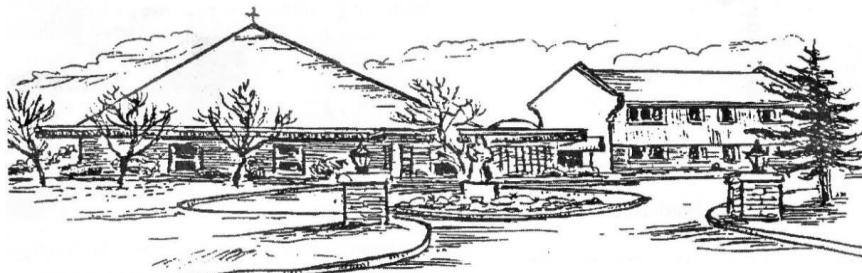




November 23, 2025 – Christ the King

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 pm & 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

CONFESIONS

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: pastoralminister@olotap.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 ✕ 8:30 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

Parish Manager: Karen Felker

Pastoral Minister: Denise Araiche

Secretary: Vanessa Villanueva

Finance: Luisa Conti

Music Director: Rosanna Faccio-Polimeni

Parish Mission Statement: Welcome – Encounter – Grow – Share

Mass Intentions

FROM THE PASTOR'S

DESK

November 24th - November 30th

MONDAY - 24th

8:00am - **Mani Boparai** (Special Blessing)

TUESDAY - 25th

7:00pm - **Deceased members of D'Souza family**

† Kazmiera & † Michal Prymas
† Josefa & Antoni Kazmierski
† Alozy Kazmierski † Pasquale Melfi
† Dominic Costa † Albert Gris
† Elizabethta Finelli † Luigi Frangella
† John Parke **All Souls in Purgatory**

WEDNESDAY - 26th

8:00am - † Salvatore Giglione

THURSDAY - 27th

8:00am - † Salvatore Giglione

FRIDAY - 28th

8:00am - † Saunders Kazmierski

SATURDAY - 29th

8:00am - † Saunders Kazmierski

5:00pm - † Dorothy Brennan † Emilio Nardini
† Vittorio Marini † Courtney Reynolds
† John Masaro † Gabriel Giannobile
† Gabriel & † Adele Ginevra
Natalia & Custodio Oliveira (Blessings)
Debbie Johnston & Ray Gammon (Healing)

SUNDAY - 30th - 1st Sunday of Advent

8:00am - † Maria Liz Costa & † Antonio Ferreira

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

12:00pm - **Gloria & Rob Lima & family** (Blessings)

7:00pm - † Andrew Kaczmarski

SUPPORT REPORT

Sunday Offerings (November 16, 2025) \$ 9,294.30

Pre-Authorized Giving (November 16, 2025) \$ 1,567.00

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,

ADVENT: Next weekend we begin the Liturgical Season of Advent. Let us use the opportunity to grow in our spiritual lives. Advent is the first season of the Liturgical Year. It brings us to prepare to meet Christ our Lord and saviour. Advent has a two-fold nature: it prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Jesus' birth and first coming into our world. Secondly, Advent is also a time we prepare and look forward to the second coming of Jesus at the end of the ages to judge the living and the dead, and to bring the righteous into the Kingdom of God. Advent is a time of joyful anticipation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May you be led to a wonderful celebration of Christmas. It's all about Christ!

PASTORAL FOCUS 2026: My Pastoral Focus for the year 2026 will be on **Reviving our Catholic Faith**. There will be emphasis on renewing the Daily Mass Culture – making daily masses a source of grace, peace, strength, spiritual nourishment and mission for all who come. There will be emphasis on faith teachings to help us grow in our Catholic faith and practices. There will be emphasis on the Mass, the Eucharist, to help us deepen our devotion to Christ. Every Mass will be a wonderful opportunity to encounter Christ and to grow in faith.

