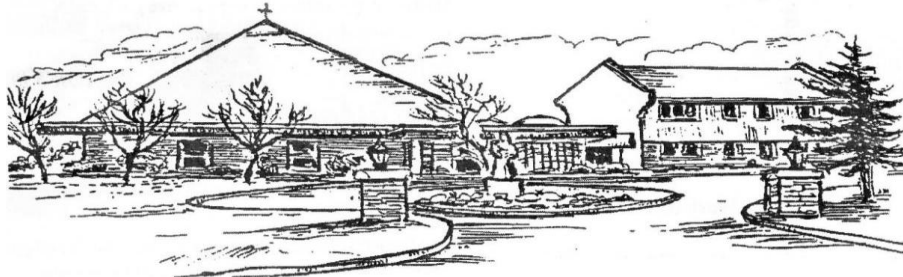




August 23, 2026 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

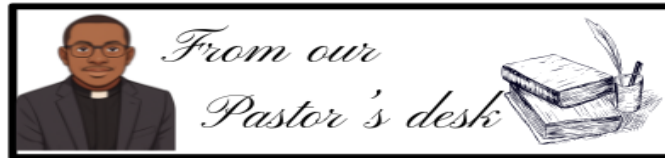
MASS INTENTIONS

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:	Very Rev. Andrew Quarshie VF
Associate Pastor:	Rev. Richard Dordunu
Permanent Deacons:	Deacon Joseph Gigliotti Deacon Paul Dobrowolski
Parish Manager:	Karen Felker
Pastoral Minister:	Denise Araïche
Secretary:	Vanessa Villanueva
Bookkeeper:	Luisa Conti
Music Director:	Fausto Capobianco

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



August 24th – August 30th

Monday – 24th

8:00am Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday – 25th

7:00pm Matteo Gigliotti (Healing) Cecilla (Blessing)
 † Dominador & Lourdes Telesforo † Tadeusz Scierko
 Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
 Marian Rodrigues (Bday Blessing)

Wednesday – 26th

8:00am † Lauretta Fortino

Thursday – 27th

8:00am † Rosario Menino Noronha

Friday – 28th

8:00am † Luis Pereira

Saturday – 29th

8:00am † Deacon Gerry Guinto

5:00pm † Conrad Zurini † Lyn Lobo
 † Elizabeth Petis † Ralph Magnus
 † Jose Gasparinho † Jose Martins
 † Manuel & Maria Amarar † Eusebio Da Silva

Sunday – 30th – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Leon & Maribel Charron (Thanksgiving)
 10:00am Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)
 12:00pm † MC Joseph & Philip Joseph
 7:00pm † Stephanie Walne

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!

Dear Parish Family,

CCTV CAMERAS:

I am happy to inform you that we have completed our CCTV camera project. This will help boost the safety and security of our facility. We thank Fr. David Ritzel for beginning this project. A big thank you to Mr. Paul Szymkiewicz and Mr. Ray Gagnon who volunteered to install the Cameras. Again, we want to thank Mr. Paul Szymkiewicz who donated his time and some materials to update our parish computers. Paul and Ray have saved the parish a good deal of money. May God bless them.

COMPLETION OF ONE HEART ONE SOUL PROJECTS and other Projects:

We have completed the last two projects in connection with our One Heart One Soul Capital Campaign projects. The last two projects were the Digital Sign and the Bell Tower. Some of the projects we have completed include: tiling of the church, updated the lights, installed new sound system, updated the choir area, purchased new digital piano, sound monitors and digital mixers, installed film-coated stained-glass windows, statue of our Lady of the Assumption, statue of St. Joseph, improved the Parish Hall and washrooms, installed projector and TV screen in the Hall, updated furniture and computers in the parish office etc.

A special thank you to Fr. David Reitzel, our former pastor, who began most of these projects. Thank you to all parishioners for your generous contributions, sacrifices and prayers. Thank you to the One Heart One Soul Campaign Team, Finance and Building Council, Pastoral Council, Liturgy Committee, Parish Staff and the amazing Volunteers for your great work, sacrifices and contributions.

Moving Forward: As we move forward into the next pastoral year of 2026 and 2027 let us continue to build a welcoming parish where everyone feels belonged and genuinely loved. Let us continue to deepen our faith through prayer and active participation in our Masses and other liturgies and programs. And lastly, let us continue to share our Time, Talents and Resources to promote God's work. Don't ask, *what can I get from the Church?* Ask, *what can I do for my church?* This is the only way God will reward you abundantly.

