



March 22, 2026 – Fifth 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](mailto: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](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.

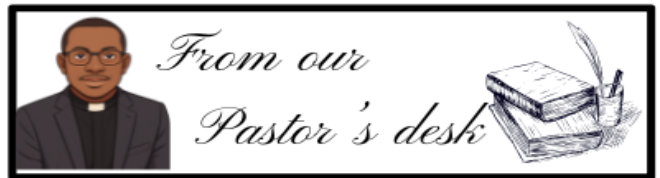
## MASS INTENTIONS

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: Fausto Capobianco

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



**March 23<sup>rd</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday – 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:00am Mila Aldana (Birthday Blessings)

**Tuesday – 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm † Nestor Mercado † Banadeta Iannitelli  
 † Allison Kosnick † Wilma Dublin  
 † Richard Amaefule  
 Matteo Gigliotti (Healing)  
 Alberta Adah (Blessings)

**Wednesday – 25<sup>th</sup> – Annunciation of the Lord**

8:00am Supplication to our Lord for successful operation of Isabell

**Thursday – 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am † Emily Rajda

**Friday – 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am † Maria Odete Marques

**Saturday – 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am † Enrico & Giovana Mancinelli

5:00pm † Fred Miscio † Gina Perry  
 † Rinaldo deLuca † Fr. Joseph Johnston  
 † Domenica Passaro † Gaetano Rizzo  
 † Ivan Bosiljevac † Rosemary Tratch  
 Vera Moroni (Birthday Blessings)

**Sunday – 29<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday**

8:00am † Antonina & † Jozef Woloszyz  
 10:00am Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)  
 12:00pm † Pietro Faccio & † Domenico Polimeni  
 7:00pm † Dionisio di Dionisio

*Dear Parish Family,*

**Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord:** This feast commemorates the Archangel Gabriel's announcement to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive and bear Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It marks the Incarnation—the moment God became human—occurring exactly nine months before Christmas. While this feast reminds us to anticipate the birth of Jesus, during Lent it is a powerful reminder that Jesus Christ became human to die for our sins and save us at Easter. May this feast prepare our hearts to journey with Christ in his passion for our salvation. Moreover, may we be reminded that Jesus Christ though divine, became human like us and shares in our daily sufferings.

**Palm Sunday:** Next weekend 28/29 March we celebrate Palm Sunday. Invite family and friends to this grace filled moment.

**Easter:** is around the corner. Invite family and friends to celebrate with us. Be reminded that the Mass of Holy Thursday, the Liturgy of Good Friday and the Mass of Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday form a one composite Mass called the Triduum. So, you can either attend (1) Holy Thursday-Good Friday-and Holy Saturday, OR (2) Holy Thursday-Good Friday-and Easter Sunday Mass. Join us and make this Easter a transforming and faith enriching moment.

**75<sup>th</sup> 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 the Mayor will join us, don't miss this wonderful occasion.

**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!

**Blessings to you all!**

*Fr. Andrew*



**Happy Birthday, Fr. Andrew!!!**

*Wishing you a joyful day and a year filled with God's blessings, strength, and peace. Thank you for your faithful leadership and care!*

**SUPPORT REPORT**

**Sunday Offerings (March 15, 2026)** \$ 9,043.25

**Pre-Authorized Debit (March 15, 2026)** \$ 1,622.00

**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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent



**DID YOU** that **Palm Sunday** still challenges expectations that true leadership grows from service rather than force? Father processes down the aisle as we hold up our palms replicating Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem on a donkey fulfilling Zechariah's prophecy, the Messiah will come "righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey." The palms symbolise victory and triumph and acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah. Take home the blessed palms and keep them near crosses and holy pictures as a devotional. Bring them back in January to be burned for our ashes on Ash Wednesday.



**STATIONS of the CROSS**

(Every Fridays of Lent at 7PM)

**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.

Leaders of Prayers:

**March 27** – Social Media/ Tech / Finance Ministry

*"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 unite in prayer as we prepare our hearts for Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection.*



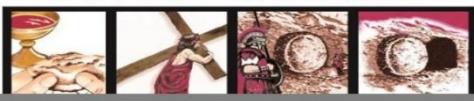
*"Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart."* Joel 2:12

**Lenten Reconciliation Service**

**Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>,  
8:30am – 8:00pm (whole day)**

\*Several priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Easter Triduum**



<b>HOLY THURSDAY April 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	
7pm	Mass with washing of the feet
After Mass until 10pm	Adoration
<b>GOOD FRIDAY April 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	
12pm & 3pm	Liturgy
7pm	Stations of the Cross
<b>HOLY SATURDAY April 4<sup>th</sup></b>	
12pm	Blessing of Food
8pm	Easter Vigil Mass
<b>EASTER SUNDAY April 5<sup>th</sup></b>	
8am, 10am, 12pm & 7pm	Easter Masses



**White Pearl Gift Boutique** will be at our parish next weekend, March 28-29! An ideal opportunity to pick out thoughtful Easter gifts to fill your baskets with joy!



**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Updates**



Our **Gala & Dinner Dance Fundraiser** tickets are still available at \$100 each. They can be purchased after Mass in the church narthex or at the parish office during regular office hours. Kindly note that the deadline to purchase tickets is April 1, and no tickets will be available at the door.

Join us on **April 11 at 6:00 PM at Winona Vine Estates** in Stoney Creek as we celebrate this joyful milestone together.

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



Every two years, the Catholic Women's League of our parish calls for nominations and then holds elections to pick a new Executive council.

All eligible members in good standing were recently sent by email, the **Nominations and Elections package**. All members may be nominated, nominate themselves, nominate another eligible member, and vote. Nominations and elections are a confidential process. Completed Nomination Forms may be returned in one of three ways: 1) Dropped off at the parish office, 2) Put into the collection basket, (please use a sealed envelope for either of these options), or 3) Emailed back to the following email address only: [feliciasiamanna@gmail.com](mailto:feliciasiamanna@gmail.com) Completed Nomination forms must be received by midnight, March 30, 2026. Our council's elections are scheduled to take place at our General Meeting on April 8, 2026, at 7 pm. It is each member's right and responsibility to participate in this process.



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](mailto:pastoralminister@olota.com).