November 1, 2026 – Solemnity of All Saints

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
Pastoral Minister:	Denise Araïche
Secretary:	Vanessa Villanueva
Bookkeeper:	Luisa Conti
Music Director:	Fausto Capobianco

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

November 2nd – November 8th

Monday – 2nd – All Souls' Day
8:00am All the Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday – 3rd
7:00pm † Luigi Malatesta
† Zenon Sambor
† Chris Rice
Matteo Gigliotti (Healing)
Laila St-Jean (Bday Blessing)
† Domenic Zoccoli
† Emily Schweinbenz
Leah Jambrosich (Healing)
John Esposto (Healing)

Wednesday – 4th
8:00am Lucky Idiake (Bday Blessing)

Thursday – 5th
8:00am † Kaz Bialach

Friday – 6th
8:00am In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus & reparation for the sins to the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday – 7th
8:00am Reparation for the offenses against our Lady Immaculate's Heart

5:00pm All Souls in Purgatory
† Albert Gris
† Teresa Vagnoni
† Jerry Ferro
†Marisa Pietrorazio
† Joe & Rosa Spadafora
† Giovanni Impagliatelli
† Domenico Vagnoni
† Dino Vagnoni
† Salvatore Marzilli

Sunday – 8th Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am † Ana Krawczyk
10:00am Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)
12:00pm † Antonio Cocca
7:00pm † Dr. Victor Stanziani

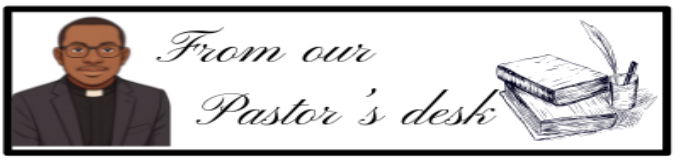
HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED HOW MUCH TO DONATE?

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,

BIG PUSH: We have raised a little over $60,000 in our Fundraiser. We have about $90,000 more to reach our $150.000 goal. On the weekend of 14th and 15th November we shall have our first BIG PUSH Second Collection to help us reach our goal. This Fundraiser is approved by the diocese and will be used to assist us hire a Youth Minister and to do major repairs and maintenance works around the church. There will be envelopes available for this donation. Thank you for your prayers and donations, and may God bless you abundantly.

HALLOWEEN: REMEMBERING OUR CHRISTIAN ROOTS Did you know that Halloween has Christian roots? The name *Halloween* comes from "All Hallows' Eve," the evening before the feast of All Saints on November 1. Christians marked the evening with prayer, fasting, and watchfulness before the solemn feast of All Saints. Churches rang bells and lit candles to remember the dead and symbolize the light of Christ overcoming darkness. Poor people—and later children—went house-to-house begging for small pastries called "soul cakes" in exchange for offering prayers for the family's deceased relatives. Over time, Christian traditions surrounding All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day became intertwined with various cultural customs.

As Catholics, we can approach Halloween with faith, wisdom, and joy, choosing activities that respect our Christian values. Rather than focusing on fear, darkness, or the glorification of evil, let us use this occasion to celebrate the light of Christ, remember the saints who inspire us, pray for departed family and friends, and teach our children the difference between good and evil.

This year let us make the celebration of All Saints Day (Nov. 1st) and All Souls Day (Nov. 2nd) very meaningful and special. Light a votive Candle and pray to seek the intercession of the Saints for your prayer intentions. Remember to write the names of your loved ones in the Book of Life so that the parish can pray for them. Also, light votive candles in the church to pray for your beloved dead. Happy Feast!

Blessings,
Fr. Andrew

SUPPORT REPORT

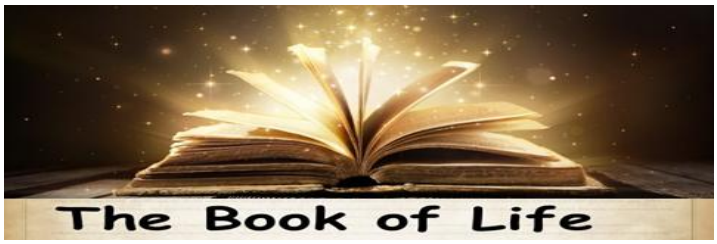
Sunday Offerings (October 25, 2026) $ 7,902.60
Pre-Authorized Debit (October 25, 2026) $ 977.00

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.

Solemnity of All Saints

DID YOU KNOW that the rosary as we know it today was started by **St. Dominic** in the thirteenth century? He was **countering some attacks** on the most fundamental truths of Christianity when Mary appeared to him and instructed him to preach her Psalter of Hail Marys and Our Fathers. In a very short time, a great improvement was seen in his town – people started leading more Christian lives. That is why they call the **rosary** a **weapon against heresy**.





Honoring Our Faithful Departed – November
During the month of November, we remember and pray for our dearly departed loved ones. You are invited to write their names in ***The Book of Life***, which will be placed on the altar throughout the month. At the end of November, Father will offer special prayers for the eternal repose of the souls of our beloved deceased.

Confirmation

The **Enrollment Ceremony** for our Grade 7 students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in February 2027 will take place during all Masses on the weekend of **November 14–15**.
Students **MUST** attend one (1) of the five Masses that weekend.



Congratulations, Father Andrew!

Dear friends of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, it is our honour and privilege to share with you that during a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic School Board earlier this week, it was announced that our pastor, **Fr. Andrew Quarshie**, is one of four recipients of the **2026 Award for Distinguished Service to Catholic Education.**

You are cordially invited to attend a special celebration in honour of all the award recipients and their extraordinary service to Catholic education. The Mass, awards presentation, and reception will take place on Tuesday, November 24, 2026, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

A reception will immediately follow the Mass and awards ceremony. His Excellency, Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, will preside at the Mass and participate in the presentation of the awards.

We look forward to recognizing Father Andrew and thanking him for his significant contribution to Catholic Education in the City of Hamilton. May he be richly rewarded for his dedicated service!

The Catholic Women's League of Canada – For God and Canada

christmas market

The CWL invites everyone to the Christmas Marketplace on November 7 and 8. There will be lots of Christmas shopping, a penny sale, silent auction, bake sale table and much more. Santa will be visiting Sunday! We look forward to seeing you there!
*__NOTE:__ There will be no overflow seating arrangements in the Hall for Masses that weekend.



The **Men of St. Joseph Ministry** will be preparing **PORCHETTA on a Bun** on the weekend **November 14-15!** These sandwiches will be for sale after each Mass (except 7PM Mass) for **$7.00 each or 3 for $20.00.** They tend to sell out so quickly so make sure you get yours!