



December 21, 2025 – Fourth 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

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.

Merry

CHRISTMAS
The Nativity of our Lord

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

December 22nd – December 28th

MONDAY – 22nd

8:00am – Philip, Karolina & Felix Marynowicz
(Blessings)

TUESDAY – 23rd

8:00am – † Maria Odette Marquez **† Albert Gris**
 † Patrick Sullivan **† Peter Nguyen**
 † Giuseppe Marasco **† Theresa Giao**
 † Maria Zelko **† Joze Zelko**
 † Patrick Coward
 All souls in Purgatory
 Janice Goodwin (Healing)

WEDNESDAY – 24th Christmas Vigil

THURSDAY – 25th Nativity of our Lord

FRIDAY – 26th

8:00am – OLOTA Parishioners

SATURDAY – 27th

8:00am – Stephen & Maria Lim (40th Wedding Anniv)

5:00pm – All Souls in Purgatory

† Mari Chaves Sousa **† Larry Lobsinger**
 † Natalie Crosby **† Ferdinando Gigliotti**
 † Andy Dobrowolski **† John Barkovich**
 † Angela Strbenac **† Ivan Strbenac**

**Deceased Members of Marasco & Gagnon
Families**

Blessings for St-Jean Family

SUNDAY – 28th – Feast of Holy Family

8:00am – Chima Mbanefo (Blessings)

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

12:00pm – † Tomas Carlos

7:00pm – † Armando Vacca

SUPPORT REPORT

Sunday Offerings (December 14, 2025) \$ 9,021.50
Pre-Authorized Giving (December 14, 2025) \$ 1,512.00

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,

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, we want to acknowledge in a special way all our parishioners who are home-bound and those in our seniors' homes (Summit Heights, Heritage Green and Ridgeview). We thank them for their contributions to the church, their prayers and generous support. We want them to know that we love, cherish and honour all of them. The parish will continue to be committed to visiting them and to assure them that we are a one big family and that they are never alone.

We remember in our prayers: Laura and Albert Cimadamore, Giovanna DiPronio, John Schoutsen, Ruth Davis, Barb Kasmierski, Michael Uggenti, Lina Carlesso, Jim Nasso, John and Helena Da Silva, Elaine and Mario Trabucco, Maria Gambale, John Ricotone, Angela Caravaggio, Marilyn Collins.

Now to all of our parishioners, thank you for being a community of faith, care, and generosity throughout the year. May the peace of the newborn Jesus rest gently in your hearts and homes, and may his love give you strength for the days ahead. You are remembered, you are valued, and you are deeply loved.

Wishing you a blessed, peaceful, and grace-filled Christmas!

God is good—all the time!

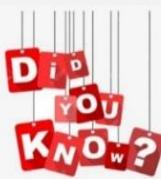
Fr. Andrew



Please consider supporting our parish with a donation. Your donation helps sustain the upkeep of our church, our ministries, and our service to the community. To Donate to our parish, please scan the QR Code and follow the instructions. Thank you for helping us make a difference!

God bless your generosity abundantly!

Fourth Sunday of Advent



DID YOU KNOW that during the week, **priests are ministering to parishioners almost 24/7**? On a regular day, our priests celebrate at least one mass at Church and then are at schools or retirement homes for scheduled masses, reconciliations, class talks and meetings. They are in the office for scheduled counselling, arranging marriages, working on paperwork for annulments, sacraments, and so much other administration. Not only that, but they have to be prepared daily and for weekends with all the liturgical happenings, writing homilies, adding faith formation, overseeing the church administration, finances, etc. If that is not enough, they are out for house blessings, communion visits to the homebound, visiting parishioners in hospitals, anointing parishioners, etc. They are also arranging missed sacraments, funerals, anniversaries, convalidations and other celebrations like feast days, memorials, etc. On top of all that, they try to attend our ministry meetings and are on committees in the Diocese and with other religious or charitable organisations. We thank God for our two busy priests who do so much for our parish on the Saturdays/Sundays that we see them. We have an **extra thanks** for all that they do for us that we don't see.



Christmas Vigil Masses | December 24 | 4pm & 7pm

Solemn Midnight Mass | December 25 | 12am

Christmas Day Masses | December 25 | 10am & 12pm

Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God

(Holy day of Obligation)

December 31 | 5pm & 11pm

January 1 | 10am

Let's celebrate Christmas together!



In accordance with CRA guidelines, we are unable to record 2025 donations that are received in 2026. If you wish to make a 2025 year-end donation, please ensure it is received on or before December 31, 2025. Any donations received on or after January 1, 2026 will be included on your 2026 income tax receipt. Thank you greatly for your continued support! Father Quarshie will announce when the 2025 Income Tax Receipts are ready. Please watch the bulletin for further details.



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



At the recent CWL General Meeting, members approved a total of \$10,000 to be donated for the 2025 calendar year. **Our Parish will receive \$7,000**, with the balance being distributed to the following charities: Birthright, Catholic Missions in Canada, DeMazenod Outreach, Diocesan Emergency Kits, Development & Peace, Keaton's House Hospice, Good Shepherd/Assisted Living for Seniors, our parish St. Vincent de Paul and Stoney Creek Food Bank. **We wish to thank our parishioners and friends for their outstanding and ongoing support throughout the year.**



Don't forget to pick up your 2026 church envelopes, located in the hallway. If you cannot locate yours or you would like envelopes, please complete the registration form or call the parish office.

Please do not use your 2026 envelopes until the New Year.

Always make sure your name is fully legible when using Visitor envelopes, this ensures you receive a tax receipt at year end. Do not use OLD envelopes in 2026 as numbers have been reassigned.



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 now available - 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. Pick your copies now before they sellout! They are on sale for \$25 each or 2 for \$40.