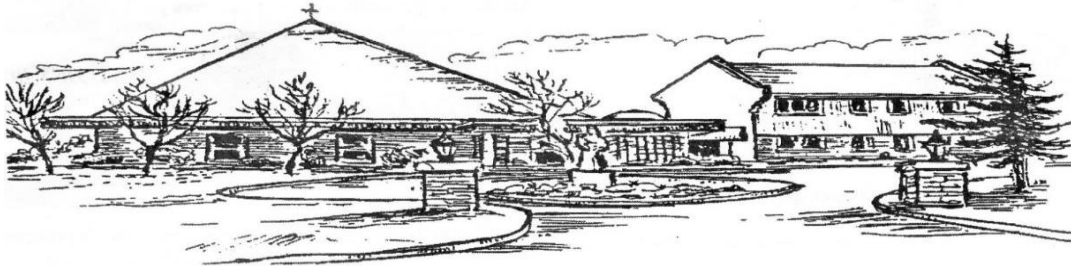




February 23, 2025 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 24th – March 2nd

MONDAY – 24th

8:30am – † Greg Anderson

TUESDAY – 25th

7:00pm – Special Intention for Martin Scierko

WEDNESDAY – 26th

8:30am – K. Jobity (Blessing)

THURSDAY – 27th

8:30am – † Sheila Jobity

FRIDAY – 28th

8:30am – † Aniela & Janina Bajdo

SATURDAY – March 1st

9:00am – Reparations for the offenses against Our Lady Immaculate's Heart

5:00pm – † Douglas Mackey
Christina Mayers (Birthday Blessing)

SUNDAY – 2nd Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am – † Tamara Haladyk-Nardini

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

11:30am – † Adina & Guiseppe Mandozzi

7:00pm – Special Intentions for Paige Scierko

SUPPORT REPORT

Sunday Offering (February 16, 2025) \$1,453.55

Pre-Authorized Giving (Feb 16, 2025) \$1,587.00

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 – 6th Sunday Ordinary Time: Last weekend we reflected on “trusting in the Lord.” To trust in God means allowing God to be in control of events in our lives. It means believing in His revealed Word, and anchoring our lives in Him as our protector, provider and deliverer. Finally, it means thriving in God as the source of our lives and sharing what we have gained in God with others. Life will present us with opportunities to trust God, if we trust in God and not in ourselves, material possessions, power, fame, etc, the reward is highly fulfilling and eternal.

REFLECTION - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time: It is typical of us humans to seek revenge, “a payback” when we are wounded, hurt or mistreated by others. Sometimes we feel others will consider us weak if we don't pay back. This weekend's readings challenge us not to take revenge. *We are called to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, bless those who curse us and pray for those who mistreat us.* (Luke 6:27-28). This is a radical call to love and forgiveness. A reminder that **evil must stop at the door of the godly**. This exhortation may be difficult for us to carry out sometimes but we must understand that it is possible. Let God take control. *Vengeance is mine says the Lord* (Romans 12:19-21.).

COUNTDOWN FOR LENT: Ash Wednesday is approaching! Lent begins on **March 5** with Ash Wednesday celebration. Lent is a time of repentance, change of heart, fasting and prayer. It is a great time to be more generous with our resources. What a great moment to deepen our relationship with God and to transform our lives for the better.

*Blessings,
Fr. Andrew*



DID YOU KNOW that there is a Vatican Observatory? It is one of the oldest active astronomical centres in the world (since 1582) and stands “at the forefront of scientific research...from the examination of the tiniest specks of interplanetary dust to the origin of the universe”.

Many believe that religion and science are at opposite sides; however, the Church believes that the more we learn about science, the more we know God. To find out more about the Observatory you can go to their website: <https://www.vaticanobservatory.org..>

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Let us include our school communities in our prayers specially those who are receiving their Sacraments of Confirmation: ***“May you and your families always be blessed as you walk the righteous path through life!”***



Feb. 19 / Wed / 7PM	St. Paul CES	Bishop Crosby
Feb. 20 / Thurs / 7PM	St. James CES	Bishop Crosby
Feb. 21 / Fri / 7PM	St. Matthew CES	Auxiliary Bishop Lobsinger
Feb. 26 / Wed / 7PM	OLOHope CES	Bishop Crosby
Feb. 27 / Thurs / 7PM	St. Mark CES	Auxiliary Bishop Lobsinger
Mar. 6 / Thurs / 7PM	OLOTA CES	Bishop Crosby



Coffee Sunday



Come help beat the winter blues by getting together on **Sunday, March 2nd after 11:30 mass.** Coffee, tea, water, juice, and light snacks will be provided. See you there!



Our Young Adults Ministry is hosting a fun **Bowling Tournament** on Friday, **February 28 in Splitsville at 7:30PM.**

To sign up and for more details, please email: youngadultsolota@gmail.com



World Day of Prayer



Our Lady of the Assumption CWL is proud to host this year's **Ecumenical World Day of Prayer** on **Friday, March 7 at 1:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. World Day of Prayer is celebrated annually in over 120 countries in support of women and children. Our Parish, along with participation from other local parishes of various denominations, will be following a service written by the women of the Cook Islands with the theme **“I Made You Wonderful”**. Everyone is welcome to come and join in this prayerful and inspirational service. The service will last about an hour, and refreshments will follow. **In order to plan numbers for seating and refreshments, you are requested to RSVP**
to: cwlourladyofassumption@gmail.com.

Medical Mission to Ghana



Karaoke Night in support of our Parish Medical Mission to Ghana. This fundraiser will be held in the parish hall, admission will be \$10 and tickets will be available for purchase in the near future. There will be food, games and a silent auction. Please stay tuned for more details.



Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board Multi-Year Strategic Plan Survey

In support of its conviction to, *“place Christ and the teachings of the Catholic Church at the centre”* of students' learning experiences, the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board is seeking input into the development of its next **Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP)**. All members of the Catholic community are invited to share their thoughts and encouraged to participate in this important process. Please visit the **HWCD SB** website to complete the **MYSP** survey: www.hwcdsb.ca. **HWCD SB Community Survey: Shaping Our Multi-Year Strategic Plan.**

SING UNTO THE LORD! 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

Please be advised that Adult Choir practices for March are as follow: March 12th, 19th, and 26th. Practice starts at 6:30pm except for the 26th which will start at 7pm in the hall.

Grace & Fausto