Find below the themes I will be preaching on for the 1st Sunday and weekdays of Advent:

1st Sunday of Advent: "Awake to the Coming of Christ"

Monday — "God's Mountain: A Vision of Peace"

Tuesday — "A Shoot from the Stump: Life from What Seems Dead"

Wednesday — "God's Feast: Healing, Unity, and Abundance"

Thursday — "Rock-Solid Faith: Building Your Life on God"

Friday — "Trusting the Heart of Jesus: The Healing of Blindness"

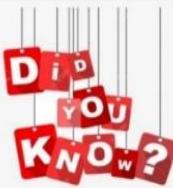
Saturday — "Moved with Compassion: Christ Sends Workers"

ADVENT NOVENA SPIRITUAL CHALLENGE: Join our Advent Novena Spiritual Challenge. 9-Days continuous devotion to the Infant Jesus. It starts from Friday December 5 to Saturday 13 at 7:00am. No evening Mass on Tuesday the 9th Dec. Mass will be at 7:00am. On Sunday 7th December, the devotion will be prayed personally. There will be a special breakfast to close the devotion on December 13th after the morning Novena Mass. Throughout the 9-days we shall pray for: peace, families, healing, young people, marriages, Elderly, Refugees, and Personal Conversion. Don't miss this wonderful spiritual revival and grace.

LAST CALL – PILGRIMAGE TO EUROPE: Those interested in joining me for the Pilgrimage to **Our Lady of Medjugorje and the Saints of Divine Mercy** should kindly register at the entrance of the church for orientation session coming up in December.

Happy Advent!

Fr. Andrew



DID YOU KNOW? that the Church has "doctors"? A **doctor of the Church** is a saint whose teachings have made a powerful impact on Catholic thought allowing us to deepen our understanding of our faith. To be a doctor, the person needs to meet 3 criteria: the teachings must be **theologically sound and beneficial** to the Church, they must have shown **remarkable holiness of life** and they must be **officially proclaimed** a doctor of the Church. These saints have wisdom and a deep love for the Church. Get to know the writings of these beautiful saints. They can help us strengthen our faith and be a motivating guide.

Find peace in the flicker of a flame.



Candlelight Adoration

Friday
November 28th
at 7:00PM

Bring your family & friends.

Please support our Parish Adoration program with a freewill donation.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



Wreath & Candle-Making Event

Saturday, November 29
2PM-4:30PM in the Parish Hall

All young adults of the parish aged 19+ are welcome to join. Anyone interested, please sign up at the entrances of the church.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who organised our **Karaoke Night!** It was a fun event! We have so much talent in our parish! We were able to raise **\$1,374.50** A special shout out to **Michele Bertothy** who led the charge on planning (even writing an exam for her OneServe license!). Thank you to all who attended and donated to a worthy cause! Stay tuned for our next 75th anniversary event!



The CWL Executive is pleased to announce that **net proceeds** from our recent **Christmas Marketplace** fundraiser totalled **\$7,946.28**. To fulfill the legal licensing requirements, we are also happy to confirm that **all Penny Sale Items have been claimed**.

The CWL invites all women of the parish to our **Annual Christmas Social on Wednesday, December 10th at 7:00 PM**. We will begin with a brief meeting (Treasurer's Report) and Advent Liturgy, followed by fellowship and refreshments. Please bring a friend, a small snack to share, and a gift card donation for Regina's Place.

The CWL is hosting a **Parish Advent Colouring Contest for children** ages 4-10. Colouring pages will be handed out after the Masses on Nov. 29/30, with two prize baskets available: for ages 4-6 and 7-10. **Completed entries are due by December 21.**



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

The **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** invites parishioners to select a tag from the Christmas trees located at the parish doors and purchase a gift for our neighbours in need. Please return your gift with the tag attached by the weekend of December 13th/14th. If purchasing a gift card from a retail location please include the verification receipt to confirm the amount of the purchase.

If donating nonperishable food items for our hampers please check expiry dates of the items to ensure they are current.

Drivers will be needed to deliver the items to our families after the 12:00 pm Mass on Sunday December 14th. We appreciate the support of our ministry by coming to the office basement and an address will be assigned to your family for delivery.

Thank you to our parishioners for bringing hope to our neighbours in need this Christmas season.



White Pearl Gift Boutique will be at our parish next weekend, November 29-30! Let's support our parishioners' local small business. It's the perfect opportunity to find gifts for everyone on your list!