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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.

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

*"I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another."*

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS



Monday, April 25th is the *Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist.*
Friday, April 29th is the *Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor.*

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

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- Sara, a Christian refugee from Iraq

Since 2009, ShareLife-supported ORAT has sponsored over 2,500 families to be resettled in the GTA.

OUR PARISH TOTAL TO DATE:

\$73,361.92

Thank you for your generosity

Next ShareLife Sunday is May 29, 2016.

Please give generously.

Together we can work wonders!



*I am
with you always*

**AMORIS LAETITIA—THE JOY OF LOVE
POPE FRANCIS**

Pope Francis' Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, can be found on the Vatican website: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20160319_amoris-laetitia.html

ORDINATIONS PRAYER VIGIL

Office of Vocations is hosting an Ordination Prayer Vigil. Let us pray together for an increase in vocations especially to priesthood, consecrated life and healthy marriages. Event will be held at St. Michael's Cathedral, 65 Bond St. Toronto on Friday, April 29th from 6:00PM to midnight. Regional Prayer Vigils are also being held at the following parishes: St. Patrick's Parish, Markham; St. John the Evangelist, Whitby; and St. Noel Chabanel Church, Wasaga Beach. Please contact the Office of Vocations at: 416-968-0997 or vocations@archtoronto.org for more details.

**THE POPE'S PASTORAL WORK COLLECTION
APRIL 30th—MAY 1st**

A disastrous flood or earthquake strikes a nation at the other end of the world. Immediately many countries rush in food, medicine, blankets, money and trained people. Prominent among such aid is the financial help offered by the Holy Father to people in need. In the name of Catholics everywhere, he displays Christ's love and compassion for those who suffer. Each year at this time, Canadian Catholics are asked to give generously to the papal collection, which will be taken up next weekend.



**Memorial Lamps &
Special Intention**

April 24th—30th

Our lamps are lit:

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

ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARITY—THE VIRTUE OF LOVE

1822 Charity is the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbour as ourselves for the love of God.

1823 Jesus makes charity the *new commandment* (John 13:34). By loving one another, the disciples imitate the love of Jesus which they themselves receive. Whence Jesus says: “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love.” And again: “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

1824 Fruit of the Spirit and fullness of the Law, charity keeps the *commandments* of God and his Christ: “Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love.”

1825 Christ died out of love for us, while we were still “enemies.” The Lord asks us to love as he does, even our *enemies*, to make ourselves the neighbour of those farthest away, and to love the children and the poor as Christ himself.

The Apostle Paul has given an incomparable depiction of charity: “charity is patient and kind, charity is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Charity does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Charity bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” (1 Corinthians 13: 4-7)

1826 “If I... have not charity,” says the Apostle, “I am nothing.” Whatever my privilege, service, or even virtue, “if I ... have not charity, I gain nothing. Charity is superior to all virtues. It is the first of the theological virtues: “So faith, hope, charity abide, these three. But *the greatest of these is charity.*”

1829 The *fruits* of charity are joy, peace, and mercy; charity demands beneficence and fraternal correction; it is benevolence; it fosters reciprocity and remains disinterested and generous; it is friendship and communion:

Love is itself the fulfillment of all our works. There is the goal; that is why we run: we run toward it, and once we reach it, in it we shall find rest”

- St. Augustine

Source: Catechism of the Catholic Church

CONFIRMATION RETREATS



Grade 7 Retreat:

Saturday, April 30th from 9:30AM—3:00PM.

Those who missed the retreat on April 23rd are asked to attend this retreat. 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 Sessions 3 or 4 on Sunday May 1st from 11:00AM to 1:30PM in the Parish Hall.

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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Pastoral Council:

Monday, April 25th at 7:30PM in the Parish Hall.

Refugee Committee:

Tuesday, April 26th at 7:00PM in the St. Cecilia Room.

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!!

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION

This weekend we will take up our monthly Building Fund Collection. Thank you for your support.

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