



March 15, 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

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@olota.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 – 9:30 am

Benediction ✕ 9:30 am – 10:00 am

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.

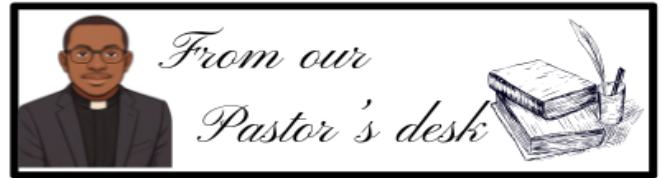
MASS INTENTIONS

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:	Fausto Capobianco

Parish Mission Statement: *Welcome – Encounter – Grow – Share*



March 16th – March 22nd

Monday – 16th	
8:00am	† Raymunda Carlos
Tuesday – 17th	
7:00pm	Kucharski Fam (Blessings) † Lorne Sheeler Alberta Adah (Blessings) Matteo Gigliotti (Healing)
Wednesday – 18th	
8:00am	† Rita & † John Iannitelli
Thursday – 19th	
8:00am	Philip, Karolina & Felix Marynowicz (Blessings)
Friday – 20th	
8:00am	Thanksgiving & Blessings for Marek Kazmierski
Saturday – 21st	
8:00am	† Kristin Dziugala
5:00pm	† Giuseppe Di Bacco † Vincenzo Iacabucci † Joseph Burke † Josip Kupina † Tom Palameta † Gabriele Giannobile † Manuel Fernandes † Maria Fernandes † Rose Macko † Joaquim Caetano † Teresa Albanese † Gabriele Rocci
Sunday – 22nd	
8:00am	Birthday Blessings for Fr. Andrew & Emma Aldana
10:00am	Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)
12:00pm	† Msgr. Simon K.
7:00pm	Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes

Dear Parish Family,

Solemnity of St. Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary: On Thursday March 19, 2026, we shall celebrate the solemnity of St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the 8:00am Mass. St. Joseph is the Principal Patron saint of Canada and of the universal church. We recall his gentle spirit, dedication and obedience to God. St. Joseph is a good example and model for all Christian men.

Parish Prayer Group: Take note that we have a parish prayer group. They pray the Rosary, Divine Mercy and more after every morning and evening Mass. Join in to pray for yourself and loved ones. Prayer is a great way to be more connected to God, to find guidance and peace in life.

75th Anniversary Gala: Our gala is soon approaching. Get tickets to join us to celebrate our parish anniversary in a spirit of fun, friendship, grace and thanksgiving. We are excited to hear that Mayor Horwath will join us, don't miss this wonderful occasion.

Teachings about the Mass: What is the Mass? What does the entrance hymn and procession recall? What are the parts of the Mass and what do they mean? what are the "secret prayers" the priest says at Mass? Why do we stand, kneel etc.? Why do we use candles, incense etc. at Mass? Join us every weekday Mass to learn more about the mass and nourish your faith.

Book Launch and birthday celebration: on 22nd March 2026, I shall launch my book "Pastoral Leadership in the 21st Century." This will take place after the 12pm Mass in the Parish Hall. The book will be offered for \$25. Come and grab a copy with my autograph. On the same day I celebrate my birthday. All are welcome.

Have a grace-filled Lent!

Blessings to you all!

Fr. Andrew

SUPPORT REPORT

Sunday Offerings (March 8, 2026) \$ 7,576.20

Pre-Authorized Debit (March 8, 2026) \$ 837.00

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.

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED HOW MUCH TO DONATE?

Historically, Catholic tithing involved offering 10% of one's income to support the Church and its community. While this is no longer a strict requirement, the table below provides a helpful guideline for considering your contribution to meet the Church's mission.

