our team. Any donation is appreciated and will go a long way to support those in need.

The link below will take you to our team fundraising page. You can choose options - ***Donate to Team AND/OR Join the Team!***

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=1007671>

Together we can make a difference!

Angela Canci
Team Captain