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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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PARISH SCHOOLS

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Annunciation School	416-393-5299
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**ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH,
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"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

HOW TO GO TO CONFESSION

1. Before going to Confession, examine your conscience by reflecting on your sins.
2. Begin your Confession by saying "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Bless me Father for I have sinned. It has been [length of time] since my last Confession. These are my sins..."
3. The priest will suggest something for you to do or pray after Confession (called penance), as a response to God's mercy.
4. The priest will then ask you to pray the *Act of Contrition* out loud (see text below), demonstrating your sorrow for your sins.
5. The priest will extend his hands in your direction and pray the Prayer of Absolution. You respond "Amen"
6. The priest will likely say "God has freed you from your sins. God in peace." You can respond; "Thanks be to God."

ACT OF CONTRITION

O, my God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you
whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with the help of your grace,
to do penance, to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.
In his name, O my God, have mercy. Amen.



USE OF INCENSE AT CHRISTMAS MASSES

A courtesy message to parishioners who are sensitive to burning incense:

Incense **will be used** at the 9:00PM and 12:00 Midnight Masses on Christmas Eve, and at the 11:00AM Mass on Christmas Day. Incense will **not** be used at the 6:00PM Mass on Christmas Eve, and the 9:30AM and 12:30PM Masses on Christmas Day.



"Advent is a time to recognize the emptiness that needs to be filled in our lives, a time to smooth the rough edges of pride, and to make room for Jesus who comes."

- Pope Francis (@Pontifex)

***Christmas and New Year
Mass Schedule***

Confessions for Christmas

Monday December 16th

Advent Penitential Service at 7:00pm
Day of Confession: 8:30am-10am and 2pm-4pm

Monday, December 23rd

Mass at 8AM and 12:30pm
(Regular Office Hours)

Christmas Eve—Tuesday, December 24th

Mass at 6:00pm, 9:00pm (with incense) &
12:00 Midnight (with incense)
(Office open until Noon)

Christmas Day—Wednesday, December 25th

Mass at 9:30am, 11:00am (with incense) & 12:30pm

Christmas Weekday Masses

**Thursday, December 26th and
Friday, December 27th**

Daily Mass at 9:00am ONLY
(Parish Office Closed)

Saturday, December 28th - Mass at 9:00am
(Confessions at 9:30AM ONLY)

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 28th—Mass at 5:00pm
Sunday, December 29th — Mass at 8:00am,
9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm and 7:00pm

New Years Weekday Mass

Monday, December 30th -Mass at 9:00am
(Parish Office Open until 4PM)

New Year's Eve—Tuesday, December 31st

Mass at 5:00pm & 7:00pm
(no 9:00am Mass, Parish Office Closed)

New Year's Day—Wednesday, January 1st, 2020

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Mass at 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm

Thursday, January 2nd, 2020

8AM and 12:30PM Daily Mass Schedule resumes
(Regular Parish Office Hours resume)

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

**Advent Penitential Service:
Monday, December 16th at 7:00 PM**

*There will be many priests available to hear
individual confessions this evening
following the service.*

Day of Confession: Monday, December 16th
8:30AM—10AM and 2—4PM

*A priest will be available to hear confessions
during these times.*

ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Confessions for Christmas

Monday, December 16th:

Day of Confession from 8:30AM-10AM, 2-4PM

Advent Penitential Service with Individual Confessions
at 7PM in the Church (many priests will be present)

Senator O'Connor Advent Mass

Wednesday, December 18th at 9AM in the Church

Altar Server Incense Training

Saturday, December 21st at 11AM in the Church

CWL RIGHT TO LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS



The 'Right to Life' Christmas Cards are available for sale in the Religious Articles Booth. The cost is \$10 for a package of 10 mixed cards .

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION



This weekend we will be taking up our monthly Building Fund Collection. Thank you for your continuous generosity.

CWL Bake Sale

The Executive members would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members and ladies of the parish who baked, brought, and donated so generously to our recent bake sale! Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



Please remember in your prayers all those parishioners who have gone to their rest in Christ, particularly those we remember who died recently: **Corradina Collura, Katherine Corner.**

CHRISTMAS PARKING



To maintain safety, reduce parking congestion and maximize access for all who come to worship, especially during the Christmas season, **please park only in designated areas.** Parking your vehicle in non-designated areas risk being ticketed.

A limited number of handicap spots are available for those with **valid permits.**

CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL CONCERTS



5:20PM—Mini Carol Concert before the 6:00PM Mass featuring the Children's Choir.
8:25PM—Carol Concert before the 9:00PM Mass featuring the Young Adult Choir.
11:15PM—Carol Concert before the 12:00 Midnight Mass featuring the Adult Choir.

SEASON OF ADVENT



Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation.

During Advent, each Sunday's Gospel reading has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES



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.

Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions

December 15—December 21



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Husband, father, friend, and member of
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