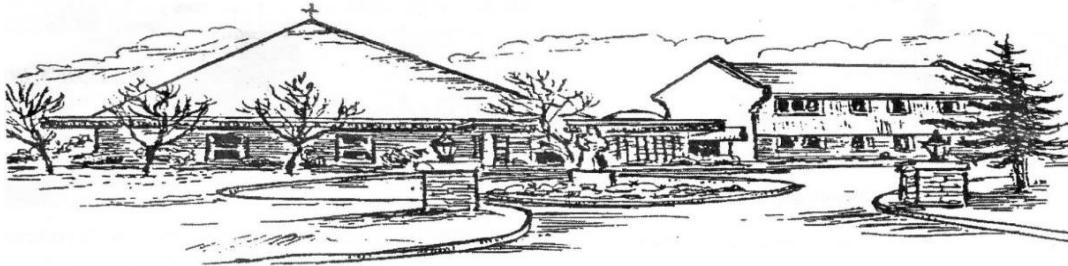




March 9, 2025 – First Sunday of Lent

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 3rd – March 9th

MONDAY – 10th

8:30am - † Ann Marie Morris

TUESDAY – 11th

7:00pm - † Quinto Sgreccia
† Consolacion Rosal Abo

WEDNESDAY – 12th

8:30am - Thanksgiving for Dang's Family

THURSDAY – 13th

8:30am - † Dorota & Kazimieiz Mociak

FRIDAY – 14th

8:30am - Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY – 15th

9:00am - † Ozioma Anasudu (birthday blessing)

5:00pm - †Rory Egan
†Silvana Salvi
†Erwin Hinterdorfer
†Steve Vella
†Gabriele Henriques
†Francisco DosSantos

SUNDAY – 16th Second Sunday of Lent

8:30am – † Giuseppe DiBacco & †Vincenzo Iacobucci

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

11:30am – †Raymunda Carlos

7:00pm - † Margaret Mastroianni

SUPPORT REPORT

Sunday Offering (February 23, 2025) \$7,937.80

Pre-Authorized Giving (Feb 23, 2025) \$4,632.00

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: We have entered the sacred season of Lent which prepares us to celebrate the greatest mysteries of our faith – the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. This season is a wonderful opportunity to grow in holiness and to deepen our relationship with Christ through Prayer, fasting and Almsgiving. The traditional practices of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving can bring a huge transformation in our personal and spiritual lives. Here are few suggestions to consider:

Prayer: Pray the Rosary or Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Pray before bedtime and when you wake up. Pray grace before and after meals. Pray for someone who needs help. Attend Weekday Masses in addition to Weekend Masses. Attend adoration or come in during Fridays (8:30am-6pm) to spend time praying before the Blessed Sacrament. Attend Stations of the Cross (every Friday 7:00pm). Meditate on passages from the Book of Psalms or the Gospels. Listen to audio bible while driving. Listen to Gregorian Chants or Praise and Worship songs while driving or at home. Join in singing at Mass (they who sing pray twice). Involve God in your daily decisions. Pray with family or a friend. Light a votive candle to pray for yourself, family or friend.

Fasting: Fast half-day 6am -12noon. Fast full-day 6am to 6pm. Abstain from eating meat on Fridays. Give up a bad habit. Give up a particular vice or sin. Ensure food is not wasted. Shop for only things you really need.

Almsgiving: Help family or friend with a chore or something. Volunteer your time at church or a charity facility. Donate to the parish. Donate to a charity. Be kind to people. Make time for your spouse and children. Forgive someone who offended you. Advice a young person who is going wayward. Help elderly relatives with meals, grocery or chores. Say hello to fellow parishioners with a smile. Do your job well for the good of others. Offer your talent to help the parish grow. Show more love to family and friends. Care for the poor, needy, sick and aged. Always seek the common good.

May we all have a grace-filled Lent.

*Blessings,
Fr. Andrew*



DID YOU KNOW that the **Stations of the Cross** allow us to walk alongside Jesus and encounter Him in a very visceral sense? The stations allow those of us who can't travel to the stations in Jerusalem, to walk in His steps from condemnation to death. The stations place us in each of the 14 scenes.

There, we can prayerfully step into the most powerful time of our human history and really "know" the sacrifice Jesus made for us. The most impactful time to pray the stations is during Holy Week, especially Good Friday. Join us Fridays during Lent at 7 pm in this deeply spiritual meditation, one which Catholics have shared for thousands of years..


First Sunday of Lent

You are invited to pray the
Stations of the Cross
Fridays at 7:00 PM

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>	



Pilgrims of Hope
Finding Renewal in
God's Mercy

Parish Lenten
*R*etreat

By: Rev. Andrew Quarshie
March 14 @ 7-8:30 PM
March 15 @ 9-11:45 AM
in the Parish Hall


Freewill Donation
will be greatly appreciated!



Our Lady of The Assumption Parish




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.




Come and join your fellow parishioners at **Karaoke Night** on **Saturday, March 22nd** in the Parish hall. This fundraiser is being held to support the Parish **Medical Mission to Ghana**. There will be food, games and a silent auction, so please bring your cash. Doors open at 6:30pm with singing starting at 7pm. **Tickets are just \$10** and now available for purchase after all masses. This event coincidentally falls on Father Andrew's birthday, so come and join the celebration.

#WelcomeRefugees

Mandy has arrived safely in Canada! Thanks to parishioners Eugene and Charita, we were able to quickly secure an apartment. Many thanks to our St. Vincent de Paul and to the numerous parishioners who donated money or furniture. Know that Mandy is happy and is learning to navigate her new community.


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 

7PM MUSIC MINISTRY

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

Cindy & Francine 

VOLUNTEER



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.