



March 3, 2024 – Third 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 4th – March 10th

MONDAY – 4th

8:30am – Alexandra (Healing from cancer)

TUESDAY – 5th

7:00pm – †Jose & Cristina Marques

†Dora Noce

†Vince Russo

WEDNESDAY – 6th

8:30am – Teresa Kazmeirski (for Thanksgiving & Supplication for the graces received)

THURSDAY – 7th

8:30am – Stanislaw (Healing from cancer)

FRIDAY – 8th

8:30am – †Hearthier Walsh-Bialach

SATURDAY – 9th

9:00am – Le Thu (Birthday Thanksgiving)

5:00pm – †Scott Goodwin

†Maria Rosina Capuano

†Clara Benito

†Eduardo & Celerina Limson

SUNDAY – 10th Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30am – †Pasqualina Barbara

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

11:30am – †Alberto Marchese



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. Advise 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

SUPPORT REPORT

February 25th Offering Envelopes **\$8,189.90**

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.

Third 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 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



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

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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



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.



the Women Who Stayed". 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*



with some donations still coming in. Donations can be accepted until the end of March, so we may still reach our goal.



ADULT CHOIR NOTICE

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

Fausto & Grace

Parenting Tip of the Month:

Vacations or 'Stay-cations' are a wonderful time to step away from the busy-ness of everyday family living and reconnect with each other. As you laugh and play this March break, do not forget to stay connected to your faith. Be the family that plays and prays together. Take some time to talk about Lent and how it leads us to the great celebration at Easter!