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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
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Senator O'Connor College School	416-393-5505

ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH,

"Among you stands one who you do not know."

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EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

I am the Lord your God:

- **You shall not have strange Gods before me.**

Have I treated people, events, or things as more important than God?

- **You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.**

Have my words, actively or passively, put down God, His Church, or His people?

- **Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.**

Do I go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and on Holy Days of Obligation (Jan. 1; Dec. 25)? Do I avoid, when possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord's Day, and proper relaxation of mind and body? Do I look for ways to spend time with family or in service on Sunday?

- **Honor your father and your mother.**

Do I show my parents or elders due respect? Do I seek to maintain good communication with them where possible? Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have?

- **You shall not kill.**

Have I harmed another through physical, verbal, or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind?

- **You shall not commit adultery.**

Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself?

- **You shall not steal.**

Have I taken things that belong to others; have I taken credit that belongs to others; have I wasted the time of others?

- **You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.**

Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another?

- **You shall not covet your neighbour's spouse.**

Have I honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love? You shall not covet your neighbour's goods. Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?



*Christmas and New Year
Mass Schedule*

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23rd – Mass at 5:00pm
(No 9:00am Mass or Confessions)

Sunday December 24th – Mass at 8:00am,
9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm *(No 7:00pm Mass)*

Christmas Eve to Sunday, December 24th

Mass at 6:00pm, 9:00pm (with incense) &
12:00 Midnight (with incense)

Christmas Day to Monday, December 25th

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

Christmas Weekday Masses

Tuesday, December 26th to

Friday, December 29th

Daily Mass at 9:00am ONLY

(Parish Office Closed)

Saturday, December 30th

Daily Mass at 9:00am

(Parish Office Closed)

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 30th — Mass at 5:00pm

(No Confessions & Parish Office Closed)

Sunday, December 31st — Mass at 8:00am,

9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm

New Year's Eve to Sunday, December 31st

Mass at 5:00pm & 7:00pm

New Year's Day to Monday, January 1st

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass at 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm

(Parish Office Closed)

Confession for Christmas—

Monday, December 18th

7:00pm

(Several priests will be available to hear confession)

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Incense Training for Altar Service

Saturday, December 23rd at 11:00AM—12:00PM in the Parish Hall

RIGHT TO LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS

Right to Life Christmas Cards will be sold for \$8 per 10 cards in the Religious Articles booth. All proceeds will go to support the Pro-Life Cause.

FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING AWARD

It is time once again for the Friars' Student Writing Award. Students aged 14-18 are invited to write a five hundred-word essay on the Scripture passage **Exodus 15:1-21** and should respond to the question:

Just as the Israelites sought deliverance from enslavement, in contemporary society the dignity of all people is threatened by new enslavements to poverty, violence, injustice and addictions. In what ways can Christians of all denominations work together to stave off these assaults to human dignity? Explain.

First prize is an iPad Pro (128GB).

Deadline for entries is **Monday January 8, 2018**

For more information call: 416 934 3400 ext. 344

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.

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION



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

2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

A reminder: 2018 Sunday Offering Envelopes ARE available for pick-up AT the Welcome Desk or in the Parish Office. If you are not yet using envelopes, we encourage you to register and pick up a box before or after Mass. Envelop users are the major supporters of Annunciation Parish. We depend on your generosity. Thank You!

IS GOD CALLING YOU

www.vocationstoronto.ca

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, *contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org*

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in January 2017 and supports the bulletin service.

Call Liturgical Publications at (905) 624 4422 for those interested in adding their advertisement.

MASS CARDS AND MORE

You may arrange to have An unannounced mass celebrated for a living and deceased person or for a special intention by visiting the parish office. The stipend is \$10.00.

REQUESTING A REFERENCE LETTER

If you would like to have a Pastoral Reference Letter, please note: a pastoral reference letter may only be issued to parishioners of Annunciation Parish known personally to the Pastor. Please introduce yourself to the Pastor six months in advance by booking an appointment through the parish office.

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