

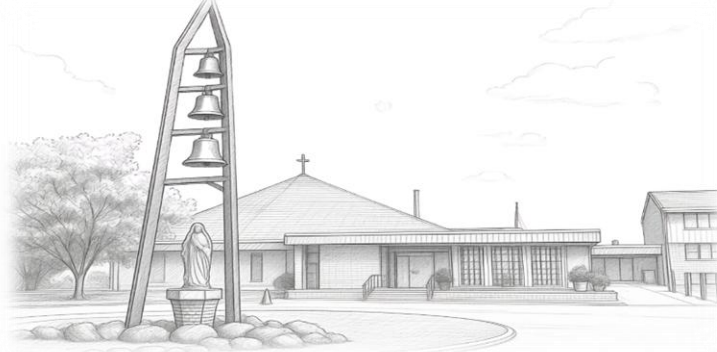


September 6, 2026 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Araiche
Secretary:	Vanessa Villanueva
Bookkeeper:	Luisa Conti
Music Director:	Fausto Capobianco

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



September 7th – September 13th

Monday – 7th

8:00am Iman Ashali (Birthday Blessing)

Tuesday – 8th – Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00pm All Souls in Purgatory † Cheryll Quilliam
 † Zenon Sambor † Vicente Cujardo
 † Carlo Fontana † Guiseppina Zuppa
 Matteo Gigliotti (Healing) Marcia (Blessing)
 Maqueda Family (Blessing) Evelyn Carlos (Blessing)
 Stefan (Healing & Thanksgiving)

Wednesday – 9th

8:00am † Luigi Frangella

Thursday – 10th

8:00am † Antonia Trigiani

Friday – 11th

8:00am † Mario & † Maria Ceccarelli

Saturday – 12th

8:00am † Barbara & † Jerry Judzinski

5:00pm Volunteers of OLOTA Parish † Carmelina Cocca
 Adam & Paula Esposito † Elizabeth Petis
 Andrew & Mikayla Jensen † Salvatore Piazza
 Ryan & Jamie Lease † Albina & † Benjamin Dias
 Special Intentions of M & G Del Gobbo

Sunday – 13th – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am † Feliks Nogas
 10:00am Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)
 12:00pm † MC Joseph & † Philip Joseph
 7:00pm Deceased Members of Carlesso, Antolini & Gigliotti fam

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED HOW MUCH TO DONATE?

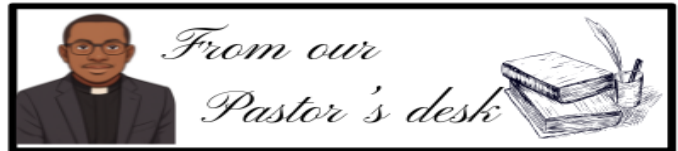
Historically, Catholic tithing involved offering 10% of one's income to support the Church and its community. While this is no longer a strict requirement, the table below provides a helpful guideline for considering your contribution to meet the Church's mission.

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,

Fall Season: Fall is here! Happy Labour Day Weekend! Labour Day Weekend marks the end of the summertime. We are now back to a more active parish, home and school life. This is a wonderful time to participate actively in the life of the church community.

Moving Forward: As we enter 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.

Active Participation at Mass: Moving forward we are going to work on fostering and increasing our active participation at Mass, with special emphasis on our response and singing at Mass. The baseline understanding is that both the Mass responses and the music are our prayer to God. The entirety of the Mass is prayer.

At the heart of the Liturgical reform of Vatican II is to ensure and encourage **a full, conscious and active participation at Mass**. This is because at some point and for many Catholics, the liturgy was often misunderstood, attended only out of habit, or was participated in only half-heartedly. The document sought to remedy this by naming the desire of the Church "that all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy"

"14. Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people (1 Pet. 2:9; cf. 2:4-5), is their right and duty by reason of their baptism.

In the restoration and promotion of the sacred liturgy, this full and active participation **by all the people** is the aim to be considered before all else; for it is the primary and indispensable source from which the faithful are to derive the true Christian spirit; **and therefore, pastors of souls must zealously strive to achieve it**, by means of the necessary instruction, in all their pastoral work."

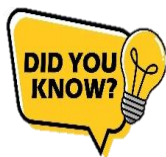
CONSTITUTION ON THE SACRED LITURGY, SACROSANCTUM CONCILIIUM SOLEMNLY PROMULGATED BY HIS HOLINESS, POPE PAUL VI, ON DECEMBER 4, 1963

*Blessings,
Fr. Andrew*

SUPPORT REPORT

Sunday Offerings (August 30, 2026) \$ 7,612.65
 Pre-Authorized Debit (August 30, 2026) \$ 997.00

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 it is **NOT** ok to have gum in your mouth especially when **receiving the Eucharist**? If we truly believe the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Christ, nothing should be in our mouths when we receive Him. **We need to give all reverence to Him.** It is disrespectful to chew gum during the mass. Indeed, we are obligated to fast from food and drink one hour before the mass in reverence to the Lord. So, as you walk into Church, dispose of the gum in the garbage cans located at the entrance and side door of the Church.



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.



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



Share your gifts! The Holy Spirit gives us many charisms – gifts to share! We hope you will join us for **Sign Up Weekend!** We will have members of our ministries in the hall to tell you all about their organisations. We welcome youth and seniors and everyone in between. We will have refreshments after each mass as well.

Sign up Weekend September 12-13
After all the Masses in the Parish Hall



Blessing of Backpacks

September 12-13 all Masses

We invite all children to come to Our Lady of the Assumption church to have their backpacks blessed. We want to bless our schools' students for a successful school year. Join us after mass for coffee and desserts.



YOUTH CHOIR

We are looking forward to starting the Youth Choir Practices Thursday, September 17th from 6pm to 7:30pm. 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.

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



THANK YOU!

Heartfelt thank you to **St. Paul Catholic Elementary School** for their generous donation of **\$500** for continued support of our parish evangelization efforts.