



OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH

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PALM SUNDAY

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 CMI Fr. Richard Dordunu
Office Manager:	Donna Coruzzi
Secretary:	Vanessa Villanueva
Pastoral Minister:	Denise Araiche
Finance:	Luisa Conti
Music Director:	Rosanna Faccio-Polimeni

Parish Mission Statement: *Welcome – Encounter – Grow – Share*



April 14th – April 20th

MONDAY – 14th

8:30am – † Joao Mendes

TUESDAY – 15th

7:00pm – † Angela Stanziani
† Americo Santos

WEDNESDAY – 16th

8:30am – All Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY – 17th Holy Thursday

7:00pm – Washing of the Feet

FRIDAY – 18th Friday of the Passion of the Lord

12:00pm – Liturgy

3:00pm – Liturgy

SATURDAY – 19th Holy Saturday

12:00pm – Blessing of Food

8:00pm – Easter Vigil Mass

SUNDAY – 20th Easter Sunday

8:30am – † Andrew Kaczmarek

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

11:30am – Blessings for Szymkiewicz & Di Tullio Families

7:00pm – Onyinye Mbanefo (Birthday Blessings)

SUPPORT REPORT

Sunday Offering (April 6, 2025) \$7,355.60

Pre-Authorized Giving (April 6, 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,

Priests' Transfers: Bishop Crosby has announced this year's priest transfers. As part of the list, Fr. Dominic Thomas, OMI will be moving from our parish to St. John the Baptist Parish in Burlington, ON, as Associate Pastor. Father Dominic will move to his new assignment on June 25, 2025. It is sad that he will be leaving us, but we understand his ministry is needed elsewhere and he will be close by in Burlington. Congratulations to Father on his new assignment. We shall hold a refreshment to say goodbye in June 2025. Fr. Richard and I remain to serve the parish.

A Big Welcome!! This Easter, on Holy Saturday we are happy to welcome 25 people into the Catholic Church and into our amazing parish family. It would be great to join in this Mass, "the night of all nights." As we welcome them, we are reminded of our mission: "Welcome, Encounter, Grow and Share."

Palm Sunday: This weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday. It marks the beginning of Holy Week. We have the opportunity to celebrate the Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and to reflect on his passion for the salvation of the world. The liturgy is that of a mixed feeling, moving from joy to sorrow. It reflects the "pendulum" of our lives which sometimes swings from joy into sorrow. However, we have the courage in Christ to face our worst challenges. Moreover, with Christ our sorrows can be turned into joy in the final end.

Easter Confessions: This will take place on Wednesday April 16. We shall have about 5 priests available for confessions. When you arrive just go to any priest of your choice, have your confession, do your penance and then you may leave. Priests will be available from 6pm to 8:00pm.

Covering of images in the Church: During these last days we observe that images in the church have been veiled or covering with violet cloths. It is part of the tradition of the church with deep significance. It is a visual reminder of the somber nature of Lent, a time of penance and reflection on Christ's passion. It also represents Christ who will be taken away from us into his passion and a world that will be plunged in darkness until easter when we unveil to reveal Christ who triumphs over evil and darkness and brings light to our world. On Holy Thursday we strip the altar bare. This also represents the stripping of Christ's garments. We meditate on his humility and the humiliation our sins bring unto Christ and ourselves.

Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Saturday is known as the Triduum. It is a one Mass continuum which reflects the unity of the paschal mystery. It celebrates the Lord's suffering, death and resurrection. So, Catholics are encouraged to attend all three liturgies to complete the triduum. If you attend only one liturgy you have not attended the full Mass. I encourage everyone to try to attend the three liturgies for spiritual graces and blessings. Please don't forget to keep inviting family and friends to our liturgies.

Happy Palm Sunday and a Blessed Holy Week!

*Blessings,
Fr. Andrew*

Palm Sunday



DID YOU KNOW that the Holy Oils get blessed yearly at the Chrism mass at the Basilica? With the sacred **chrism oil** consecrated by the Bishop, the newly baptized are anointed and those to be confirmed are signed. It is with the **Oil of Catechumens** that catechumens are prepared and disposed for Baptism, and it is with the **Oil of the Sick** that those who are ill are comforted in their infirmity. The Chrism mass is a beautiful mass where all the priests of the Diocese gather together with their Bishop and concelebrate the mass. If you are interested, the mass is open to the public the Monday of Holy Week.



The **CWL** is running a **COLOURING CONTEST** for **ages 4-10**. Pick up a colouring sheet at the front entrance for a chance to win an **Easter basket full of goodies**. All completed sheets are due on Easter Sunday and Father Andrew will randomly pick a winner. All completed sheets can be placed in the envelope on the table.



Lenten STATIONS OF THE CROSS *Schedule*
(Every Fridays of Lent at 7:00PM)

Leaders of Prayers
April 18 – Parish Choirs

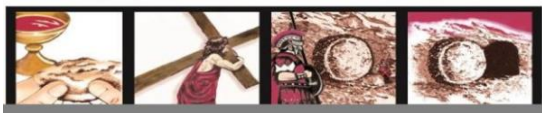


“Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart.” Joel 2:12

**Lenten Reconciliation
Service**

Wednesday, April 16th, 6 – 8PM
*Several priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Easter Triduum



HOLY THURSDAY April 17th

7:00PM	Mass with Washing of the Feet
Until 10:00PM	Adoration

GOOD FRIDAY April 18th

12 PM & 3PM	Liturgy
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY April 19th

12:00 PM	Blessing of Food
8:00 PM	Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY April 20th

8:30AM, 10AM, 11:30AM & 7PM	Easter Masses
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Porchetta on a Bun will be available the weekend of **April 26th & 27th**. These delicious sandwiches will be for sale after each mass (except 7PM Mass) for **\$7.00 each** or **3 for \$20.00**. These tend to sell out quickly so make sure you get yours!

YOUNG ADULTS UPCOMING EVENTS

April

15
APRIL
8:00 pm

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY
ALL YOUNG ADULTS, COUPLES AND NEWLYWEDS ARE INVITED FOR A SESSION EXPLORING TEACHINGS OF THEOLOGY OF THE BODY



Scan the QR code to register for the zoom session

25
APRIL
7:30 pm

MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING
JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY PRAYER AND REFLECTION GATHERING. LET US GROW TOGETHER IN OUR FAITH. THIS MONTH WE WILL BE REFLECTING ON GOD'S CALL TO MOSES



Location: Church Marian Room

26
APRIL
2pm

WEALTH CREATION AND MANAGEMENT
WANT TO MAKE SMARTER MONEY MOVES? JOIN US FOR A SESSION ON ALL THINGS FINANCE. WE'RE TALKING BUDGETING, INVESTING, AND BUILDING WEALTH—WITH PURPOSE. LET'S GROW TOGETHER—SPIRITUALLY AND FINANCIALLY!



Location: Church hall & Online

Email youngadultsolota@gmail.com to be added to our email list and to connect with us!!

SING UNTO THE LORD! YOUTH CHOIR NOTICE

Final practice before Easter Sunday. Practice date changed next week to **Monday April 14th**. 6 pm - 7:30pm (Cancelled for Holy Thursday.)

Rosanna 🎵

ADULT CHOIR NOTICE

Next **Monday, April 14th** we will be having a practice in the church at **6 pm**.

Fausto & Grace 🎵

VOLUNTEER



HOSPITALITY MINISTRY - ADMIN

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.