

# *Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish*

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## *He is Risen*



**ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH,  
TORONTO, ONTARIO**

*"According to the Scripture: Jesus must rise from the dead."*

**EASTER SEASON**

The seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated as one great Feast Day. St. Athanasius called them "the great Sunday." Christians sing the "Alleluia" during these days in their rejoicing.

**RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

O truly blessed night, when things of heaven are wed to those of earth and divine to the human. A blessed night indeed, when God's love overcame the finality of death to raise Jesus to life. Jesus' humanity was defeated by hatred and fear and succumbed to the grip of death. But in an instant, that defeated humanity was suffused with divine Love and resurrected, because God's love is greater than hatred, fear, sin or even death. And now Jesus' resurrected humanity is forever integrated inseparably within the Divinity.

Thus we can take courage from the words of the Angel to the women at the tomb, "Do not be afraid." What is there to fear when our God has accepted our humanity as an integral element of the Divine? What can defeat us when God's love is so much more powerful than death? Surely the only legitimate response we can have is that of the women, filled with awe and great joy.

On this most blessed night, as we contemplate the empty tomb, let us allow ourselves to be overwhelmed with awe and joy at the extraordinary power of Love. Let us pray that the Lord will banish fear from our lives, so that we may live everyday in the joy of the Resurrection!

(Living with Christ pg. 50)

**In what way is Jesus Christ true God and true man?**

Jesus is inseparably true God and true man in the unity of his divine Person. As the Son of God, who is "begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father," he was made true man, our brother, without ceasing to be God, our Lord.

**Why does everyone have a right to exercise freedom?**

The right to the exercise of freedom belongs to everyone because it is inseparable from his or her dignity as a human person. Therefore this right must always be respected, especially in moral and religious matters, and it must be recognized and protected by civil authority within the limits of the common good and a just public order.



**EASTER GREETING**

May the power of the Lord Jesus' resurrection touch each of our lives this Easter and renew us and our families in the power of Christ's love, mercy and compassion

On behalf of the priests and the parish staff, I would like to wish you and your families a peaceful and joyful Easter Season.

— Fr. Jude Coyle

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**Living the Gospel by evangelizing our faith in the greater world...**

St. Anthony's parish in the Diocese of Guntur in India has nine mission stations which are between 10-15 kilometers away from the parish. There are nearly 350 Catholic families and five hundred children going to school from these areas. As the mission stations are a distance from the parish, the faithful do not experience many religious activities. Father Mayakuntala Kumar, pastor of the parish, with the support of the Pastoral Mission Fund and ShareLife, is conducting a Children Faith Formation Camp to help the children to become rooted in the Catholic faith.

**With our support, Father Kumar is helping to evangelize the faith not only for today, but for the future as well.**

**OUR PARISH TOTAL TO DATE:**

**\$42,087.45**

Thank you for your generosity

Next ShareLife Sunday is May 7, 2017.

Please give generously.



*I am with you always*

## ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE FALL 2017

The Marriage Preparation Course will take place on Wednesday evenings from **September 27, 2017—November 15, 2017** from 7:30PM to 9:30PM in Annunciation Parish Hall. The completion of this course is a necessity for all couples who wish to be married at a Catholic Church. Please call or visit the Parish Office to register.

### CATHOLIC MOM'S GROUP

We welcome new members to join the next Catholic Mom's Group meeting where the theme will be Working Moms. Come and meet other moms in the parish as we discuss balancing faith, family and careers. Meeting will be on **Thursday, April 27 at 7PM** in the St. Cecelia Room.

### SENIORS CLUB MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

\*\*\*\*\***Special Entertainment**\*\*\*\*\*

**ELVIS IN THE HOUSE**



"Sam Elvis" performs at the famous Collingwood Elvis Festival. This is going to be awesome. You won't want to miss this event!

**REMINDER:** This will be your last opportunity to sign up and pay for our Niagara-bound Trip on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

### In what way does the Church participate in the Eucharistic sacrifice?

In the Eucharist the sacrifice of Christ becomes also the sacrifice of the members of his Body. The lives of the faithful, their praise, their suffering, their prayers, their work, are united to those of Christ. In as much as it is a sacrifice, the Eucharist is likewise offered for all the faithful, living and dead, in reparation for the sins of all and to obtain spiritual and temporal benefits from God.

### CWL DATE CHANGE

Please note the following change on your calendars: the date for the closing brunch has been changed to **June 4th at 12:30PM**. Further details to follow.

### ST. ISAAC JOGUES CATHOLIC SCHOOL 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Attention past and present students, staff members and families:

St. Isaac Jogues C.S is marking it's 50th Anniversary on **Saturday June 3, 2017**. All are welcome to attend the celebration which will begin with mass at 10:00AM at **Annunciation of the BVM**, and continue afterwards with a **reception and BBQ at St. Isaac Jogues C.S.** Connect with us on Facebook or call the school at 416 393 5315 for more about this event.



### Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions *April 16th to April 22nd*

*In loving memory of my brother and sister-in-law  
Michal and Teresa Lukow.  
Always in my heart and prayer.  
Rest in peace.  
Requested by Sister Anna*

### ANNUNCIATION PARISH Presents:

### MULTICULTURAL NIGHT

**Saturday, April 22nd, 2017**  
(after the 5:00PM Mass)

**Members of the Annunciation Parish community are invited to the Multicultural night, to be held on April 22nd, 2017, in the Parish Hall.**

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*Food contributors are encouraged. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Olga Mendoza: 416-446-2969, titaogla@bell.net, or leave your name and phone number at the Welcome Desk.*



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