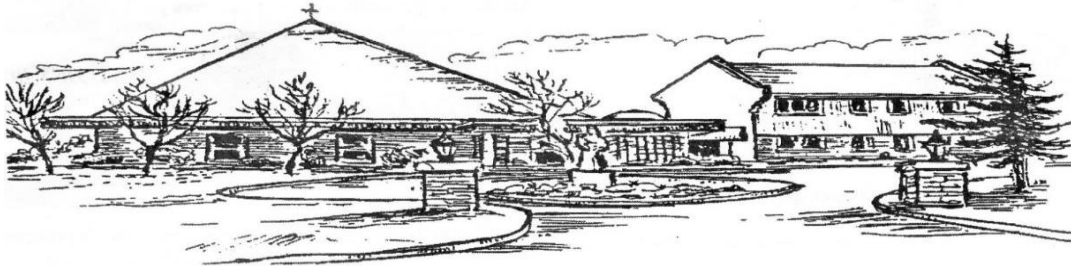




March 2, 2025 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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*



March 3rd – March 9th

MONDAY – 3rd

8:30am – † Toni Ashali

TUESDAY – 4th

7:00pm – † Jose Marquez
† Christina Almeida
† Preston Connolly
† Maria Ciancone

WEDNESDAY – 5th Ash Wednesday

8:30am and 7:00pm

THURSDAY – 6th

8:30am – Blessings & Thanksgiving for Teresa

FRIDAY – 7th

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

SATURDAY – 8th

9:00am – † Christopher Pickering
5:00pm – † Rita Egan
† Pasquale Silvestri
† Consolacion Palafox Feraren
† Anna Verrecchia
† João Da Costa
Margaret (for Healing)
Charlie & Rose Bellavia (65th Wedding
Anniversary)

SUNDAY – 9th First Sunday of Lent

8:30am – † Heather Walsh - Bialach
10:00am – Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)
11:30am – † Alberto Marchese
7:00pm – † Mnsgr. Simon K.

SUPPORT REPORT

Sunday Offering (February 23, 2025) \$8,467.05
Pre-Authorized Giving (Feb 23, 2025) \$802.00

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 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Do not take revenge. If you let someone's evil turn you into a beast you will be no different from them; plus, you will be giving the devil what he wants. Let go. Learn to forgive. Trust in divine justice. Learn to be good, for God is always good. Remember, evil must stop at the foot of the godly person.

REFLECTION – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Human as we are we normally take care of our appearances and judge people by their outward appearance: what they wear, the car they drive, where they live, the work they do etc. This weekend's readings challenge us to go within ourselves, to pay attention to our interior self – it is where evil and good come from. The question is what are we cultivating inside of us? *Is our inner self devoted to the things of God?* (1Cor. 15:54-58). Also, it is easy to point fingers at others and forget about ourselves. The gospel reminds us *to work on ourselves all the time so that we can be a good example and inspiration unto others to do good* (Luke 6:39-45). Remember the only person you have power over to transform is YOU! (Not your wife, your children etc).

ASH WEDNESDAY: The Sacred Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5. Lent is a time of spiritual renewal, repentance, change of heart, sacrifice for the good of self and others. It is a time of prayer and to be more generous with our gifts and resources. What a great moment to deepen our relationship with God and to transform our lives for the better. As Pilgrims of Hope, Lent leads us to the hopes and joys of Easter.

ASH WEDNESDAY TID-BITS:

1. Who can receive Ashes? Everyone (Catholics and non-Catholics).
2. Are ashes a Sacrament? No, they are called Sacramentals - they prepare us to receive the sacraments and show the presence, power and blessings of God in our lives.
3. What do the Ashes mean? They symbolize mortality, humility, repentance, and a desire to live in Christ's image.
4. Where do the Ashes come from? They are made from burning last year's Palm Sunday Palms, and collecting the ashes.
5. What does the priest or lay minister say when they put the ashes on our forehead? "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." They may also say, "Repent and believe in the Gospel" or "Turn away from your sin and be faithful to the Gospel."
6. How long do I leave the ashes on? Until it wears off by itself. No special rule.

*Blessings,
Fr. Andrew*

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



DID YOU KNOW that **Ash Wednesday** is the first day of Lent? We are called to a day of prayer and fasting. Fasting means **no meat** and one full meal and two smaller meals (fasting from ages 18 to 60). We receive ashes on our forehead as a sign of repentance.

Ash Wednesday begins the 40 days of lent. Lent is a preparation for Christ's death and resurrection. Therefore, during Lent, we sacrifice something to God in union with Christ's sacrifice for us. This may include a favourite food, time from technology, etc. It may also include spending more time with your family, doing acts of charity and increasing prayers. Whatever we do, we offer it in the name of Jesus.



MARCH 5, 2025
Masses at
8:30 AM and 7:00 PM



Thank you to all the parishioners who came and supported Soupfest last Sunday. We raised **\$827.40** which is being divided between OLA Parish initiatives and the CWL.

A huge *thank you* to our parishioners, members, family and friends who generously donated to our 2025 Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) fundraising efforts in support of Neighbour to Neighbour Food Bank. Currently we've raised **\$4,096** of our ambitious \$5,000 goal, with more donations still being processed. Together we can make a difference!



This **Friday, March 7**, the CWL will host this year's **Ecumenical World Day of Prayer, starting at 1:00pm 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: cwloirladyofassumption@gmail.com**

OLA Ghana Medical Mission
Fundraiser

Karaoke Night

Saturday, March 22, 2025
6:30pm
Parish Hall



Get ready to grab the mic and sing your favorite song!

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Entrance fee: \$10 | Food available for purchase

Join us for a karaoke party fundraiser and to celebrate Father Andrew's birthday! All proceeds go to support our medical mission trip to Ghana! Sing your heart out, bid in the silent auction and play games. Don't miss the fun! Please make sure to bring cash. Minimum of \$2 per song for either you to sing or to request someone else.

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



We are looking for young people to manage the tech for our masses on the weekend. If you are interested in joining this important ministry, please contact denise@olota.ca

We are interested in increasing our hospitality at all masses. We are looking for people to manage the table at the entrance of the Church and for hospitality during masses. If you are interested, please contact denise@olota.ca.