



December 28, 2025 – Feast of the Holy Family

# OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH

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## Feast of the HOLY FAMILY

### 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](mailto: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](http://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 29<sup>th</sup> – January 4<sup>th</sup>

**MONDAY – 29<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00am – † Carmela Falcone**

**TUESDAY – 30<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00pm – † Fiore Sozio**

**† Carmela Falcone**

**† Patrick Coward**

**Marian Gal (Healing)**

**WEDNESDAY – 31<sup>st</sup>**

**5:00pm – † Jeanine & Marcel St-Jean**

**11:00pm - † Aldo Del Grosso**

**THURSDAY – January 1<sup>st</sup> – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**10:00am – St-Jean Family (Blessings)**

**Patrice St-Jean (Healing & Blessings)**

**FRIDAY – 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**8:00am – No Mass**

**SATURDAY – 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**8:00am – No Mass**

**5:00pm – † Julia Burke**

**† Rosa Sicurella**

**† Ida Sofia Mastroianni**

**All Souls in Purgatory**

**SUNDAY – 4<sup>th</sup> – Epiphany of the Lord**

**8:00am – † Concetta Tam**

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

**12:00pm – † Joe Sculnik**

**7:00pm – Rose Del Grosso (Blessings)**

**SUPPORT REPORT**

**Sunday Offerings (December 21, 2025) \$ 13,422.70**

**Pre-Authorized Giving (December 21, 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,**

***A very Merry Christmas to everyone!***

A very big thank you to all parishioners for your contributions of time, talents and resources to bringing our parish this far. God has really blessed our parish through all of us and in many ways. Special thank you to the work of our Parish Staff, Finance Councilors, Parish Pastoral Councilors, and all Volunteers in our Ministries. A special thank you to our Catholic Women's League, St. Vincent de Paul Group, and Men's Group for their great partnership and support of our parish.

Thank you for your generous Christmas gifts and prayers.

Christmas is a time to reclaim anew the gift of God's Light given to transform our lives and the world for the better. That Light is Christ. May His light of love, peace and joy shine through your hearts and homes this Christmas.

May we continue to welcome everyone to encounter Christ, grow in faith and serve with joy.

***Merry Christmas and a Grace-filled happy New Year!***

**Blessings,**

***Fr. Andrew***

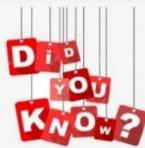


**Wishing YOU A  
Blessed  
★NEW YEAR★**



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!

## Feast of the Holy Family



**DID YOU KNOW** that the **Incarnation** (God becoming flesh) was necessary? St. Athanasius of Alexandria stated that "Jesus became what we are that He might make us what He is". The Word of God came in His own Person, so that we would come to know Him. And He alone, could bring Himself and His love to us, dispelling the evil that came with the fall. Let us Praise our King, Jesus Christ, who came to the World to save us.



**Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God**  
(Holy day of Obligation)  
December 31 | 5pm & 11pm  
January 1 | 10am



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.



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.**



Our **75th Anniversary Cookbook** is now available! 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.

## Holiday Office Hours

Tuesday, Dec 30	OPEN (9am-12pm)
Wed-Fri, Dec 31 - Jan 2	<b>CLOSED</b>

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



**RCIC**

Our **Rite of Christian Initiation for Children** is starting up **Tuesday January 6th from 6-8 pm in the hall**. These courses are for children over the age of 7 who are not Catholic but wish to convert. They will be baptised into the Church at the Easter Vigil. If you are interested in having your children baptised, please contact Denise at [pastoralminister@olotap.ca](mailto:pastoralminister@olotap.ca).



A death of a parishioner is a tragedy to the family and to our parish - the Body of Christ. We always want to honour our parishioners and their families during this time. With the hall being certified, we are now able to rent it for funeral receptions (and other events). **All inquiries should go to Karen Felker** in the parish office. Also, **we are indebted to and thank the CWL women** for taking on the service in the hall for our past funerals. They have taken on this role, usually at the last minute for our parish. At this point, we would like to create a **Funeral Ministry** - women and men that could be called in when we have a funeral in our hall to set up and serve and to be there for the family in need. If the Lord is calling you to this ministry, please **contact Denise** at [pastoralminister@olotap.ca](mailto:pastoralminister@olotap.ca). We **thank Rosemarie Ortiz** who has offered to co-ordinate this parish ministry.

**Our Lady of the Assumption Parish 75th Anniversary**

Check out our website for additional Anniversary Items

ORDER ONLINE: [www.westendsportshamilton.ca/store/](http://www.westendsportshamilton.ca/store/)

Check our website for ordering options and instructions.

## A Christmas Message from the Catholic Women's League

As we celebrate the joyful season of Christmas, the **Catholic Women's League** extends our heartfelt wishes to all our parishioners. May the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, fill your hearts and homes with peace, hope, and love. We thank you for your continued support, kindness, and dedication to our CWL throughout the year. May this holy season renew our faith and remind us of the blessings we share as one parish family. Wishing you a blessed and joyful Christmas and a New Year filled with God's grace.