

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
Monday-Friday 10AM-12PM and 1PM-3PM

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
St. Isaac Jogues School	416-393-5315
Senator O'Connor College School	416-393-5505

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"The crowds asked, "What should we do?"

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS



Monday, December 13th is the Memorial of St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

Tuesday, December 14th is the Memorial of St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor

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

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Gaudete Sunday**



The 3rd Candle (Rose): The Candle of Joy

The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as **Gaudete Sunday**. *Gaudete* is a Latin word which means *rejoice*. We light the rose coloured candle on our wreath as a sign of joy. We rejoice because the birthday of our Saviour is near.

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again, rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:4-7)

FRIAR'S STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2022

It is time once again for the Friars' Student Writing Award. Students aged 13-19 are invited to submit a 450-500-word essay for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated from January 18 to 25, 2022.

This year, the theme and the resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022 have been prepared by the Middle East Council of Churches based in Beirut, Lebanon. The theme of the contest is: "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him" (Mt.2:2). The deadline for the writing contest is Monday, February 14, 2022 at 2 p.m.

**BUILDING FUND COLLECTION
December 11/ December 12**



The Building Fund Collection will be taken up this weekend, December 11 and December 12. We thank you for your support and your generosity.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
December 12**

The Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council, founded by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishop (CCCCB) in 1998, proposes that the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12) be a National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. All are invited to join their Indigenous sisters and brothers in a special way this day through prayer and acts of solidarity.

**2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES
December 11/12**

This is the last weekend for the 2022 Sunday Offertory Envelopes to be available for pick up from the inside door of the parish hall after Mass. Please keep two-meter distance from your neighbour when collecting your envelopes.

- * Due to the pandemic, many of the 2020 and 2021 envelope boxes have not been picked up, therefore the parish decided to reorganized envelopes boxes of 1201-1800. If your envelope box is affected, please contact the parish office and we will assign you a new box for 2022.
- * For those who are using donation envelopes and recently moved, please update your information by filling out the "Change of Address Form" on the parish website or contact the parish office. *We want to make sure that your tax receipt is mailed to the correct address.*

If you are not yet using envelopes, we encourage you to register and contact the parish office via email or phone. Envelope users are the major supporters of Annunciation Parish. We depend on your generosity.

Thank you for your generosity and for supporting our parish!

MASS CARDS

You may arrange to have a Mass celebrated for a living and deceased person or for a special intention by contacting the parish office. The stipend is \$10.00. Please note Annunciation Parish does not provide Announced Masses.

HAVE YOU MOVED?

If you have moved, please inform the Parish Office of your new contact information by email at parish@bvmtoronto.com or call the parish office during office hours. It is important that the parish have your current information for donation receipt purposes, as well to ensure our database is up-to-date.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas and New Year's Mass & Registration Schedule

Spaces are limited and booking a seat online at the parish website is necessary.

**WALK-INS WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE AT
CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASSES**

**ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE BOOKED A SEAT
IN ADVANCE MAY ATTEND**

Monday, December 13th

Day of Confession: 8:30am-10am and 6pm-8pm

Registration for Christmas Masses opens on Monday, December 20th at 10AM

Christmas Eve—Friday, December 24th

Mass at 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm,
10:00pm

(no 9:00am Mass, office opens until noon by appointment only)

Christmas Day —Saturday, December 25th

Mass at 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm

Feast of the Holy Family—Sunday, December 26th

Mass at 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

Christmas Weekday Masses

Monday, December 27th until

Thursday, December 30th

Daily Mass at 9:00am ONLY

(Parish Office Closed)

Registration for the Masses below opens on Thursday, December 23rd at 10AM

New Year's Eve—Friday, December 31st

Mass at 5:00pm and 7:00pm

(no 9:00am Mass, Parish Office Closed)

New Year's Day—Saturday, January 1st, 2022

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass at 10:00am and 12:00pm

(Parish Office Closed)

Sunday, January 2nd, 2022—

Mass at 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

Monday, January 3rd, 2022—

Mass at 9:00am ONLY

(Parish Office Closed)

INACTIVE EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

As the Christmas season approaches, we are trying to anticipate tight scheduling for Eucharistic Ministers, given that there will be services on each day of both weekends with Christmas/New Year's falling on a Saturday. A dedicated team of ministers has carried us through many months during the pandemic but they can't be expected to staff every Mass. There will be gaps to fill. If you are comfortable in returning to serve on this occasion and have been fully vaccinated - please let me (Tom Peets) know. maroonac@hotmail.com/416-444-3507/647-668-3507 (cell and text)

MASS REGISTRATION

We thank you for registering for Sunday Mass. If you are unable to attend the Mass, please cancel your registration online, this allow other parishioner to register and attend the Mass. Instructions to cancel is available in the parish website or the parish office can also help with cancellation during office hours.

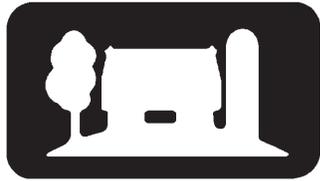
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- Type in **www.formed.org** on your browser.
- Sign up as "I belong to a parish or organization";
- Find your parish—type in: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, 3 Combermere Drive, Toronto.
- Once you find our parish name, click next. You will be prompted to the next page to create an account. Enter your name and email address.
- You will receive an email verification. Follow the link in the email, then you may begin to browse the site.

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