



February 25, 2024 – Second 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](mailto: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](http://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 26<sup>th</sup> ~ March 3<sup>rd</sup>*

### **MONDAY – 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am – †Giuseppe Rocci

### **TUESDAY – 27<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm – †Dora Noce

### **WEDNESDAY – 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am – †Ken Di Bartolomeo

### **THURSDAY – 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am – †Teddy Fomera

### **FRIDAY – March 1<sup>st</sup>**

8:30am – †Toni Ashali

### **SATURDAY – 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00am – Thanksgiving to Our Lord for graces  
received and intentions of our Lady of  
Fatima for the Kazmierski Family

5:00pm – †Margaret Mastroianni

†Scott Goodwin

†Clara Benito

†Gilberto Guinto

### **SUNDAY – 3<sup>rd</sup> Third Sunday of Lent**

8:30am – Souls in Purgatory

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

11:30am – †Sarah Perry

## SUPPORT REPORT

February 18<sup>th</sup> Offering Envelopes **\$5,314.20**

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 are now in 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.*

We welcome some of the BR students who will lead music on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 11:30am Mass. A big thank you to Mr. Chad Pilon for making this initiative fruitful.

*May we all have a grace-filled Lent.*

**Fr. Andrew**

## Second Sunday of Lent



### Stations of The Cross

Join in prayer as we walk with Jesus and experience the power of the Cross.



#### Lent 2024 Stations Of The Cross

Date:	Facilitators:
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	Rosary Group

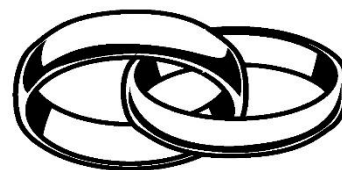
## A Lenten Reflection...



Give up complaining; focus on gratitude  
 Give up harsh judgments; think kindly thoughts  
 Give up worry; trust divine Providence  
 Give up discouragement; be full of hope  
 Give up bitterness; turn to forgiveness  
 Give up hatred; return good for evil  
 Give up negativism; be positive  
 Give up pettiness; become mature  
 Give up jealousy; pray for trust



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](mailto:denise@olota.ca)



### THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a **Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024 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 is now available online at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com).

40 DAYS FOR LIFE  
 THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION



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.

Wednesday, February 28,  
 from 7pm-8pm



Our Lady of The Assumption Parish  
 CONQUEST  
**YOUTH ADORATION**  
 Families and youth invited!

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 28<sup>th</sup> 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:  
 March 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 6:30-8:30PM.

Fausto & Grace

### YOUTH CHOIR NOTICE

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

Rosanna