

ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS - DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTION

At the direction of the Archdiocese, the parish office is CLOSED to the public until further notice.

The parish office is still accessible by phone 416-445-1760 or email at parish@bvmtoronto.com

Please book your seat for Mass online at bvmtoronto.com

The Church opens 30 minutes before each Mass.
Please arrive at least 10 minutes before the Mass begins.
Church doors close when Mass begins.

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday	Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday	8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00noon, 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
Mass	12:30pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:00am and at other times by appointment

BAPTISMS

Parents themselves should pick up and return a completed Baptism Information Form to the parish office at least 6 months in advance of the anticipated baptismal date. An interview with a parish priest is required. Parents of children to be baptized should be registered members of our Parish Community. Attendance at an online Baptismal 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.

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
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Senator O'Connor College School	416-393-5505

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH,
TORONTO, ONTARIO

"The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS



Sunday, April 25th is the Feast of *Saint Mark*.

Monday, April 26th is the Feast of *Our Lady of Good Counsel*.

Wednesday, April 28th is the Feast of *Saint Peter Chanel* and *Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort*.

Thursday, April 29th is the Feast of *Saint Catherine of Siena*.

Friday, April 30th is the Feast of *Saint Marie of the Incarnation*.

Join us in prayer in communion with these great saints and all the saints in heaven.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people.

The purpose of the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). It affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the *ordained ministries* (priesthood and diaconate), to the *religious life* in all its forms (male and female, contemplative and apostolic), to *societies of apostolic life*, to *secular institutes* in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life, in the particular sense of *mission "ad gentes"*.

Churches throughout the world pray for vocations on this day. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life;
- Keep our parish priests in your prayers and throughout the week;
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister;
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God, you have chosen the Apostles to make disciples of all nations and by Baptism and Confirmation have called all of us to build up your Holy Church. We earnestly implore you to choose from among us, your children, many priests, deacons, brother, and sisters who will love with their whole heart and will gladly spend their entire lives to make known and loved by all. Amen.

SHARELIFE PARISH CAMPAIGN

Fourth Sunday of Easter April 25, 2021

"Supporting vocations through ShareLife..."

ShareLife supports vocations. Your gift to ShareLife is investing in our Church's future by supporting 54 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary in the current academic year.

Today is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. With your generous support of ShareLife, we can continue to invest in the education of our future clergy.

Our parish goal is: \$110,000.00

To date, we have raised: **\$34,547.18**

Thank you for your generosity.

CANADIAN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS' COVID-19 VACCINE GUIDANCE FOR CATHOLICS

The decision to receive any COVID-19 vaccine is one of the individual conscience in consultation with one's physician or healthcare provider. Choosing to be vaccinated, particularly amid the current pandemic, can be an act of charity which recognizes the need to care for others.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) echoes the call of the Holy See; [1] by reiterating its appeal to governments to "ensure that COVID-19 vaccines that become available do not create an ethical dilemma for Canadians," [2] thus encouraging greater vaccine uptake among the general population and strengthening the common good of our Canadian society.

The CCCB published the following guidance on COVID-19 vaccine and on the ethical concerns related to the currently approved COVID-19 vaccines: <https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/health-care/covid-19-vaccine-moral-questions-and-principles/>

ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



ANNUNCIATION

PARISH OFFICE

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Office Hours (Phone Only)

Monday—Friday
10:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Contact us at 416-445-1760 or email
parish@bvmtoronto.com



PARISH ENTERS LOCKDOWN

The Government of Ontario announced that the province move to a State of Emergency starting April 19, 2021 at 12:01 AM.

Lockdown restrictions necessitate:

- Closure of church for all Masses
- Closure of parish office

For this reason, we encourage you to view Sunday Mass online at www.bvmtoronto.com.

Parishioners can receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation by calling or emailing the parish office to make arrangements.

We want to thank all parishioners for their ongoing support during this period of great uncertainty. It has been wonderful to see many of you at Mass since we re-opened in February. We are especially grateful for the effort of our parish ministries who've assisted with the in-person Masses and our volunteers who have been faithfully welcoming parishioners and sanitizing the church between services. Without their generosity and presence, we would not be able to celebrate the Sunday Eucharist safely and responsibly.

*"With Christ as the center of your life,
you will never be disappointed."*
- Pope Francis



SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

Join us for Sunday Mass online every Sunday by visiting www.bvmtoronto.com

PRIVATE PRAYER

Cardinal Collins wishes that parishes of the Archdiocese of Toronto open for periods of private prayer. There will be an opportunity for periods of private prayer in our church on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

The Province of Ontario has declared a State of Emergency instructing residents to stay at home except for essential travel. *Dr. Peter Lin reminds us that this is an extremely dangerous time for the spread of the COVID-19 virus and that the elderly, those with pre-existing conditions (high blood pressure, diabetes etc.), sick, or those who are vulnerable are strongly advised to stay at home.*

Those who wish to come to the church for private prayer must register to do so on-line through the parish website. **Church doors will close at the beginning of each period of private prayer. Only 8 parishioners may be in the Church at any time, along with an usher and other staff member.**

Masks must be worn, social distancing observed, and all guidelines followed. Please DO NOT enter the church if you have been in contact with a COVID-19 positive individual over the past two weeks OR if you have any of the COVID-19 symptoms.



Memorial Lamps Special Intentions

The Sanctuary lamps that burn next to the tabernacle may be lit for one week as memorials or for special intentions. Prayer requests will be listed in the bulletin. The offering is \$25.00 per lamp. To reserve a lamp, please contact the parish office for details.



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