

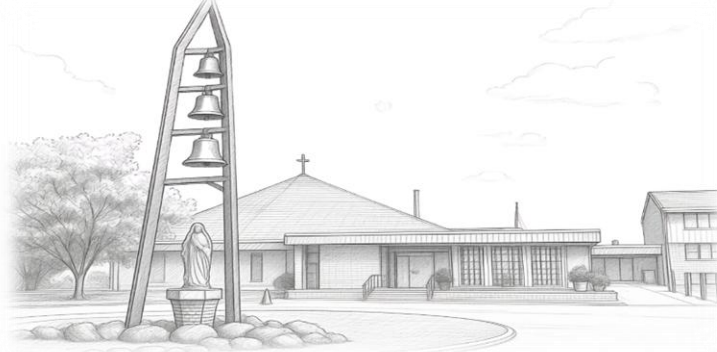


September 13, 2026 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH

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Parish Mission Statement:

Welcome
Encounter
Grow
Share

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

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



September 14th – September 20th

Monday – 14th - Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00am † Christopher Pickering

Tuesday – 15th – Our Lady of Sorrows

7:00pm † Alberto Cimdamore † Varghese Xavier
 † Deacon Gerry Guinto † Adriana Danciu
 All Souls in Purgatory
 Matteo Gigliotti (Healing) Thomas (Blessing)
 Mazur (Blessing & Thanksgiving)
 All Students returning to school

Wednesday – 16th -

8:00am Kucharski Family (Blessing)

Thursday – 17th

8:00am † Lisa D'Ippolito

Friday – 18th

8:00am † Aldo Lolato

Saturday – 19th

8:00am Ivy & Jaime Manzano Jr. (Thanksgiving)

5:00pm † Zack Malisa † Daminh Truyen
 † Maria Nhai † Almiro De Medeiros
 † Justina De Medeiros † Fred Miscio
 † Gina Perry † Vincenzo Cialeo
 Deceased Members of Calisto & Oliviera Families
 Silvester Stanley (50th Birthday Blessing)

Sunday – 20th – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Herman Mayers (Birthday Blessing)
 10:00am Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)
 12:00pm † Stephen Thomas
 7:00pm † Pietro Faccio & † Domenico Polimeni

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED HOW MUCH TO DONATE?

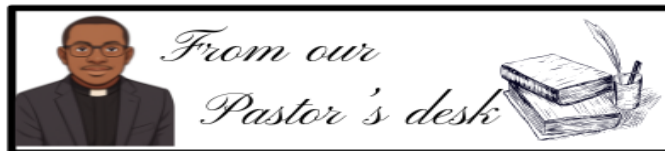
Historically, Catholic tithing involved offering 10% of one's income to support the Church and its community. While this is no longer a strict requirement, the table below provides a helpful guideline for considering your contribution to meet the Church's mission.

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,

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Join us as we joyfully celebrate the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross** at our 8:00 a.m. Mass on **Monday September 14**.

As Catholics, we are reminded that the Cross stands at the heart of our Christian faith and worship. It is the sign of Christ's sacrificial love, self-giving, victory over sin and evil, and hope for our salvation.

Following Mass, take a moment to visit our newly installed crucifix. Bring your prayers, needs, and intentions—and those of your family and friends—to the foot of the Cross. Light a votive candle as a sign of your prayer, trust, and dedication to God.

Come to the Cross. Bring your burdens. Leave with hope.

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER As we begin a new pastoral year, let us build the parish we want to belong to—a parish where everyone is welcomed, loved, growing in faith, and ready to serve.

At Mass, let us move from simply attending to truly participating. Our responses, our singing, our listening, our prayer, and our presence are all ways we worship God. As the Second Vatican Council reminds us, the faithful are called to "full, conscious and active participation" in the liturgy.

And beyond the Mass, let us each ask a simple but powerful question:

Not, "What can I get from my Church?"
But, "What can I give to my Church?"

Our time, talents, gifts, and resources can help make our parish stronger, more vibrant, and more welcoming. This is our parish. This is our mission. And each of us has a part to play.

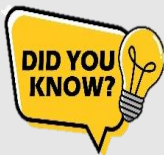
Let us move forward—together, in faith, in love, and in service.

Blessings,
Fr. Andrew

SUPPORT REPORT

Sunday Offerings (September 6, 2026) \$ 6,311.20
Pre-Authorized Debit (September 6, 2026) \$ 5,817.00

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 there is a debate whether the Eucharist should be chewed or should dissolve in our mouth? There is actually no directive from the Church on this matter. In the Early Church, the Eucharist would have been a more dense form of bread and therefore chewed. **What the Church does ask** is to always **hold the Eucharist with reverence** (including in your mouth). When you receive the Eucharist, **consume it directly** in front of the priest or minister (or one step to the side) instead of walking away holding the Eucharist. The Eucharist is Christ – always be reverent in His presence.



It is still not too late to **join** our **RCIA program** - conversion to Catholicism. Our classes are **every Thursday evening from 7-9 in the hall**. If you are interested, please contact Denise to register at pastoralminister@olota.ca.

55+ Club

55+ Club is here! Join us for a spiritual and fun-filled afternoon on **September 16th at 1 pm in the Parish Hall**. We'll have some prayer, refreshments, community and fun. Bring your friends (they don't have to be Catholic!). Please let your neighbours, who may live alone, know about our event too. Sign up at the entrances of the Church to let us know you are coming!

Altar Servers & Youth Retreat



THEME: BECOMING HEROES

Discover God's gifts and virtues within you. These are your Superpowers!

We are inviting all altar servers and youth of our parish to a **Catholic Faith Formation Retreat** and fun fellowship on **September 19 from 10:30am to 2:00pm**. Students will also receive a priestly blessing for a successful new school year.

To Register:
Scan the QR Code



We are looking for **women and men adult** altar servers to serve at funerals during the weekdays.

We will arrange for training. If you are interested, please email Denise pastoralminister@olota.ca.

CHOIR Rehearsals

YOUTH CHOIR

We are looking forward to starting the Youth Choir Practices Thursday, September 17th, from 6pm to 7:30pm. The Youth choir is for students and Young Adults (ages 8+). Please join us and ask your friends and family to come out too. We are looking forward to seeing old and new members enjoying prayer through song and growing this ministry together

ADULT CHOIR

We are looking forward to starting the Adult Choir Practices Wednesday, September 16th from 6pm to 7:30pm. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Sacramental Preparation Parent Meeting



be connected • be heard • be informed

We invite all **Grade 2 and Grade 7** parents to an important meeting regarding the preparation of their children for the **Sacraments of 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation**.

This meeting will provide an opportunity to learn more about the sacramental preparation process and important dates to save!

Grade 7 Parents – September 15, 2026

Grade 2 Parents – September 29, 2026

Meetings after the 7pm Mass



Our Catholic Women's League is proud to recognize their long standing members and welcome new members on **Sunday, September 20th at the 12:00 noon Mass**. Please wear your CWL scarf, if you have one. Presentations, coffee, cake and fellowship will follow the Mass in the church hall.