# ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

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#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 12:00noon, 1:00pm to 8:00pm Friday 8:30am to 12:00noon, 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Saturday 11:00am to 4:30pm

#### The Church is open during the following hours:

Monday to Friday 7:00am to 9:00am, 11:00am to 1:00pm

First Friday 7:00am to 1:00pm

Saturday 8:00am to 10:00am, 3:30pm to 6:00pm Sunday 7:00am to 1:30pm, 6:00pm to 8:00pm

#### **SUNDAY OBLIGATION MASSES**

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm, 7:00pm

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday 8:00am & 12:30pm

Saturday 9:00am Public Holiday 9:00am only

#### FIRST FRIDAYS

Mass followed by Exposition8:00amBenediction of the Blessed Sacrament12:15pmMass12:30pm

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9:30am & 4:00pm

(At other times by appointment)

#### **BAPTISMS**

Parents themselves should pick up and return a completed Baptism Information Form to the parish office at least 4 months in advance of the anticipated baptismal date. An interview with a parish priest or deacon is required. Parents of children to be baptized should be registered members of our Parish Community. Attendance at a Baptism Preparation Meeting is mandatory.

#### MARRIAGE

Couples themselves must contact the parish office at least *one full year in advance* of the anticipated marriage date. No date may be set before meeting with a priest. A Marriage Preparation Course is required. If either party has been previously married, permission to proceed must be obtained from the Chancery Office of the Archdiocese.

**CARE of the SICK** Visitation and/or Communion for the sick upon request.

**LEGION OF MARY - Prayer group** Saturday Mornings at 10:00am.

**SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL** Call 416-657-2989 for assistance.

#### PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady of Wisdom School 416-393-5273
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- Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

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#### **FEEDING THE HUNGRY**

Are you interested in helping to feed the hungry in Toronto? Many Annunciation parishioners provide nourishing, home-cooked meals for the Good Shepherd Centre. If you are interested in volunteering some time to cook for the hungry, please contact the Parish Office. Recipes and casserole pans will be provided. Just deliver your frozen dish to the Office and we will store it until pick up.

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed." (Proverbs 19:17)



# Memorial Lamps & Special Intention

April 17th-23rd

Our lamps are lit:

In loving memory of Teresita Chan.

Requested by all her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

This weekend the remaining children of Annunciation Parish will be receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion.

#### The Mass of all ages continued...

The liturgy of the Eucharist unfold according to a fundamental structure which has been preserved through the centuries down to our own day. It displays two great parts that form a fundamental unity: (1) the gathering, the liturgy of the Word, with readings, homily and intercessions and (2) the liturgy of the Eucharist, with the presentation of the bread and wine, the consecratory thanksgiving, and communion.

The liturgy of the Word and liturgy of the Eucharist together form "one single act of worship"; the Eucharistic table set for us is the table both of the Word of God and of the Body of the Lord.

Is this not the same movement as the Paschal meal of the risen Jesus with his disciples? Walking with them he explained the Scriptures to them; siting with them at table "he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

#### The movement of the celebration

All gather together. Christians come together in one place for the Eucharistic assembly. At its head is Christ himself, the principal agent of the Eucharist. He is the high priest of the New Covenant; it is he himself who presides invisibly over every Eucharistic celebration. It is in representing him that the bishop or priest acting in the person of Christ the head (in persona Christi capitis) presides over the assembly, speaks after the readings, receives the offerings and says the Eucharistic Prayer. All have their own active parts to play in the celebration, each in his own way: readers, those who give the offerings, those who give communion, and the whole people whose "Amen" manifests their participation.

The Liturgy of the Word includes "the writings of the prophets," that is, the Old Testament, and "the memoirs of the apostles" (their letters and the Gospels). After the homily, which is an exhortation to accept this Word as what it truly is, the Word of God, and to put it into practice, come the intercessions for all men, according to the Apostle's words: "I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings, and all those who are in high positions."

Source: Catechism of the Catholic Church—#1346—1349.

# ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **NEWEST CATHOLIC MEMBERS...**



The following children were recently welcomed into our worshipping community through the Sacrament of Baptism: *Tristian De La Cruz, Justin William Viola Flores,* and *Desirée Eunata Torcato*. Please keep these children and their parents in your prayers.

# THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE SUNDAY: April 30th—May 1st

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul will be collecting used clothing and household linens, to support the needy of our residential programs.

The truck will be open on **Sat. April 30th** from 4:30PM to 6:00PM and again **Sun. May 1st** from 7:30AM to 2:00PM and 6:30PM to 8:00PM.

Volunteers will be there to assist with loading before and after each mass. Thank you for your clothing, shoes and linen donations only.

#### **ANNUNCIATION SENIORS CLUB**

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 19th, from 10:00AM to 12:00 noon in the Parish Hall. We will have lots of fun and games along with our usual 'chit-chats' over coffee and goodies. We will be taking registration for our May outing to Niagara Falls, so make sure you come to this meeting to get your name on the list.

#### **PLEASE REGISTER**

Annunciation Parish covers a large territory and draws many worshippers from far beyond our official boundaries. Unless you register with the parish we have no way of knowing who you are or where you live. This becomes especially important when it comes time to celebrate the sacraments (Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation, Weddings, and Funerals), or a request for a pastoral reference. If you attend Mass here on a regular basis, we encourage you to visit the Parish Office or Welcome Desk and register with the parish. Sunday Envelopes are provided. Thank you.

#### **BUILDING FUND COLLECTION**



**Next weekend** we will take up our monthly Building Fund Collection.

## A REMINDER TO CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: CONFIRMATION RETREATS

#### **Grade 8 Retreat:**



Saturday, April 23rd from 9:30AM—3:00PM. **Grade 7 Retreat:** 

Saturday, April 30th from 9:30AM—3:00PM. Please attend the date appropriate to your grade. Please contact the office if you have any concerns.

#### **CONFIRMATION MAKE-UP SESSIONS**

There will be a mandatory make-up session for all Confirmation Candidates who were absent from one or more sessions on the following dates in the Parish Hall:

- Session 1 and 2: Sunday April 24th (11AM—1:30PM)
- Session 3 and 4: Sunday May 1st (11AM—1:30PM).

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

#### **Altar Server Committee Meeting:**

Tuesday, April 19th at 7:00PM in the St. Cecilia Room.

#### **Property Committee Meeting:**

Wednesday, April 20th at 7:30PM in the St. Pius X Room.

#### Steubenville Meeting:

Thursday, April 21st at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall.

#### **CWL NEWS**

#### **Fashion Show**

The ladies of the CWL are presenting their Annual Fashion Show on Thursday, April 21st, 2016 at 2:00PM in the Parish Hall. Tickets are available in the Religious Articles Booth or at the door. Cost will be \$12.00 per person which covers admission and refreshments. As usual the show will be run by our friends at ALIA/Tan JAY. Join us for an enjoyable afternoon.

#### Twelve Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care

The National Website has issued the following bulletin: "The National Catholic Women's League has scheduled 12 hours of Prayer for Palliative Care on May 4, 2016". Our Council has been assigned 72 minutes of prayer to be performed on Wednesday, May 4th. You choose whatever prayer you wish, and the time and place. Remember, if we batter the Gates of Heaven with our prayers, God will respond. Now, more than ever, we need additional Palliative Care. Go for it!!

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