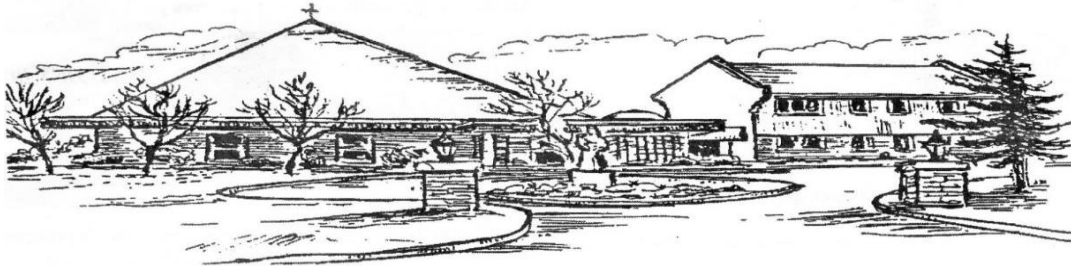




March 23, 2025 – Third Sunday of Lent

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 & 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 24th – March 30th

MONDAY – 24th

8:30am – Rosa Da Silva

TUESDAY – 25th

7:00pm – † Josip Kupina Sr.

WEDNESDAY – 26th

8:30am – † Allan Sequeira

THURSDAY – 27th

8:30am – Special Intention for Del Gobbo Family

FRIDAY – 28th

8:30am – † Gabriele Henriques

SATURDAY – 29th

9:00am – OLOTA Parishioners

5:00pm – †Bernard Burke †Henry Roque
†Felicitas Rivera †Ciabattoni Mario
†Lorenzo & †Palma Giannobile
†Ivan, Roza & Katarina Bosiljevac
†Josip & Marija Novosel
†Peter Faccio & Domenico Polimeni
Deceased members of Mendoza Family
Matthew Brown (Healing)

SUNDAY – 30th Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30am – Rosa Da Silva

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

11:30am – †Anna Szczepanska

7:00pm - †Giuseppe & Adina Mandozzi

SUPPORT REPORT

Sunday Offering (March 16, 2025) \$7,033.15

Pre-Authorized Giving (March 16, 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.

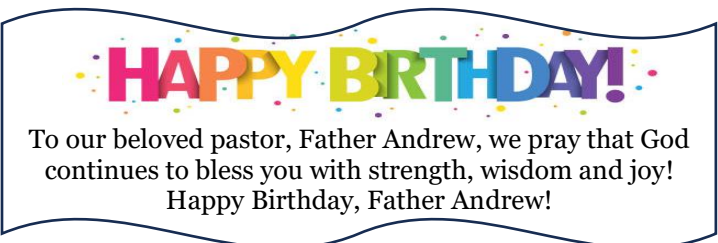
Dear Parish Family,

Ghana Mission: We are ramping up our fundraising initiatives for the Ghana mission. We had a successful karaoke event on March 22nd and are inviting the schools to have a "Toonie Dress Down Day for Ghana medical supplies". Thank you to all who are participating in these initiatives to purchase much-needed medical supplies for the mission. There is still room to sign up. The mission is from October 17-27, 2025.

Our Daily Bread: This is a beautiful Lenten Charity initiative of a family in our parish. They are making organic freshly baked bread everyday; hence the name, "Our Daily Bread". We have limited supplies of bread Saturdays and Sundays that you can buy at the masses for \$20 cash. If you would like our Daily Bread during the week, you can order a box ahead of time and pick it up at the office. The four organic buns come with maple whipped butter, a scriptural reading all in a beautiful box. Consider gifting this box of bread or bringing it over to someone's house to share for breakfast. Proceeds go to feed the poor and needy through a program run by the Sisters of the Poor of Jesus and part of the it will also go to support our altar servers program.

Pilgrimage to The Shrines of Portugal, Spain and France: Mark your calendars for Thursday April 3 at 7 pm in the rectory basement for all attending this Pilgrimage. A representative of the travel company will be there to hand out required materials and answer all your questions.

*Blessings,
Fr. Andrew*



Third Sunday of Lent



DID YOU KNOW that when you receive communion, you should **immediately**, in front of the Eucharistic minister or take one step to the side still facing the altar, and consume the Eucharist (put the host in your mouth).

You should **not** walk away with the host in your hand. Remember also, that if you receive the host in your hand, you should put the left hand over the right and make a throne for the Eucharist and then take it with your right hand and put the host in your mouth immediately. Your response is always a resounding **"Amen"**.



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.



**JUBILEE OF HOPE
PILGRIM SUNDAY**

Location: Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King
714 King St. West, Hamilton, ON

30
MARCH
2-4pm

All are welcome to the Basilica of Christ the King for their Pilgrim Sunday as one of the designated Pilgrimage churches in our Diocese. It will be an afternoon of reflections on the Jubilee followed by Taizé Prayer at the Cross. Visiting a Pilgrimage church is one way to embrace the sacred journey of the Jubilee Year "Pilgrims of Hope" Theme.



There is a practice session on **Saturday April 5th from 1:00pm to 2:30pm** in the Church for **new and recently trained altar servers**. At this time, we will have training for regular masses as we prepare to celebrate the upcoming season of Lent and Easter.



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.

7PM MUSIC MINISTRY

We are looking for more singers to join in our 7PM Choir. If you are interested, please contact Francine at fmcisaac0@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE! The CWL's invitation to **"Sparkle God's Way: Beacons of Hope in the Jubilee Year!"** Presentation

We are delighted to invite you to a spiritually uplifting event hosted by the Parish Catholic Women's League:

Presenter: Teresa DiFalco, Diocesan President

Date: Sunday, April 6, 2025 @ 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall
All ladies are encouraged to attend this inspiring presentation. Bring a friend and enjoy an afternoon of enriching spirituality.

We look forward to seeing you there!