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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
Senator O'Connor College School	416-393-5505

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"The disciples recognized the Lord when he broke bread with them."

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS



Tuesday, May 2nd is Memorial of St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor

Wednesday, May 3rd is Feast of St. Philip and St. James, Apostles

Saturday, May 6th is Memorial of St. Francois De Laval, Bishop

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.

In what way is the Eucharist a memorial of the sacrifice of Christ?

The Eucharist is a memorial in the sense that it makes present and act the sacrifice which Christ offered to the Father on the cross, once and for all on behalf of mankind. The sacrificial character of the Holy Eucharist is manifested in the very words of institution, "This is my Body which is given to you" (Luke 22:19-20). The sacrifice of the cross and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one and the same sacrifice. The priest and the victim are the same; only the manner of offering is different: in a bloody manner on the cross in an unbloody manner in the Eucharist.

Is man responsible for everything he does?

No one can be held (fully) responsible for something he did under coercion, out of fear, ignorance, under the influence of drugs or the power of bad habits. The more a person knows about the good and practices the good, the more he moves away from the slavery of sin (Rom 6:17; 1 Cor 7:22). God desires that such free persons should (be able to) take responsibility for themselves, for their environment, and for the whole earth. But all of God's merciful love is also for those who are not free; every day he offer them an opportunity to allow themselves to be set free for freedom.

What is freedom and what is it for?

God created us as free men and women and wills our freedom so that we might decide wholeheartedly in favour of the good, indeed for the greatest "good" — in other words, for God. The more we do what is good, the freer we become.

THIRD EASTER SUNDAY

Living the Gospel by helping families in crisis...

Having experienced childhood sexual abuse, Tom originally sought counseling treatment for resulting depression at a local clinic. Since Tom had experienced the death of his wife, his increased drinking, drug addiction, suicidal thoughts, depression and financial loss had placed an immense strain on his relationship with his mother and two sons. Through the 12 step program and other counseling at Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County, Tom has experienced a tremendous peace and healing in his family relationships. "Giving hope and saving lives is what this is all about," shares Tom, "I am very grateful to ShareLife for the funding they provide to Catholic Family Services of Simcoe." **Over 21,000 individuals received help in getting their lives back on track through ShareLife-supported Family Services Programs.**

OUR PARISH TOTAL TO DATE:

\$44,332.20

Thank you for your generosity

Next ShareLife Sunday is May 7, 2017.

Please give generously.

- 1780** The dignity of the human person implies and requires *uprightness of moral conscience*. Conscience includes the perception of the principles of morality (synderesis); their application in the given circumstances by practical discernment of reason and goods; and finally judgment about concrete acts yet to be performed or already performed. The truth about the moral good, stated in the law of reason, is recognized practically and concretely by the *prudent judgement* of conscience. We call that man prudent who chooses in conformity with this judgment.
- 1782** Man has the right to act in conscience and in freedom so as personally to make moral decisions. "He must not be forced to act contrary to his conscience. Nor must he be prevented from acting according to his conscience, especially in religious matters
- 1787** Man is sometimes confronted by situations that make moral judgements less assured and decision difficult. But he must always seriously seek what is right and good and discern the will of God expressed in divine law.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUNCIATION'S SENIORS GROUP



A reminder... seats are still available for our trip to **Niagara Falls on May 16th**.
\$20.00 per person.
Contact Chuck Gouett: 416 491 5844.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

The Archdiocese of Toronto was pleased to take part in National Volunteer Appreciation Week during April 23-29, 2017. We acknowledge the hard work and dedication that our family of over 30,000 volunteers generously provides in supporting 221 parishes, 24 missions, 2 chapels and satellite offices across the Archdiocese of Toronto. Here in Annunciation Parish, we give our thanks to those volunteers who dedicate their time to serve in our parish.



Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions *April 30th to May 6th*

*In loving memory of Claire Catherine Jardine.
Gone but not forgotten, you will be missed.
Our prayers are with you always.
Requested by: Hans, Miki, Marcellina and family.*

MOTHER'S DAY APPRECIATION

There will be a Mother's Day reception held at the Parish Hall on **May 13th at 6:00PM** — following the 5PM mass.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Do you want to start the new year helping others but unsure how? Did you know that Annunciation parishioners provide nourishing, home cooked meals for the Good Shepherd Centre? If you are willing to make a frozen casserole dish, please contact the parish office. We will provide aluminum pans and recipes to follow. Just deliver your frozen dish to the parish office and we will store it until pick-up.



A SUCCESSFUL MULTICULTURAL NIGHT



We would like to thank all those who participated in our Multicultural Night, last Saturday!

A special thank you to the parishioners who contributed to the event, and Olga Mendoza and her volunteers in organizing the event. We are grateful for all the help that made this event successful!

A REMINDER TO CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: CONFIRMATION DATES

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

A reminder that the confirmation rehearsal will be on **May 9th at 9:00AM**, and the confirmation celebration will be on **May 9th at 7:30PM**.

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.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

We invite all parishioners to join in celebrating Catholic Education Week 2017, which runs from April 30th-May 5th. For more than 165 years, Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools have been integrating our faith into all aspects of school life, nurturing the gifts and talents of every student. We celebrate the distinctive contribute that Catholic schools provide, giving thanks and offering our prayers for all those who faithfully journey with our young people each day. For more information about Catholic Education Week visit www.goodnewsforall.ca.



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