



December 14, 2025 – Third Sunday of Advent

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH

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Third Sunday Of ADVENT

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*

Mass Intentions

December 15th – December 21st

MONDAY – 15th

8:00am – † Leonardo Carlos

TUESDAY – 16th

7:00pm – † Don de Cruz † Peter Joseph
† John Parke † Ferdinando Gigliotti
† Nino Bianchini † Benjamin Apuada Sr.
† Francesco Rizzo † Fred Miscio
† Gina Perry

Deceased Members of Carlesso, Antolini & Gigliotti families

WEDNESDAY – 17th

8:00am – † Anna Nguyen

THURSDAY – 18th

8:00am – † Teresa Sequeira

FRIDAY – 19th

8:00am – Thanksgiving for Dang Family

SATURDAY – 20th

8:00am – Souls in Purgatory

5:00pm – † Angelo Tartaro † Mary Carty
† Gabriel Giannobile † Toni Aceti
† John Parke † Albert Gris
† Patrick Coward
† Manuel & Maria Chavez
† Lenardo & Crocefissa Bellaro
Deceased Members of Kunjalakattu & Panamthanathe families

SUNDAY – 21st – Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00am – † Frances Taylor
10:00am – Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)
12:00pm – † Vincenzo Bellerla
7:00pm – † Antonio Mancino & † Nunzia Pellicani
† Donald & Shirley Grasley

SUPPORT REPORT

Sunday Offerings (December 7, 2025) \$ 6,536.90
Pre-Authorized Giving (December 7, 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.

Pastor's Message

Dear Parish Family,

Parish Highlight:

In June 2023, about 600 people were attending Mass here at *Our Lady of the Assumption Parish*. At that time, we celebrated four weekend Masses: Saturday at 5:00 p.m., and Sunday at 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.

Our story continues to unfold with both abundant graces and meaningful challenges. By the end of 2024 and moving into 2025, we have grown to more than **1,200 active parishioners** attending five weekend Masses: Saturday at 5:00 p.m., and Sunday at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. This growth is a tremendous blessing—but it also brings new responsibilities that we must embrace together, working in unity to sustain and expand God's mission among us.

Our **10:00 a.m. Mass** has now reached full capacity. To accommodate the overflow, we will make use of the **Family Room, Marian Room, and the Parish Hall**, where the Mass will be **livestreamed**. The Hall now features a screen for projecting music and Mass responses, creating a more engaging and prayerful atmosphere for everyone.

Our growth also brings **practical needs**:

- We need more **musicians and volunteers** to serve at our five Masses.
- Increased attendance means higher costs for **septic, water supply, garbage collection** (now twice a month instead of once), **utilities, maintenance, and pastoral staffing**.
- Did you know that our parish is on a **septic system** and we **purchase water from outside**? We also have a **water filtration system** to ensure the safety and quality of our water.

Naturally, this growth places more demand on our **facilities, staff, clergy, and volunteers**. It affects every aspect of parish life—from our programs and mission to the maintenance of our physical space. Yet, with faith, hard work, and unity, we are managing and trusting God to continue guiding us forward.

While we rejoice in our growth, our **donations** have not grown at the same pace. Currently, about **60% of parishioners** contribute regularly to support the parish. To those who give faithfully—thank you! Your generosity sustains our mission.

If you are able to **review your contribution** and possibly increase your giving, your support would make a great difference. And if you have not yet started giving regularly, we warmly invite you to begin today.

Finally, please continue to **pray for our parish**, that we may grow in faith, unity, and generosity, becoming mature disciples of Christ who joyfully fulfill His mission here at Our Lady of the Assumption.

God is good—all the time!

Fr. Andrew

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DID YOU KNOW that the **candles on the advent wreath** are lit for special intentions? The first purple candle is lit for **hope**, the second purple for **faith**, the pink candle (lit the third week for Gaudete Sunday) is for **joy** and the third purple candle is for **peace**. There is often a central **white** candle in the middle of the wreath called the **Christ candle**. It is lit on Christmas eve to celebrate the arrival of Jesus. Each candle is lit to **remind us of the spiritual preparation** we need to do for the coming of the Christ child.

COME Home FOR Christmas

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASSES DECEMBER 24, 4PM & 7PM
SOLEMN MIDNIGHT MASS DECEMBER 25, 12AM
CHRISTMAS DAY MASS DECEMBER 25, 10AM & 12PM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD DECEMBER 31, 5PM & 11PM
JANUARY 1, 10AM

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Christmas Reconciliation

Wednesday ↓ December 17 ↓ 6pm - 8pm
Saturday ↓ December 20 ↓ 4pm - 4:45pm

✚ Come and experience God's mercy, peace, and forgiveness. Let this season be not only about lights and gifts, but about welcoming Christ with a clean heart.

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." — Luke 3:4



Attention CWL Sisters: Your **2026 CWL membership dues of \$40.00** can be paid in **cash** or **cheque** payable to **CWL Assumption Council**. The dues envelope can be dropped into the collection basket at any of the weekend Masses. Members remitting through PAD, no action is required. Renewing your membership gives power and support to the National CWL faith, service and social justice goals and initiatives! New members are always welcome and encouraged!

 **Take Note**

Tuesday, December 23rd evening Mass is moved to **8am** to give time for our Altar Guild to decorate the church for Christmas Events.



Holiday Office Hours

Tuesday, Dec 23	OPEN
Wed-Fri, Dec 24 - 26	CLOSED
Tuesday, Dec 30	OPEN (9am-12pm)
Wed-Fri, Dec 31 - Jan 2	CLOSED

***Regular Office Hours will resume on January 6, 2026



Our **75th Anniversary Cookbook** is on its way here - just in time for Christmas! This is a great gift for yourself and for a child moving out of the house (or moving in again hopefully to prepare you dinner!). We have great multicultural recipes that are delicious and time-tested. They will be on sale by next weekend so please stay tuned!