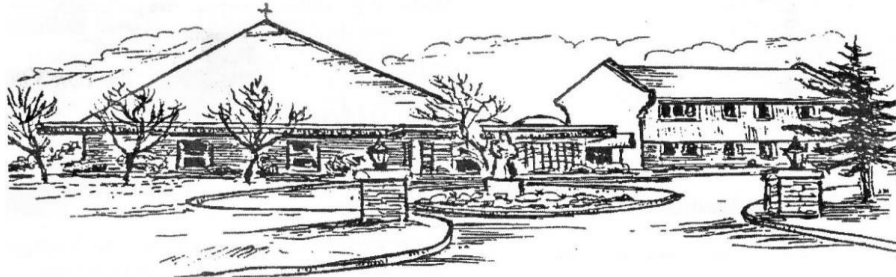




August 24, 2025 – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH

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LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday ✕ 5:00 pm

Sunday ✕ 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 am & 7:00 pm

(Children's Liturgy offered during 10am & 12pm Masses)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday	8:00 am
Tuesday	7:00 pm
Wednesday	8:00 am
Thursday	8:00 am
Friday	8:00 am
Saturday	8:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday ✕ 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm
First Fridays ✕ 8:30 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 (Cancelled for Summer)

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 Pastor:	Fr. Richard Dordunu
Permanent Deacon:	Deacon Joseph Gigliotti
Pastoral Minister:	Denise Araiche
Secretary:	Vanessa Villanueva
Finance:	Luisa Conti
Music Director:	Rosanna Faccio-Polimeni

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



August 25th – August 31st

MONDAY – 25th

8:00am – † Mobina & † Honor Palafox

TUESDAY – 26th

7:00pm – † Frank DeFazio

WEDNESDAY – 27th

8:00am – All Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY – 28th

8:00am – Najwa Bitar (Healing)

FRIDAY – 29th

8:00am – Thanksgiving to Ste. Thérèse

SATURDAY – 30th

8:00am – † Deacon Gerry Guinto

5:00pm - † Theo Klunder † Glen Gallant
† Tyler Coward † Honorato Bustos
† Peter Beattie † Teofilo Mazo
Deceased Members of Bosiljevac Family
Intention for Kalia Keefe

SUNDAY – 31st 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am – † Lyn Lobo

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

12:000pm – † Deacon Gerry Guinto

7:00pm – † Paul Nordoff

SUPPORT REPORT

Sunday Offerings (August 17, 2025) \$ 7, 701.75

Pre-Authorized Giving (August 17, 2025) \$ 907.00

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,

Happy Anniversary! Our year-long anniversary celebrations have begun. Thank you to the Anniversary Committee who are doing a wonderful job to ensure we have great and memorable celebrations. Thank you to the Picnic committee for putting up another successful and enjoyable picnic. We had about 620 people participate in our picnic this year. We also had a very successful and grace filled Assumption Mass and procession. Thank you to our Lay Pastoral Minister, Ms. Denise Araiche, our Liturgy committee, music ministry and everyone who made the celebration a blessed one.

First Friday and First Saturday Devotions: We resume our First Friday and Saturday devotions this Fall. It will last until next summer 2026. Join us to nourish and deepen your spiritual life through Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions. Next Month, September 2025, our First Friday and Saturday devotion will be on 5th and 6th of September, 2025. Don't miss this grace-filled moment.

Prayer Conference: As part of our faith formation and spiritual growth program, I will be hosting a Prayer Conference on Saturday September 13th, 2025 at the Church. This Prayer Conference will include a Mass, Adoration, Talk, Intercessory Prayers, Rosary and a light refreshment. The theme for the Conference is "Lord Teach us to Pray" (Luke 1:11). Come and learn about prayer, come and feel the power of prayer.

