



December 7, 2025 – Second Sunday of Advent

# OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH

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## Second 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

### 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

Dear Parish Family,

Here is a little history behind the on-going Novena Devotion to the infant of Prague:

**THE INFANT OF PRAGUE** - The devotion to the Infant Jesus of Prague began in 16th-century Czech lands through the Carmelite friars. According to tradition, the beloved statue once belonged to St. Teresa of Avila, who gave it as a gift that eventually reached Princess Polyxena of Lobkowicz. In a time of hardship for the Carmelites, she presented the statue to them, saying: *"Honor this image and you shall never be poor."* The community soon experienced renewed blessings and support.

The statue portrays the Child Jesus as King:

- **A royal robe** shows Christ the Infant King of the Universe.
- **A globe in His left hand** symbolizes His care and protection over the whole world.
- **His right hand raised in blessing** represents Jesus blessing us; the two raised fingers signify His human and divine natures, and the joined thumb and fingers symbolize the Holy Trinity.

During wartime the statue was damaged and forgotten until a Carmelite priest rediscovered it and restored its hands. Tradition says that in 1637 the Infant spoke to him: *"Have mercy on Me and I will have mercy on you. Give Me hands and I will give you peace. The more you honor Me, the more I will bless you."*

For nearly four centuries, countless blessings and miracles have been reported through devotion to the Divine Infant. The statue is venerated today in the Carmelite Church of Our Lady of Victory in Prague.

The Infant of Prague reminds us that God holds our lives in His hands and invites us to trust Him with childlike humility, simplicity, and faith.

May you and your families receive many miracles, graces and blessings from the infant Jesus.

Source: The League of the miraculous Infant Jesus of Prague, Westmont, Illinois, USA. <https://infantprague.org/about-the-infant-jesus-of-prague/>

*Happy Advent!*

*Fr. Andrew*



75<sup>th</sup> 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 \$ 12.933.75

### SUPPORT REPORT

**Sunday Offerings** (November 30, 2025) \$ 8,498.55  
**Pre-Authorized Giving** (November 30, 2025) \$ 5,522.00

**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.

**December 8<sup>th</sup> – December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**MONDAY – 8<sup>th</sup> – Immaculate Conception**

**Advent Novena (Day 4)**

7:00am – † Christopher Pickering

**TUESDAY – 9<sup>th</sup> Advent Novena (Day 5)**

7:00am – † Dora Gigliotti † Ferdinando Gigliotti  
† Albert Gris † John Parke  
Deceased Members of Chunkathara Family  
Roland & Alysse Estrabillo (Thanksgiving)  
Emma (Blessings)

**WEDNESDAY – 10<sup>th</sup> Advent Novena (Day 6)**

7:00am – † Saunders Kazmierski

**THURSDAY – 11<sup>th</sup> Advent Novena (Day 7)**

7:00am – † Saunders Kazmierski

**FRIDAY – 12<sup>th</sup> – Advent Novena (Day 8)**

7:00am – In honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus & reparations for sins to the Blessed Sacrament

**SATURDAY – 13<sup>th</sup> – Advent Novena (Day 9)**

7:00am – † Cornelia & † Athelstan Pascall

5:00pm - † Jennifer Ann Aguilar  
† Frank Farruggia  
† Domenic Ferrelli  
† Jeanne-Mance Thomas  
† Maria Grace Ferrera  
† Mr. Joseph & † Mrs. Anniamma  
Peter & Conchita Carlos (Wedding Anniv)  
Renato Jr. & Nadelyn Calasanz (Wedding Anniv)  
Mae Anne Pepito (Birthday Blessings)  
Joao Freitas & Family (Blessings)

**SUNDAY – 14<sup>th</sup> – Third Sunday of Advent**

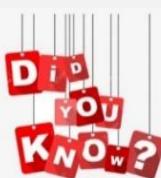
8:00am – Timothy Lim (Thanksgiving)

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

12:00pm – † Emilio Guanzon & † Cyril Gibbs

7:00pm – Carols & Lessons (NO Mass)

## Second Sunday of Advent



**DID YOU KNOW** that the word **Advent** comes from the Latin word "Adventus" which means "coming" or "arrival"? Advent is a four week period of preparation and anticipation for Christmas – the birth of Jesus. We recognise Advent by the colour of the vestments and altar cloths in the Church – they are purple – and by the advent wreath we have at Church. During this time, families try to find the peace of Christ amidst the hustle and bustle of this time. Coming to Church as a family, doing an act of kindness for someone in need, reaching out to others that are lonely, mourning, etc. is a wonderful way to put Christ at the centre of this time.



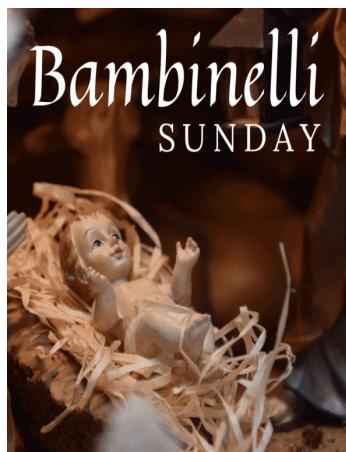
Join our **Advent Novena Spiritual Challenge**. 9-Days continuous devotion to the Infant Jesus. It starts **from Friday, December 5 and ends on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00am**. Novena Breakfast will follow on the last day in the hall.



### 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**



### **December 13-14** **(all Masses)**

All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day and as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.



### Advent Penitential Service & Individual Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

4:00pm – 4:45pm



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.

**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 NARTEX**  
**\*CHILDREN'S RETREAT WILL BE OFFERED AT THE SAME TIME\***

**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.



**Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** evening Mass is moved to **7am** for the Advent novena.

**Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**, **NO 7pm Mass**.

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