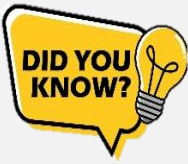
***A tax-deductible receipt will be provided for your donation. ***

Annual Income	%Range	Per Sunday	Annual Contribution
\$20,000	2-4%	\$7.50-\$15	\$400 - \$800
\$30,000	2-4%	\$11 - \$22	\$600 - \$1,200
\$40,000	2-4%	\$15 - \$30	\$888 - \$1,600
\$50,000	2-4%	\$18.5 - \$37	\$1,000 - \$2,000
\$60,000	2-4%	\$22 - \$44	\$1,200 - \$2,400
\$80,000	2-4%	\$30 - \$60	\$1,600 - \$3,200



Please consider supporting our parish with a donation. To Donate to our parish, please scan the QR Code and follow the instruction. Thank you for helping us make a difference! God bless your generosity abundantly!

Fourth Sunday of Lent



DID YOU KNOW that we have a new **Paschal Candle** every Easter Vigil? The Paschal candle is made of beeswax and five pins of incense are inserted representing Christ's wounds. The letters of "Alpha and Omega" frame the current year declaring divine presence across time. It is the first candle lit from the fire at the Easter vigil. This candle blesses the water that our "elect" will be baptised in and it will be the flame that we light each baptismal candle from throughout the year. Every year, a family buys the candle for the Church's use and then receives the candle at the end of the year for their family.



STATIONS of the CROSS

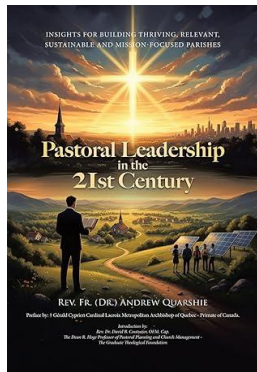
As we journey through Lent together, all are encouraged to join us for the **Stations of the Cross**, a prayerful reflection on Christ's path to the Cross and a meaningful way to deepen our faith during this sacred season.

Every Friday until April 3, at 7PM. March 20th Station of the Cross will be led by the **SDVP & Children's Liturgy** "Come as you are and walk this Lenten journey with us as a community."



March 28-29 is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week, commemorating the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

Let us come together in prayer and thanksgiving, carrying our palms and preparing our hearts for the sacred journey of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection.



Pastoral Leadership in the 21st Century

By: **Rev. Fr. (Dr.) Andrew Quarshie**
BOOK Launch

When: March 22, 2026

Time: after 12pm Mass

Where: Parish Hall

Book Signing and light refreshments will be served. Books will be sold for **\$25** each. See you there!



If you are friendly, like to help people and are a great administrator, we need you! We are in need of some volunteers to sell merchandise, help parishioners with questions, etc before and after mass on Sundays (we have a great team for the 5 pm mass). Training will be provided. Please contact Denise at pastoralminister@olota.com.



75th Anniversary Updates



Gala & Dinner Dance Fundraiser

Saturday, April 11, 2026

Silent Auction, Raffles, 50/50, Door prizes

Hors d'oeuvres 6 pm, Dinner 7 pm, Music & Dance 9pm -12am

\$100 per ticket

Tickets Available at: Parish Office (905-664-7651) and sold after Mass

Winona Vine Estates
269 Glover Rd., Stoney Creek
L8E 5H6

Sponsored by: **KINGSVIEW FINANCIAL**

MENU

- Hors d'oeuvres
- Penne with Classic Tomato Sauce
- Cheese Tortellini with Alfredo Sauce
- Roast Beef Au Jus
- Oven Roasted Chicken
- Herb and Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- Roasted Root Vegetables
- Freshly Mixed Garden Salad
- Triple Berry Cheesecake
- Cash Bar

Our limited-edition **75th Anniversary merch** are now ready to purchase online! Sweatshirts are available in the foyer for sizing reference. Visit our website or scan the QR code to order.



We are still collecting photos from parish life to be featured in a slideshow at the upcoming gala. Parishioners are invited to submit photos from baptisms, First Communion, Confirmations, weddings, parish events, or any other meaningful moments you would like to share. Please email your photos to galaphotos.olota@gmail.com. Thank you for helping us celebrate and remember our parish community.