



February 18, 2024 – First Sunday of Lent

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 – 4:45 pm

First Fridays ✕ 9:00 am – 10:00 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 ✕ 9:00 am – 7:00 pm

Benediction ✕ 7:00 pm – 7:30 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

February 19th ~ February 25th

MONDAY – 19th Family Day Holiday

8:30am – †Brenda Feria

TUESDAY – 20th

7:00pm – †Serafina Canci

†Sarah Perry

WEDNESDAY – 21st

8:30am – Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY – 22nd

8:30am – †David Kewley

FRIDAY – 23rd

8:30am – †Leonilde Lolato

SATURDAY – 24th

9:00am – Souls in Purgatory

5:00pm – †Helen Hewitt

†Michelina Di Pietro

†Januario Correia

†Almorinda Correia

†Carlos Correia

†Januario Correia Jr.

†Michael Lawlor Sr.

SUNDAY – 25th Second Sunday of Lent

8:30am – †Josefa Puntanilla Lizardo

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

11:30am – †Werner Mildenberger

SUPPORT REPORT

February 4th Offering Envelopes **\$5,109.70**

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.



Dear Parishioners,

We have entered the sacred season of Lent which prepares us to celebrate the greatest mysteries of our faith – the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. This season is a wonderful opportunity to grow in holiness and to deepen our relationship with Christ through Prayer, fasting and Almsgiving. The traditional practices of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving can bring a huge transformation in our personal and spiritual lives. Here are few suggestions to consider:

Prayer: *Pray the Rosary or Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Pray when you wake up and before bedtime. Pray grace before and after meals. Pray for someone who needs help. Attend Weekday Masses in addition to Weekend Masses. Attend adoration or pop in during Fridays (8:30am-6pm) to spend time praying before the Blessed Sacrament. Attend Stations of the Cross. Meditate on passages from the Book of Psalms or the Gospels. Listen to audio bible while driving. Listen to Gregorian Chants or Praise and Worship songs while driving or at home. Join in singing at Mass (they who sing pray twice). Involve God in your daily decisions. Pray with family or a friend. Light a votive candle to pray for yourself, family or friend.*

Fasting: *Fast half-day 6am -12noon. Fast full day 6am to 6pm. Abstain from eating meat on Fridays. Give up a bad habit. Give up a particular vice or sin. Ensure food is not wasted. Shop for only things you really need.*

Almsgiving: *Help family or friend with a chore or something. Volunteer your time at church or a charity facility. Donate to the parish. Donate to a charity. Be kind to people. Make time for your spouse and children. Forgive someone who offended you. Advice a young person who is going wayward. Help elderly relatives with meals, grocery or chores. Say hello to fellow parishioners with a smile. Do your job well for the good of others. Offer your talent to help the parish grow. Show more love to family and friends. Care for the poor, needy, sick and aged. Always seek the common good.*

May we all have a grace-filled Lent.

Fr. Andrew

RITE OF ELECTION

This Sunday, our six Catechumen will inscribe their names in the Book of the Elect at the Cathedral. This rite is one step closer for them in receiving their Initiation sacraments: Baptism, the Holy Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. We ask that you pray for **Daval Brown, Kane Brown, Robert Campbell, Megan Denine, David Donald and Sheila Alonso Torres**. After Sunday, they will no longer be called Catechumen but instead, **“The Elect”**. We ask the Holy Spirit to give them strength, hope and love for their journey.

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Lent 2024 Stations Of The Cross

Date:	Facilitators:
7pm, Friday, February 23	Catholic Women's League
7pm, Friday, March 1	OLA Men's Group
7pm, Friday, March 8	St. Vincent de Paul
7pm, Friday, March 15	Youth Group & Young Adults
7pm, Friday, March 22	Music Ministry
7pm, Friday, March 29	Volunteers



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

MUSIC WORKSHOP

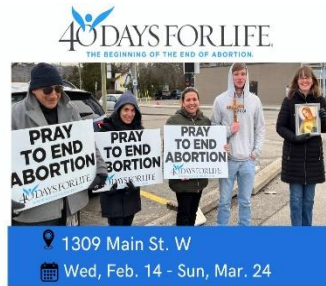
**Saturday
February 24, 2024
1 - 3:30PM**

**Learn with World
Class Soprano
CHELSEA KOLIC**

**will focus on:
"Your Body is your
Instrument"**

Sign up now!

Sign up sheet found at Church entrances



1309 Main St. W
Wed, Feb. 14 - Sun, Mar. 24

OPENING MASS: MON, FEB. 12
BISHOP CROSBY MASS: MON, MAR. 11
CLOSING MASS: SAT, MAR. 23

SIGN UP FOR HOURS

<https://bit.ly/40dayshamilton>
Text/call 905-962-2864



Looking for something to do this Lent? 40 Days for Life Hamilton invites you to pray for Hamilton's preborn children! YOU can participate in a peaceful prayer vigil across the street from McMaster Children's Hospital, from February 14th - March 24th between 7am to 7pm. Please consider signing up for an hour or more of prayer this Lenten season!

More information & SIGN UP

ONLINE: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/hamilton>. Opening Mass and social will be held at St Lawrence Parish (125 Picton St E, Hamilton) at 7 pm.



Our Lady of the Assumption's Challenge & Conquest Youth Group will be having a Youth Eucharistic Adoration open to our parish community on **Wednesday, February 28th from 7PM-8PM!** Youth & families are invited to join in this Holy Hour with Christ, and feel free to invite those who may be interested. There will be music, as well as the opportunity for personal reflection and prayer. We hope to see you there!



ADULT CHOIR NOTICE

Please be advised of the following practice dates February 21, then March 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 6:30-8:30PM.

Fausto & Grace

Happy
Family Day

February 19th is Family Day!!! Think of your *FAMILY* today and everyday thereafter, don't let the busy world of today keep you from showing how much you *LOVE & APPRECIATE* your family...