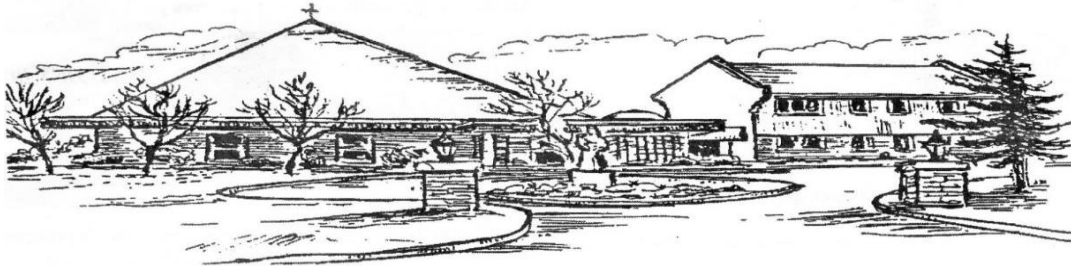




March 30, 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

# 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](mailto: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](http://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 31<sup>st</sup> – April 6<sup>th</sup>

**MONDAY – 31<sup>st</sup>**

8:30am – † Roger Pears

**TUESDAY – April 1<sup>st</sup>**

7:00pm – † Vinicio Memme

Adrian Scierko (Thanksgiving)

Margaret & Henry (Thanksgiving)

**WEDNESDAY – 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30am – Philomena Nguyen (Thanksgiving & Supplication to God)

**THURSDAY – 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8:30am – † Maria Odete Marques

**FRIDAY – 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am – † Nicola Trigiani

**SATURDAY – 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

5:00pm – † Francesca Continanza † Alfredo Capretta

† Camilla Murphy

† Gabriel Gianobile

† Carmelo Esposto

† Antonio Cocca

† Dionisio Di Dionisio

Mmezu Anasudu

**SUNDAY – 6<sup>th</sup> Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8:30am – † Anna Di Iorio

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

11:30am – † John Stanziani

7:00pm – † Cyriac & † Anna

SUPPORT REPORT

Sunday Offering (March 23, 2025) \$5,947.70

Pre-Authorized Giving (March 23) \$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 Parish Family,*

**THANK YOU:** I am very grateful to all parishioners for your prayers, presence and presents on my birthday. Thank you to the “Ghana Medical Mission Team” for organizing a joyful and successful Karaoke night to raise funds in support of our mission to care for the sick. God bless everyone who supported this good initiative.

**Recap: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent:** God does not desire to condemn us or to punish us. Rather, God desires to save us and bless us. Jesus calls us to repentance. Repentance is an opportunity for transformation. Lent is a penitential season, an opportunity for repentance. Let us make good of the graces and opportunities Jesus gives us to reform in order to enjoy God’s salvation and blessing. The question we can ask ourselves is that “what steps am I taking to be a good person and a holy person?”

**Reflection: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent:** This weekend we reflect on the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32). Sin is always a separation from God, a moving away from God’s will for us. The prodigal son left home. We also “leave home” sometimes. Our true home is with God, but sin can take us away from God’s love and will. Away from God, our lives can be meaningless, hopeless, empty messy, and painful – just like the prodigal son. However, God’s mercy is ready to welcome us home if we are willing to return. Like the prodigal son, let’s take courage and be humble to return home to God. Lent is a season to check whether we are away from God or close to him. The opening readings on Ash Wednesday from the prophet Joel (2:12-18) is God’s invitation to return home to him. St. Augustine reminds us in his confessions that “our souls are restless until they rest in God.” This weekend let us all ask ourselves, “where are we in our spiritual lives?” Are we home with God under his authority and grace or we have left home to follow our own ways?

*Blessings,  
Fr. Andrew*



**DID YOU KNOW** that the **sacrament of reconciliation** (confession) is an important sacrament for every Catholic? Even if you are not carrying a mortal sin, we are required to have reconciliation at least once a year.

However, this beautiful sacrament that shows God’s mercy is best when we go regularly, every 4-6 weeks. In that way, we receive the grace to fight against sin and to feel God’s redeeming love for us. If you haven’t gone in a while, don’t worry – our priests will gently walk you through. All you need is an open heart to receive God’s mercy and love.

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

### Lenten STATIONS OF THE CROSS *Schedule*

(Every Fridays of Lent at 7:00PM)

Leaders of Prayers:

April 4 – Altar Servers

April 11 – Youth & Young Adults

April 18 – Parish Choirs



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.



**Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

Confessions: 4:00PM

Mass: 5:00PM

**Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

Mass: 8:00AM, 10:00AM,  
12:00PM and 7:00PM

**\*Note:**

***Mass times are changed***



### 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](mailto: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](mailto:fmcisaac0@gmail.com)

### HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

We are looking to extend the hospitality ministry by creating an admin role at the back of the Church for all masses. We are looking for at least two people per mass. Duties would include selling religious articles, handing out forms and helping with inquiries. If you would like to find out more, please call the office and speak to Denise or email her at [denise@olota.ca](mailto:denise@olota.ca).



### CWL "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!



### CWL SISTERHOOD TEA

All Ladies are invited for  
"Sips, Sweets & Sisterhood"  
**May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm (Parish Hall)**  
More information to come.



There is a practice session on **Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Our Lady of the Assumption Conference will be selling lottery tickets on the weekend of **April 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. First prize is \$2000.00, 2nd prize is \$1000.00, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th prizes are \$500.00 each. Our 17th Annual Dinner/Dance will be held on **Friday May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Michelangelo's Banquet Centre** and tickets are \$80.00 each which includes a four course dinner, silent auction, door prizes, 50/50 draw, dancing as we support our neighbours in need. All are welcome to join us for an evening of fellowship with family, friends, parishioners and members of our ministry.



We are excited to unveil our updated website! Discover the new look at [ourladyoftheassumptionparish.com](http://ourladyoftheassumptionparish.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.