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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 Exposition	8:00am
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament	12:15pm
Mass	12:30pm

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
Annunciation School	416-393-5299
St. Isaac Jogues School	416-393-5315
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"After eight days Jesus came and stood among them."

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS



Tuesday, April 25th is *Feast of St Mark, Evangelist*

Saturday, April 29th is *Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor.*

Join us in prayer in communion with these great saints and all the saints in Heaven at the 8:00AM and 12:30PM Masses on weekdays, and 9:00AM Mass on Saturday.

EASTER THANKS

We would like to thank all who've helped make our celebration of the Easter mysteries a grand and glorious experience: Altar Servers, Musicians & Choir Members, Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors, Ushers, Pastoral Care Team, Maintenance Team and so many others.

God bless you all!

1730 God created man a rational being, conferring on him the dignity of a person who can initiate and control his own actions. "God willed that man should be 'left in the hand of his own counsel,' so that he might of his own accord seek his Creator and freely attain his full and blessed perfection by cleaving to him."

1731 Freedom is the power, rooted in reason and will, to act or not to act, to do this or that, and so to perform deliberate actions on one's own life. Human freedom is a force for growth and maturity in truth and goodness; it attains its perfection when directed toward God, or beatitude.

1734 Freedom makes man *responsible* for his acts to the extent that they are voluntary. Progress in virtue, knowledge of the good, and asceticism enhance the mastery of the will over its acts.

1738 Freedom is exercised in relationships between human beings. Every human person, created in the image of God, has the natural right to be recognized as a free and responsible being. All owe to each other this duty of respect. The *right to the exercise of freedom*, especially in moral and religious matters, is an inalienable requirement of the dignity of the human person. This right must be recognized and protected by civil authority within the limits of the common good and public order.

SECOND EASTER SUNDAY

Living the Gospel by helping the vulnerable in our society...

Tim and Donna met 25 years ago and have made the Friday and Saturday social nights at Our Place a regular part of their lives. Their intellectual capacity is somewhat limited but they do maintain their own independent apartments. While Tim is currently carrying for his aging mother following her recent surgery, Donna is able to support Tim by cooking meals and offering caring attention. As Tim overcomes some social shyness in his own life, he also takes care of some of Donna's daily needs with household chores, and working on the computer. The support role ShareLife plays enables Our Place to be a carrying partner to these vulnerable people. **ShareLife funded agencies like Our Place that helps many intellectually disabled men and women through compassionate and caring support.**

OUR PARISH TOTAL TO DATE:

\$42,996.20

Thank you for your generosity

Next ShareLife Sunday is May 7, 2017.

Please give generously.

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. The Church in heaven is also united to the offering of Christ

What does it mean to say that God is almighty?

God reveals himself as "the strong One, the might One" (*Psalms 24:8*), as the One "to whom nothing is impossible" (*Luke 1:37*). His omnipotence is universal, mysterious and shows itself in the creation of the world out of nothing and humanity out of love; but above all it shows itself in the Incarnation and the Resurrection of his Son, in the gift of filial adoption and in the forgiveness of sins. For this reason, the Church directs her prayers to the "almighty and eternal God".

ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

RCIA 2017



The following individuals were recently baptized and confirmed at the Easter Vigil; we welcome them into the Catholic faith community at our parish:

Arlene Durene Hall
Angel Chisom Hechter
Warren Augustine Lyon
Nickesia Antonette Sheriffe
Ermira Vando

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. Pius X Room.

A REMINDER TO CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: CONFIRMATION RETREATS

There will be a confirmation retreat on **May 6th at 9:30AM to 3:00PM.**

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:

Saturday April 29th (10AM to 11:30AM)

Session 3 and 4:

Saturday April 29th (11:45AM to 1:15PM)

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.



Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions

April 23rd to April 29th

*In loving memory of Antonio Figueira.
So deeply loved, missed and eternally cherished.
Requested by: Dad, Mom, your loving sister
Kerry-Ann and brother-in-law Lucio.*

*In loving memory of Louis Figueira.
May you have eternal rest in our Lord's house.
You may be gone, but never forgotten.
Forever in our hearts, Dennis, Gemma,
Kerry-Ann and Lucio.
Requested by: Dennis Figueira and Family.*

*May the essence of
Claire Catherine Jardine rest in peace.
May we always remember her wonderful spirit.
Requested by: The Prince Family.*

*In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and
grandmother, Elizabeth Slaven.
You are always in our hearts.
Love Tam and family.*

*In loving memory of Esmelda Sotomayor,
Marcus Umayam and Fermin Manguba.
Requested by: Manguba and Gonzalez Family.*

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.

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.

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