

# 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
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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH,  
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*The crowds asked 'What should we do?'*

### PRAY WITH THE SAINTS



**Monday, December 14th** is the *Memorial of St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor.*

Join us in prayer in communion with St. John and all saints in Heaven at the 8:00am and 12:30pm Masses on weekdays, and 9:00am 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)

#### "I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME"

The text *"I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me"* - Pastoral Letter on Welcoming Refugees, from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, should prove very useful to all as Canada prepares to receive the 25,000 refugees. Copies of the publication are available through the following website: [http://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/Pastoral\\_Letter\\_Refugees.pdf](http://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/Pastoral_Letter_Refugees.pdf).

#### FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN OFFICE INFORMATION

If you wish to contact the Family of Faith Campaign Office regarding any questions or concerns you may do so by

- ♦ calling: 416-934-0606 or
- ♦ emailing: [familyoffaith@archtoronto.org](mailto:familyoffaith@archtoronto.org)

If you have any questions regarding the status of specific donations you may contact the Donations Processing Centre by calling 416-934-3400 ext. 536 or email questions to [campaign@archtoronto.org](mailto:campaign@archtoronto.org).

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday Dec. 21st — Wednesday Dec. 23rd 2015**

Daily Masses at 8:00AM & 12:30PM

**Thursday, December 24th, 2015**

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Masses at 6:00PM, 9:00PM, & 12:00 Midnight  
Parish Office Closed

**Friday, December 25th, 2015**

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Masses at 9:30AM, 11:00AM, & 12:30PM  
Parish Office Closed

**Saturday, December 26th, 2015**

Daily Mass at 9:00AM  
Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00PM  
Parish Office Closed

**Sunday, December 27th, 2015**

### Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday Obligation Masses at  
8:00AM, 9:30AM, 11:00AM, 12:30PM, 7:00PM

**Monday Dec. 28th—Wednesday, Dec. 30th, 2015**

Daily Mass at 9:00AM  
Parish Office Closed

**NEW YEAR'S EVE : Thursday, Dec. 31st, 2015**

### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Masses at 5:00PM & 7:00PM  
Parish Office Closed

**NEW YEAR'S DAY: Friday, January 1st, 2016**

### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Masses at 9:30AM, 11:00AM & 12:30PM

Regular mass schedule and office hours resume on  
January 2nd, 2016

#### 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.

## ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

#### ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE:

Monday, December 21st at 7:00PM

*Followed by Individual Confessions.  
There will be many priests available  
to hear confessions on this evening.*

#### DAY OF CONFESSION:

Monday, December 14th

8:30AM—10AM, 2PM—4PM, & 6PM—8PM

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

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#### **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.

### CAMPAIGN LIFE CHRISTMAS CAKES

Campaign Life Christmas Fruit Cakes are available after all Masses this weekend. All proceeds go to support the Pro-Life Cause. Thank you for your support.

### RIGHT TO LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS

Right to Life Christmas Cards will be sold for \$8 per box in the Religious Articles booth. All proceeds will go to support the Pro-Life Cause.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATE SELECTION



A reminder to parents of children who are already registered for First Holy Communion: please visit the foyer after Mass this weekend and the weekend of December 19-20, to select the date and time when your child will be receiving First Holy Communion.

*Important note: it is a first come first serve basis!*

### “How did God prepare the world for the mystery of Christ?”

God prepared for the coming of his Son over centuries. He awakened in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming and he prepared for it specifically through the Old Testament, culminating with *John the Baptist* who was the last and greatest of the prophets. We relive this long period of expectancy in the annual liturgical celebration in the season of Advent (#102, *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*).



## Memorial Lamps & Special Intention

December 13—19

*Our lamps are lit:*

*In loving memory of Shui Fong Chung, Tjie Yuk Lan,  
Yu Hok and Elizabeth Chuong.*

*Requested by: Peter Chung.*

*For Stanley R. Zupan, always lovingly remembered in  
our thoughts and prayers.*

*Requested by: Rose Marie, Marla, Krista Zupan and  
Christopher Maclsaac.*

### CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL CONCERTS



**5:40PM**—Mini Carol Concert before the 6:00PM Mass featuring the Children’s Choir.

**8:00PM**—Carol Concert before the 9:00PM Mass featuring the Youth Choir.

**11:00PM**—Carol Concert before the 12:00 Midnight Mass featuring the Adult Choir.



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