



November 30, 2025 – First Sunday of Advent

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

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: 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*



December 1st – December 7th

MONDAY – December 1st

8:00am – † Toni Ashali

TUESDAY – 2nd

7:00pm – † Jose Marques † Christina Almeida
 † Emilio Nardini † Ferdinando Gigliotti
 † P.C. Thomas † Maria Fernandes
 † Fred Miscio † Gina Perry
 † Divina Peñafrancia Baldoza
 All Souls in Purgatory
 Lydia Cujardo (Birthday Blessings)
 Bernadette's special intention

WEDNESDAY – 3rd

8:00am – † Giuseppina DiDionisio
 † Francesco Del Monaco

THURSDAY – 4th

8:00am – † Francesco Del Monaco

FRIDAY – 5th – Advent Novena (1st Day)

7:00am – † Pedro & † Eufemia Pineda

SATURDAY – 6th – Advent Novena (2nd Day)

7:00am – Reparations for the offenses against Our Lady Immaculate's Heart
 5:00pm – † Gabriel Giannobile † Rosina Riggitano
 † Joseph Spatazzo † Domenica Leone
 † John & Vittoria Di Salvo † Emilio Nardini
 Romeo Lapie (Healing)
 Kamara Mbanefo (Birthday Blessings)
 Julianne Mae Pepito (Birthday Blessings)
 Osahon & Evelyn Anegbode (10th Wedding Anniv)

SUNDAY – 7th – Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am – † Giovanna Sarullo & † Pasquale Giglione
 10:00am – Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)
 12:00pm – † Deacon Gerry Guinto
 7:00pm – † Sr. Maryamma

SUPPORT REPORT

Sunday Offerings (November 23, 2025) \$ 9,557.35
 Pre-Authorized Giving (November 23, 2025) \$ 852.00

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: Happy First Sunday of Advent! Let us use this 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.

ADVENT NOVENA SPIRITUAL CHALLENGE: Join our Advent Novena Spiritual Challenge. 9-Days continuous devotion to the Infant Jesus. It starts from Friday, December 5th to Saturday, December 13th at 7:00am. Evening Mass on Tuesday, December 9th, will be moved at 7:00am. On Sunday, 7th of 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



75th Anniversary Merchandise are still available for pre-order. Perfect Christmas gift for anyone on your list!

Our Anniversary Fundraiser is still on. Our goal is to raise \$150,000 to maintain the parish and to bring more spiritual vitality. So far, we have raised \$ 10, 003.75.

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DID YOU KNOW that “creed” comes from the word “credo” which means “I believe”? The creeds are structured on our fundamental belief in the Trinity (The Father and creation, The Son and redemption, the Holy Spirit and sanctification). The Apostles’ Creed was rooted in the Apostles’ teachings. The Nicene creed (Council of Nicea I 325) further emphasised the divinity of Christ. The basis of the Nicene creed was the Apostles’. We use the creeds interchangeably and in Advent, we will use the Nicene creed in joyful anticipation of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Join our **Advent Novena Spiritual Challenge**. 9-Days continuous devotion to the Infant Jesus. It starts **from Friday, December 5 and ends on Saturday, December 13th at 7:00am**. **Novena Breakfast** will follow on the last day in the hall.



Carols & Nativity Play 2024 Christmas Celebration

Join us for a unique festival of music and scripture on **Sunday, December 14 @ 7PM**. Experience the journey and birth of Jesus through songs and scripture!

Freewill Donations will be accepted
NO 7PM Mass



Bambinelli SUNDAY

December 13-14 (all Masses)

Bring your Baby Jesus figure from your home to Mass that day to be blessed.

After the blessing we suggest you take your “bambinelli” home and place it in a gift box, wrap it, and open it on Christmas day and place your Baby Jesus figure in the crib.



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.**

PLEASE JOIN US
Our Lady of the Assumption Parish
75th Anniversary
RETREAT
Welcome
Encounter
Grow
Share

LIVING OUR PILLARS
through

Scripture

Sacrament

The Holy Spirit

PLEASE REGISTER IN THE NARTHEX
CHILDREN'S RETREAT WILL BE OFFERED AT THE SAME TIME

"Encounter Christ. Grow in faith. Serve with joy."

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025

Novena Mass 7:00 a.m. * Breakfast 8:00 a.m.

Retreat 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



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 wrapped 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 in the afternoon of Sunday December 14th after hampers and gifts are assembled. Please contact our SSVP phone line # 1 at the parish at 905 664-7651 and leave a message with your phone number and name. All drivers will be called with specifics of the time to return to the parish hall to assist.** Thank you to our parishioners for bringing hope to neighbours during this Christmas season. Please contact **Brenda Hamilton @ 289 775-1897** with any questions.