75th Anniversary Fundraising Campaign: I would like to encourage everyone to participate in this fundraising campaign to raise funds for the following:

1. Hire a youth minister
2. Support youth activities in the parish
3. Cover cost of minor repairs and maintenance to our rectory and church building
4. Change rectory windows
5. Cover cost of parish water system major repair and maintenance

We have been granted a Cathedraticum exemption by the diocese for the funds that will be raised. This means that 100% of all the funds raised will be retained by the parish to complete our slated projects. Our goal is to raise at least \$150,000.

Summer Blessings,
Fr. Andrew



75th Anniversary Merchandise will be available for pre-order. Order forms will be available after Masses or you can contact the parish office. Proceeds will fund rectory and building renovations & Youth Ministry. Thank you for your support!

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



DID YOU KNOW that the Swiss Guard has protected the Pope and his residence since 1506? A Swiss bishop suggested creating this army. The guards must be Swiss because at the time of their inception, the Swiss mercenaries were reputed to be the best in the world. To become a guard, you also need to be a devout Catholic, need a recommendation from your priest and pledge to be unmarried for a number of years. They also have basic arms training. A Swiss Guard can also join their own band (which played during the conclave) and sports enthusiasts can join their own football team, the FC Guardia (they play against other Vatican teams).



ALTAR SERVER RETREAT



On **Saturday August 30th**, we will be having our very first Altar Server's retreat from **10 am to 1 pm** in the Hall. The theme for this year's retreat is **"FAITH, FUN, FRIENDSHIP"** - and promises to be fun-filled, enlightening and entertaining. It is mandatory for all Altar Servers to attend as we have exciting activities which include:

- Faith Sharing - Building a stronger faith in Service
- Introduction of a new scheduling system for serving at Sunday masses
- Fun and exciting games (Prizes to be won)
- Food and Entertainment

Please RSVP to **Aidan** (9059755790) & **Kem** (3062169607)



Are you or someone you know looking to further explore your faith? Have you been thinking about or have questions about becoming Catholic? Would you like to invite a friend or relative to consider becoming Catholic?

RCIA is the process designed by the Church for adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion. This process gradually reveals the story of God's saving power for all; the mystery of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection; and the workings of the Holy Spirit through the sacraments and practices of the Catholic Church. We are having classes Thursdays starting September 4th from 7-9 pm. Should you be interested in joining or getting more information, please contact Denise at denise@olota.ca.



Our Lady of The Assumption Parish



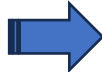
CONQUEST



Calling all the youth of our parish, join our Youth Ministry Program!!! It aims to form adolescents in grades 5-10 as Catholic leaders who transform culture through unique methods that include a virtue-based curriculum, is teen-led and team-based, is service-driven, and also responds to the needs of the adolescent.

WHO: Grades 5-10 (*grades 9-12 can be trained as leaders)
WHEN: Wednesdays, from 6:15pm-8:15pm(September - May)
WHERE: St. Paul CES (gym)
24 Amberwood St. Stoney Creek, ON L8J 2H9

Scan the QR Code to register!



Heartfelt **THANKS** **TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the beautiful mass and parish picnic in celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of the Assumption!

Thank you to Father Andrew, Father Richard, Deacon Joe, our office staff, and the dedicated Picnic Committee members; Carol, Diane, Ashley, Rich, Mike and Maria along with their spouses for the many hours they gave to make this day possible.

Thank you as well to our cooks, servers, kitchen staff and countless other volunteers, including many students! Thank you to Murphys Country Produce (Binbrook) and Nardini Foods (Stoney Creek) which both provided generous contributions, and also the band for their musical talent.

Most of all, thank you, parishioners, for coming together in faith and fellowship. Your presence made the day a true blessing!

EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration and *First Saturday Devotion* will resume on Friday, September 5 and Saturday, September 6, right after the 8:00AM Mass.



Our delicious PORCHETTA on a Bun is coming back on the weekend of September 13-14! These sandwiches will be for sale after each Mass (except 7PM Mass) for **\$7.00 each or 3 for \$20.00**. They tend to sell out so quickly so make sure you get yours!