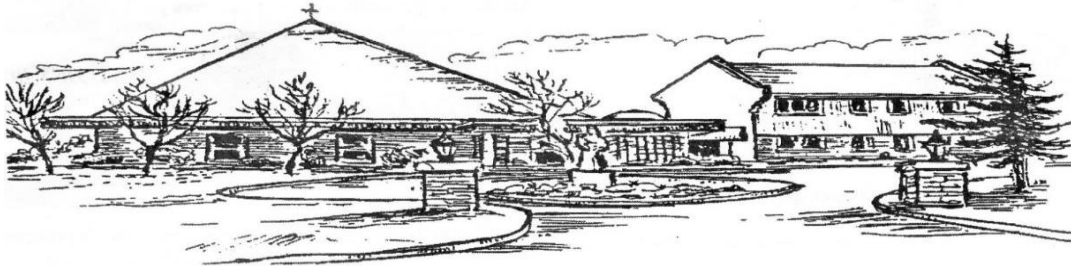




March 16, 2025 – Second Sunday of Lent

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 & 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 17th – March 23rd

MONDAY – 17th

8:30am – † Donato & Angela Niro

TUESDAY – 18th

7:00pm – † Rosa Da Silva
† Pedja Markov

WEDNESDAY – 19th Feast of St. Joseph

8:30am – All the Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY – 20th

8:30am – Blessings & Thanksgiving for Marek

FRIDAY – 21st

8:30am – † Giuseppe & Rosa Di Franco

SATURDAY – 22nd

9:00am – Blessings & Thanksgiving for Mila, Emma & Fr. Andrew

5:00pm – †Patrick Burke

†Joaquim Caetano

†Darryl Lobo

†Giovanni Catsella

†Gabriele & †Adele Ginevra

†Robert Danyluk

Wally Klein (Special Intention)

SUNDAY – 23rd Third Sunday of Lent

8:30am – † Pasqualina Barbara

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

11:30am – †Maria & †Manuel Fernandes

7:00pm - † Ann & † James

SUPPORT REPORT

Sunday Offering (March 9, 2025) \$7,091.85

Pre-Authorized Giving (March 9, 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 Parish Family,

LENT: This lent is a wonderful opportunity to commit to practicing our faith and to grow in our spiritual lives. We are called to Pray, Fast and Give alms. These are Gospel exhortations for us to live as true children of God and disciples of Christ. We are encouraged to develop the habit of praying for ourselves and those who need it. Prayer shows our dependence on God and not in our own strength. We are also encouraged to fast which is to help us have more control over our flesh and its desires for worldliness. Fasting helps us to contemplate spiritual things and to strive after holiness. We are strengthened by grace through fasting to detach from worldliness and to attach ourselves more closely to God our source of life and true nourishment. Lastly, almsgiving makes us share in the life of God who provides our daily needs. We are called to be benevolent as our provident Father “who gives us every day our daily bread.” Let us first try to acknowledge our blessings, be thankful and to share with those in need.

“Our Daily Bread Lenten Charity Program”: Participate in our parish’s Lenten Charity program by purchasing fresh bread (4 buns in a box), with maple butter and biblical quotations on the box. All proceeds will go to support the work of the Sisters of the Poor of Jesus in feeding those on our streets. Also, part of the proceeds will be used to support our growing youth ministry. We want more young people in the church. Use this opportunity to fulfil your Lenten almsgiving. Call the parish office to get your order.

First Sunday of Lent 2025 RECAP: Last weekend we were reminded that our journey of faith and life may come with temptations to draw us away from God, but we must rely on God to overcome. God’s Word can help us navigate the devils’ tactics, provide defense for us and help us discern the right choices in pleasing God. It is crucial for us believers to pay attention to our high moments, low moments and our personal weaknesses in order not to fall prey to the devil. In Christ we can have forgiveness and the strength of grace through reconciliation to live for God and never to give evil a chance.