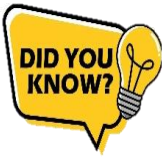
Blessings,
Fr. Andrew

SUPPORT REPORT

Sunday Offerings (August 16, 2026) \$ 7,267.60
Pre-Authorized Debit (August 16, 2026) \$ 1,687.00



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.



DID YOU KNOW that a **crucifix in the sanctuary** is important as it serves as a reminder of **Christ's sacrifice** for humanity? The **crucifix** (cross with the body of Christ) must be placed on or near the altar to be clearly visible to the people during mass. The crucifix is also important for the priest and the faithful to adore during the Eucharistic Prayer. It helps us orient the Liturgy towards the Lord and the fact that we, together in communal prayer, are the Body of Christ. Lastly, the crucifix reminds the priest **during the eucharistic celebration** that he is "**In Persona Christi**" – the person of Christ.



With heartfelt gratitude, we would like to thank **Ms. Carol Minne** for all the time, energy, and love she has given to our parish community.

Her dedication in organizing the parish picnic and so many of our church events has brought our parish family together and created many wonderful memories. Your generosity, hard work, and joyful spirit do not go unnoticed. We are truly blessed to have someone like you who gives so much of your time and talents to serve our parish.

Parish Sponsors

Do you have a passion for sharing the faith with others? Do you want to learn more about your faith? If yes, the Holy Spirit is calling you to be a parish sponsor for our inquirers of the faith. You don't need a background in theology, just a passion to be with others sharing your faith and traditions. We meet Thursday evenings starting in September from 7-9 pm in the hall. We already have 15 inquirers!! If you want to explore the idea, please speak to Denise or email her at pastoralminister@olota.ca.



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

WALK WITH JESUS: Retreat for Parents Who Have Experienced the Death of a Child

The loss of a child is a most challenging event in the life of any parent. This grief is acute and challenging. The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to join us for this healing day. Whether the loss is recent or some time ago, we know this day will help to restore your inner core. The retreat will be offered from 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday, October 10 or Saturday, November 7th. The \$20 fee includes lunch. Registration is required for set up and lunch.

You can register on the Diocesan home page at <https://hamiltondiocese.com> under upcoming events (look for the date retreat of the date), or by calling the office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

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Sharing a heartfelt letter from parish visitors. THANK YOU, parish staff & volunteers for all that you do!

Dear Fathers:

My husband and I are from St. Catharines Diocese, living in Welland, Ontario. Every year we participated in the Feast of the Assumption of Mary locally, but after Covid, parishes stopped this and did not resume. It was very important for us to continue to honor Mary, our Blessed Mother, so we set out to find a parish that celebrates this Feast Day "properly," and found your website, so we attended your parish for the first time on the Feast of the Assumption.

Wow! We were VERY impressed! It was a beautiful Mass with your Bishop present, and we watched the blessings of the Bell and Tabernacle, etc. We truly enjoyed the procession, as we haven't done this for awhile and we felt at peace. Even though we didn't know a single parishioner, they all made us feel like family! The kind lady who lovingly greeted us at the door also pointed out the washroom with a beautiful smile and later thanked us for coming. It wasn't one of those pasty, forced smiles that you find at the entrance of super stores; it was genuine. It came right up from her heart. I don't know her name, but she knows who she is, and certainly, God knows her. When we sat down, we were nervous that we might be taking up someone else's favorite seat, but if we did, we would never know it because everyone welcomed us and made us feel wanted. Ah, the smiles! We have never seen such happy people! From the person who stepped aside for us to go outside ahead of them, for the blessing of the bells, to the little child who waved at us, to the older couple who spoke with us after Mass, everyone offered a big, happy smile!

Another thing that will always stay in our minds and hearts was the group PARTICIPATION: loud voices singing along with the choir, and for the first time in my life I didn't have to "lip sync" in a whispered voice, for fear that if anyone heard me sing, they would run out of the Church! I was free to sing along in a loud voice, in union with all the other beautiful voices, and no one even noticed that I was off key. Wow, that felt great! Everyone together answered, "All the time!" When the priest said truthfully, "God is good!" Oh, He surely is good in bringing us to this wonderful parish where we really felt like part of a family. No one was hiding their joy to be in the presence of the Lord, no one was bored or sleeping (well, we didn't hear anyone snoring!).

We want to thank you, Fathers Andrew Quarshe and Richard Dordunu, as well as the Deacons and all the parishioners who made our evening a very special one, allowing us to participate in honoring our Blessed Mother Mary as one large, happy family! May God bless you all. By the way, your sound system is fantastic; we heard every word clearly!

Feel free to share this letter with everyone, as we want one and all to know how much we appreciate you!

Love in Christ, Donna McMaster and Phil Tamburino