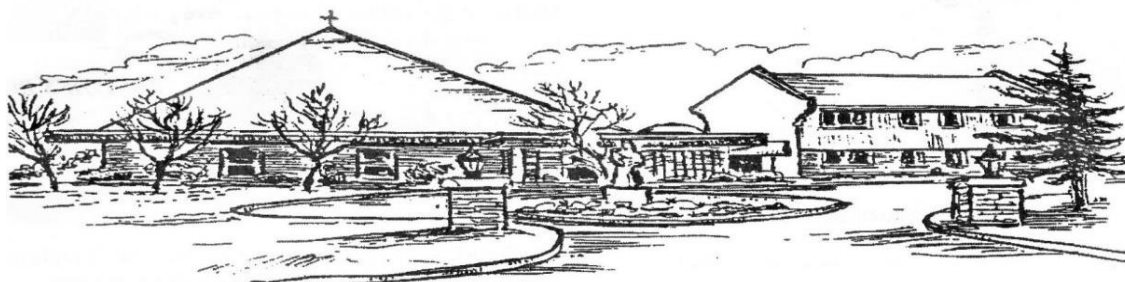




OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH

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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 22nd ~ January 28th

MONDAY – 22nd

8:30am – †Natividad Bruce

TUESDAY – 23rd

7:00pm – Kamsi Mbanefo (Birthday Thanksgiving)

WEDNESDAY – 24th

8:30am – Osedebame Lucky-Idiako (Birthday Thanksgiving)

THURSDAY – 25th

8:30am – †Natividad Bruce

FRIDAY – 26th

8:30am – †Helen Hewitt

SATURDAY – 27th

9:00am – Our Lady Of Assumption Parishioners

5:00pm – †Bob Baldin

†Gabriel Di Luca

†Nada Ciglaneki Alfieri

†Norma Antonia Dal Bello

SUNDAY – 28th Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am – †Frank Furlanetto

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

11:30am – †Mr & Mrs Emilio Battista &

†Roger & †Tony Battista



Dear Parishioners,

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD: This 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

January 14th Offering Envelopes **\$5,164.43**

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.

2024 DONATION ENVELOPES

Thank you to all those who have picked up your Donation Envelopes for 2024. We ask that throughout the month of January to please write your name and address on the front of your envelope. This will help to facilitate an easy transition in the books for the new year.

Please Do Not use ANY envelopes from the previous years.

Please contact the office if you require new envelopes.



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. *"Empty Bowls"* fundraisers started in the early 1990's as a way to promote hunger awareness and raise funds for local charities. 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, cwlourladyofassumption@gmail.com or contact Maricris @ 905 320 5161.



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.



Baptismal preparation is an important part of this parish. We are looking for people that would be interested in facilitating baptismal preparation once a month for new families. If you are interested or for more information, please contact denise@olota.ca



Our Lady Of Assumption Parish is hiring a Church Cleaner. Work schedule will be 2days/week with a total of 10hrs/week. Duties include cleaning the church, hall and washrooms. Candidate must be fit to use cleaning machines. If interested, kindly apply to the parish office.




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 

YOUTH CHOIR NOTICE

Practices have resumed every Monday @ 6:30-8PM at the Church. New members are always welcome!

Rosanna 



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