



March 10, 2024 – Fourth 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

March 11th – March 17th

MONDAY – 11th

8:30am – Mr. & Mrs. Watson (Thanksgiving & Supplication)

TUESDAY – 12th

7:00pm – †Silvana Salvi

WEDNESDAY – 13th

8:30am – Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY – 14th

8:30am – †Paul Becker

FRIDAY – 15th

8:30am – †Frances Taylor

SATURDAY – 16th

9:00am – †Pasquale Saturnino

5:00pm – †Lauretta Fortino

†Raymunda Carlos

†Mike Bodo

†Jack Antolich

Limson Family (Thanksgiving)

SUNDAY – 17th Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30am – †Vicenzo Iacabucci & Giuseppe Di Bacco

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

11:30am – †Steve Vella



Dear Parishioners,

LENTEN REMINDER: *we are a little more than half-way through the season of Lent. We are reminded to build a stronger connection with God, do away with sin and bad habits, and share more of our gifts. Lent is a good opportunity to support the parish financially. It's a great time to get involved in the life of the parish and to volunteer more. Lent is a good time to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation, be cleansed of our sin and to be restored to a life of grace. It's a great opportunity to be reconciled to God, the Church and neighbour. It's a time to grow in the right relationship with the Lord, with one another and with the whole of creation. It is a time to be deeply committed to our faith – to grow in faith, hope and love.*

NEW STAFF: *In February of this year the parish through our Diocesan HR hired Mr. Ray Gagnon to assist with custodial duties. We welcome Mr. Gagnon to the parish staff.*

ST. JAMES SCHOOL: *On Tuesday, 5th of March, 2024 St. James the Apostle School relocated into their new school building on John Murray Street, Stoney Creek. After about two years of patience and being hosted at the old Our Lady of the Assumption School building on the parish premise, they are finally back home now in their new building. I was privileged to conduct a preliminary blessing service on Tuesday March 5, 2024. The students were all excited to be in their beautiful, modern school. The bishop will do an official blessing and dedication of the school sometime soon. Congratulations to Mrs. Elena Minicucci (principal), staff and the school Board for all their work and contributions.*

MEDICAL MISSION TO GHANA: *Our parish is developing a partnership program with Holy Family Hospital, a Catholic hospital in my home diocese in Ghana. We hope to start our first outreach next year 2025. Interested Doctors and Nurses can find sign-up sheets at the entrance of our doors. Maricris the coordinator from our parish will help provide more info later.*

May we all have a grace-filled Lent.

Fr. Andrew

SUPPORT REPORT

March 3, 2024 Offering Envelopes **\$6,516.70**

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.

---SCRUTINIES---

Starting this weekend, those that are preparing to be baptised at Easter ("the Elect") will be participating in The Scrutinies – Rites celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent. This is considered a period of purification and enlightenment for the elect. The overall prayers and laying on of hands are to help the elect be enlightened by the Word and grace of God. Please pray for those that are to receive their baptism and other sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

Fourth Sunday of Lent



Stations of The Cross

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

Our Lady of The Assumption Parish

Lent 2024 Stations Of The Cross

Date:	Facilitators:
7pm, Friday, March 15	Youth Group & Young Adults
7pm, Friday, March 22	Music Ministry
7pm, Friday, March 29	Rosary Group



The CWL will be hosting this year's **CWL Brant-Regional Meeting** On Saturday March 16th @ 9 am. Any members wishing to attend are asked to RSVP Mary D'Orazio, Hamilton-Brant Regional Secretary, at mary025@sympatico.ca.

Mini Lenten Retreat sponsored by
Our Lady of the Assumption
Catholic Women's League
Presented by Teresa Di Falco
CWL President Elect Hamilton
Diocese

When: March 25th @ 6:30pm
Where: OLA Parish Hall
ALL ARE WELCOME

The CWL will be hosting a Mini-Lenten Retreat on **Monday March 25th @ 6:30 pm** in the Parish Hall. We are excited to welcome Teresa DiFalco (CWL President elect Hamilton diocese) as our guest speaker. She will be speaking on **"It was the Women Who Stayed"**.

All are Welcome!



ADULT CHOIR NOTICE

Please be advised of the following practice dates:
March 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

SATURDAY NIGHT POT LUCK

The Social Committee is inviting **all Parishioners** for a Pot Luck on **Saturday, March 23 from 6 - 9 p.m.** in our Church Hall.

Bring your favourite dish and meet & chat with your fellow parishioners!

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

PRAY TO END 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.



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

Marriage Tip of the Month:

Marriage in the Catholic Church is a sacrament: our love for each other is to mirror the love of God for each person. When you look at your relationship, do you see it truly reflecting the total love and giving of God's love? Love is a choice and the decision to love can and should influence how we treat our spouse. When we purposely act in ways that reflect God's love, our marriages are better and will then echo, through our relationship, a visible love showing God's invisible love to the world.