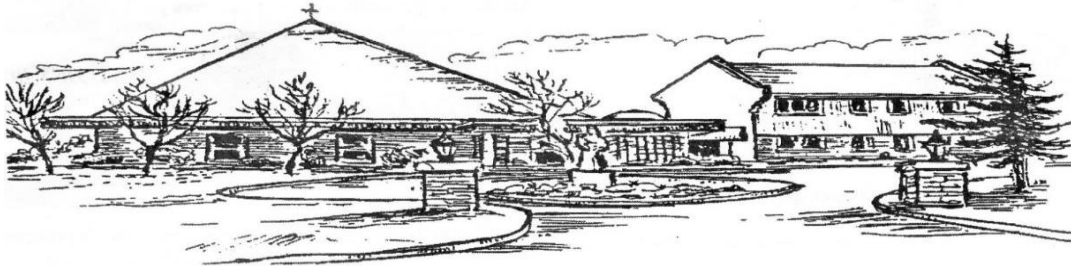




February 2, 2025 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 & 7:00 pm

(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
Associate Pastors:	Fr. Dominic Thomas Fr. Richard Dordunu
Office Manager:	Donna Coruzzi
Secretary:	Vanessa Villanueva
Pastoral Assistant:	Denise Araiche
Finance:	Luisa Conti
Music Director:	Rosanna Faccio-Polimeni

Parish Mission Statement: *Welcome – Encounter – Grow – Share*



February 3rd – February 9th

MONDAY – 3rd

8:30am – † Toni Ashali

TUESDAY – 4th

**7:00pm – † Leonardo Carlos
† Natalina Agostini
† Nicoletta Bagnoli
† Milan Prpic**

WEDNESDAY – 5th

8:30am – † Irene Magcalas

THURSDAY – 6th

8:30am – For All the Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY – 7th

**8:30am – In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus &
reparation for sins to the Blessed
Sacrament**

SATURDAY – February 8th

9:00am – † Christopher Pickering

**5:00pm – † John Romano † Pat Noronha
† CP Joseph † Ann Joseph
† Tamara Holadyk-Nardina
† Antonio & Assunda Pulsone**

SUNDAY – 9th Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am – † Maria Hocevar

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

11:30am – † MC Joseph & † Philip Joseph

7:00pm – † Roy Purser

SUPPORT REPORT

Sunday Offering (January 26, 2025) \$6461.85

Pre-Authorized Giving (Jan 26, 2025) \$-----

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 Family of God,

RECAP OF LAST WEEKEND: we celebrated Sunday of the Word of God (Bible Sunday) – an opportunity to make the Word of God central to our lives. What have you been able to do with what you heard and read? Did you make plans to read the Word of God more, be attentive to it at Mass, meditate on it often, ask for God’s grace to live it, and to share it? Has the place of the Word of God (the Bible) in your life improved? What has changed or improved regarding your relationship with God’s Word? Is the Word of God central to your life? Where do you stand...?

THIS WEEKEND: we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Jesus is presented to us as the Light of the world and saviour of humankind. The first reading from Malachi (3:1-4) hints on the fact that Jesus came to the world to purify our fallen and broken humanity, and to make it more pleasing to the glory of God. You and I know that there are definitely some ugly and unpleasant sides of our lives that can use Jesus’ purifying grace to make us entirely better.

The second reading from Paul’s Letter to the Hebrews (2.10-11, 13b-18) teaches us that Jesus’ presence in the world is to help us. So, parts of the readings remind us that “it is clear that Jesus did not come to help Angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people” (v16-17).

In the Gospel (Luke 2:22-40), we see Simeon and a Prophet Anna welcome Jesus who was presented in the temple. They both saw in Christ the saviour of the world and Light to the nations.

By this feast we come to know Christ as the saviour of the world, teacher of the truths that bring us salvation, light to dispel our darkness, purifier of our sins, help on our journey of faith. The question is are we ready to welcome Jesus into our lives like Simeon and Anna? We all know that our world is wonderful but broken in many ways. Our lives are fantastic but have some unpleasant sides that could use Christ’s help. The helper has been revealed, does the world want him...do you want him?

*Blessings,
Fr. Andrew*

Presentation of the Lord



DID YOU KNOW that if you have an affinity for a saint, the saint may have picked you?

We are able to choose a saint's name for a baptismal name and then again, a saint's name for confirmation. Often, when we pray for guidance in choosing that name, a saint may enter our lives in an unexpected way. Saints provide inspiration and guidance as we journey forth in our lives. It takes time to form a relationship with our saint, and for that matter, with God. Praying daily and asking for our saint's intercession is a beautiful way to forge a stronger relationship with God.

World Day of the Sick

FEBRUARY 11



Tuesday **February 11th is World Day of the Sick**. This day was introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses and to promote care of the sick. The day coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. We will have a mass at 7 pm that day where Father Andrew, Father Dominic and Father Richard will be anointing those who are in serious danger from illness or addiction, are under serious medication or are over 80 and ill. Please join us for this anointing and please let your friends and neighbours who are in need know about this evening.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

We are having a Young Adults mass on **Sunday, February the 9th at 11:30 am**. Members of the Young Adults Group will be reading, commentating, ushering and singing in the choir. We asked in our Forward Together in Christ mission to bring a guest to the Church. What a great way to complete this mission by bringing a young person you know to mass that day!



YOUTH CHOIR NOTICE

Join our Youth Choir! Practices are held every Thursday at 6-7:30PM. New members are always welcome!

Rosanna 

ADULT CHOIR NOTICE

Adult Choir practice will start on Wednesday, February 5 and it will be every other week.

Grace & Fausto 



For the Jubilee Year, the Vatican announced that five **Holy Doors** would be opened. Pope Francis opened the Jubilee Year on Christmas Eve with the official opening of the Holy Door of

Saint's Peter Basilica. The Holy Door is a symbol of the Jubilee and it represents Jesus as the Good Shepherd and it reminds us of the gate of the sheepfold. The door symbolizes the journey toward salvation and a conversion of the pilgrim. As the pilgrim passes through the Holy Door, they are expressing their decision to follow and to be guided by Jesus.

A part of the Jubilee experience is to make a pilgrimage to sacred places where prayer is offered, the Sacraments are celebrated and a plenary indulgence can be obtained. The Diocese of Hamilton has designated six pilgrimage churches which will welcome pilgrims during the Jubilee year. For more information about the various Jubilee events in the pilgrimage churches and throughout the Diocese, please visit the Jubilee page at www.hamiltondiocese.com.



Ladies Night Out!

The CWL will be hosting an evening of Games on **Wednesday February 5th at 7pm** in the Parish Hall. ALL women are welcome to attend and please feel free to bring a friend. Come for an evening of fun and relaxation and meet new friends. Bring a favourite game if you have one and a snack to share. Please RSVP to **Jennifer** at ivorymelodiesstudio@gmail.com



On Saturday, February 22, our team (Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Women's League - **OLACWL**) will be joining the **Coldest Night of the Year Walk**, in support of **Hamilton Mountain - Neighbour to Neighbour**. Our aggressive goal of \$5,000 reflects the tremendous need and the ever increasing use of the food banks. Please consider joining us and/or making a donation to support our neighbours in need.

Instructions to join or donate to our Team:

Cnoy.org <enter>

Donate <enter>

In the Search bubble OLACWL <enter>

Under Teams OLACWL <enter>

Now you have **two** options of Donate to Team **and/or**

Join the Team

scan the following QR code:

