

# 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 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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*"A week later Jesus came and stood among them."*

**PRAY WITH THE SAINTS**



**Monday, April 4th** is the *Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord*

**Thursday, April 7th** is the *Memorial of St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest, Religious Founder and Educator.*

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

**THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL**

**Universal:** ~ *Small Farmers* ~ That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labour.

**Evangelization:** ~ *African Christians* ~ That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political-religious conflicts.



**Memorial Lamps & Special Intention**  
April 3rd—9th

*Our lamps are lit:*

In memory of Peter Chen.  
You will be missed.  
Requested by: Martha.

In loving memory of John William Da Costa, dearly beloved husband, father, and grandfather. God has you in His keeping. We have you in our hearts. We love you and miss you everyday.  
Requested by your loving wife Yvonne and children.

In loving memory of Ralph P. Collins. So deeply loved, missed and eternally cherished.  
Requested by: your loving wife, Virginia Collins, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

**THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD**



**How did Mary cooperate in the divine plan of salvation?**

By the grace of God, Mary was kept free from every personal sin her whole life long. She is the one who is "full of grace" (Luke 1:28), "the all holy". When the angel announced to her that she would give birth to "the Son of the Most High" (Luke 1:32), she freely gave her consent with "the obedience of faith" (Romans 1:5). Mary thus gave herself entirely to the person and work of her son Jesus, espousing wholeheartedly the divine will regarding salvation.

Source: Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church # 97.

**SHARELIFE**

**Working wonders in our community...**

Terry obtained his Master's Degree in music and philosophy earlier in life and was successful in careers in spirituality with Carmelites as well as in the hospitality industry. While working, he became addicted to alcohol. Recognizing the seriousness of his problem and in order to return to work successfully, Terry would need to be involved in a long term recovery program. He chose the spiritually enriched program St. Michael's Homes offered and as a result, Terry became focused and deeply connected with the staff at St. Michael's and was able to continue on the right path. He looks forward to the day soon when he can confidently leave and be successful once again in the hospitality industry, and an inspiration to those around him. **ShareLife funded agencies like St. Michael's Homes helps many men suffering from substance abuse get their lives back on track through life-changing counselling and extensive support.**

**OUR PARISH TOTAL TO DATE:**

**\$44,449.95**

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**Next ShareLife Sunday is April 17, 2016.**

**Please give generously.**

**Together, we can work wonders!**

## ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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 **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.

*“ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD”*

### The Historical and Transcendent Event

The mystery of Christ’s resurrection is a real event, with manifestations that were historically verified, as the New Testament bears witness. In about a.d. 56, St. Paul could already write to the Corinthians: “I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then the Twelve...” (1 Cor. 15:3-4). The Apostle speaks here of the living tradition of the Resurrection which he had learned after his conversion at the gates of Damascus.

### The Empty Tomb

“Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.” (Cf. Jn. 20:13; Mt. 28:11-15). The first element we encounter in the framework of the Easter events is the empty tomb. In itself it is not a direct proof of Resurrection; the absence of Christ’s body from the tomb could be explained otherwise. Nonetheless the empty tomb was still an essential sign for all. Its discovery by the disciples was the first step toward recognizing the very fact of the Resurrection. This was the case, first with the holy women, and then with Peter. The disciple “whom Jesus loved” affirmed that when he entered the empty tomb and discovered “the linen cloths lying there,” “he saw and believed.” This suggests that he realized from the empty tomb’s condition that the absence of Jesus’s body could not have been of human doing and that Jesus had not simply returned to earthly life as had been the case with Lazarus.

Source: Catechism of the Catholic Church # 639-640.

### PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



Let us remember in our prayers all those parishioners who have gone to their rest in Christ, particularly those who died recently: *Mary Valladares.*

### A REMINDER TO CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: FOURTH CONFIRMATION SESSIONS



#### Grade 8s Fourth Session:

April 4th and 5th at 7:00PM.

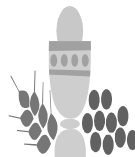
#### Grade 7s Fourth Session:

April 11th and 12th at 7:00PM.

All sessions take place in the Parish Hall. Please attend only on the day you have chosen (Monday or Tuesday).

*Please remember to bring: letters to the Pastor & completed Letter to the Sponsor form.*

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



On the weekends of April 9th/10th and April 15th/16th, the children of Annunciation Parish will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Please keep these young children in your prayers.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REMINDER

A reminder to the parents whose children are receiving their *First Holy Communion* this year. The card must be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to the Parish Welcome Desk at least 30 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass that the child is schedule to receive his/her First Holy Communion. First Holy Communion cards are available **this weekend** at the welcome desk.

### PARISH SCHOOLS’ MASS

On Wednesday, April 6th at 9:45AM, our parish elementary schools, Annunciation, Our Lady of Wisdom, and St. Isaac Jogues, will gather together at the Lord’s Table to celebrate the Eucharist as a community

### UPCOMING MEETING

**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul:**

Thursday, April 14th at 6:15PM in the Parish Hall.

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