Second Sunday of Lent 2025: Among the many themes present in the readings, one key point to consider is that, our citizenship as God’s children is in heaven. To get there we need to listen to Jesus, the Son of God who has come down from heaven and is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Journeying with God, responding to his call may come with doubt, uncertainties, discomforts and challenges, yet the reward is great if we stay committed to obeying him. God is faithful to his promises and will bless us with His glory. Investing in God can be scary sometimes, but when we trust the process like Abraham, the return is big and guaranteed.

Blessings,

Fr. Andrew



We are excited to unveil our updated website on March 17th, 2025. Discover the new look at ourladyoftheassumption.com. We welcome you to explore your faith with information and videos on sacraments, ways to grow your faith and shared news and community events. Explore now and visit us regularly for the latest happenings in our Parish.

Second Sunday of Lent



DID YOU KNOW that St. Patrick wasn't Irish? He was thought to be born in Britain but his parents were Roman. As a teenager, he was kidnapped by a pirate and sold into slavery in Ireland. He escaped and fled to a monastery in England where he joined the faith and became a Bishop. He went back to Ireland as a missionary. He always wore blue robes (not green) and March 17th is the day he died. St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach about the Trinity - the leaves represent the Father, Son and Holy Spirit - three persons, but one God.



Grade 2's
Sacrament of
First Reconciliation

Let us pray for our Grade 2 students who will have their 1st Reconciliation in the coming weeks. May they know God's love and the forgiveness that He has for them.


March 22	11:00 am	St. Matthew CES
	1:30 pm	OLOHope CES & St. Mark CES
March 29	11:00 am	OLOTAssumption CES
	1:30 pm	St. Paul CES & St. James CES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Schedule
Every Friday of Lent

LEADERS OF PRAYERS

MARCH 7TH <i>Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers</i>	MARCH 14TH <i>Catechists/EM's to the Sick & Screeners</i>
MARCH 21ST <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	MARCH 28TH <i>Hospitality</i>
APRIL 4TH <i>Altar Servers</i>	APRIL 11TH <i>Youth and Young Adults</i>
APRIL 18TH <i>The Parish Choirs</i>	




For all joining the **Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Portugal, Spain & France** on May 12-22, there will be a meeting on **Thursday, April 3 at 7pm** in the rectory basement. All are encouraged to attend as they will be handing out required materials and will try to answer all your questions & inquiries regarding the trip.



Our Young Adult Ministry is inviting the all the young adults of the parish (ages 18-35) to join in their monthly prayer and reflection meeting on **March 21st at 7:30 PM** in the Marian Room. This is a great way to deepen our relationship with Christ through prayer in this Season of Lent.



We have **15 adults and children** that will be baptised this coming Easter Vigil in our parish. On March 9th, we went to the Cathedral for the "**Rite of Election**". The church, through the affirmation of the godparents and catechists judges the catechumens' state of readiness to be baptised into the faith. At the same time, the catechumens reaffirm their intention to be baptised. Admission to election belongs to the Bishop. They signed their names in the Book of the Elect at the Cathedral with the Bishop welcoming them to receive their sacraments at the Easter Vigil. We now call them "**the Elect**". Please pray for them as they journey forward these coming weeks.



SOCIAL MEDIA TEAM

With our new website, Facebook and a new Instagram account, we are looking to set up a "media" team. We are looking for people that have some time to cover our events, develop content, and take photographs. We are pleased to have a strong communications leader for this team. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Denise at denise@olota.ca.



Medical Mission to Ghana



Next weekend, on **Saturday, March 22nd** we are hosting a **Karaoke Night fundraiser** in the Parish Hall. This is to support the Parish Medical Mission to Ghana. **This event coincidentally, falls on Father Andrew's birthday!** There will be food, games, a silent auction and cake! So please bring your cash. Doors open at 6:30pm with singing starting at 7pm. **Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased after all masses. Tickets will also be available at the door, on the night of the event.** Don't miss what is sure to be a fun night and celebration!



World Day of Prayer



Our CWL wishes to thank all those who attended this year's World Day of Prayer. Our CWL, with support from other surrounding churches, hosted the event. The program was written by the women of the Cook Islands. Over 75 ladies and a few gentlemen attended along with our 3 parish priests and Reverend Rick Burgess from Blackheath United Church. The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada will use the generous offerings to support projects that restore hope to women and children touched by injustice.