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*May the Blessings of this
Holy Season be with you Always.*

ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH,
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*"Jesus was born of Mary,
who was engaged to Joseph, son of David."*

A CHRISTMAS GREETING



Christmas is a time when we retell the ancient story of Christ's birth. We rediscover the faith that unites us to the very heart of God and to one another. May the Spirit of Jesus our Saviour bless each and every one of you with his peace and his love.

*The Pastoral Team of Annunciation Parish:
Fr. Jude Coyle, Fr. David Okenyi,
Fr. Mardeo Reyes, Fr. Jon Bromley,
Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan, and the entire parish staff, extend to you best wishes and prayerful greetings for a Happy and Blessed Christmas.*

CHRISTMAS

The Christmas Season celebrates the birth of the Lord Jesus and the ways he manifested the presence of God among us. For the Church, only the Easter celebration of the Lord's death and rising is more important than the Christmas season.

WHAT DOES THE GOSPEL TEACH ABOUT THE MYSTERIES OF THE BIRTH AND INFANCY OF JESUS?

At *Christmas* the glory of heaven is shown forth in the weakness of a baby; the *circumcision* of Jesus is a sign of his belonging to the Hebrew people and is a prefiguration of our Baptism; the *Epiphany* is the manifestation of the Messiah King of Israel to all the nations; at the *presentation in the temple*, Simeon and Anna symbolize all the anticipation of Israel awaiting its encounter with its Saviour; the *flight into Egypt* and the massacre of the innocents proclaim that the entire life of Christ will be under the sign of persecution; the *departure from Egypt* recalls the exodus and presents Jesus as the new Moses and the true and definitive liberator.

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS



Thursday, December 26th is the *Feast of St. Stephen*, the first martyr.

Friday, December 27th is the *Feast of St. John*, apostle & evangelist.

Saturday, December 28th is the *Feast of The Holy Innocents*, martyrs.

Join us in prayer in communion with these great saints and all saints in Heaven at the 9:00AM Mass on weekdays, and 9:00AM on Saturday.

2014 Friars' Student Writing Award

Students aged 14-18, and currently enrolled in an Ontario secondary school or equivalent program are invited to write a five hundred-word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25 2014. The Theme for this coming year is *"Has Christ been divided?"* (cf. 1 *Corinthian* 1:10-13). The essay should :

- A. relate the Scripture passage to the issue of disunity among Christian churches; and
- B. propose three ways to build full and visible unity among Christian faiths.

Essays will be edited and published in the Catholic Register. Deadline for entries is **January 10th, 2014**. Fax your essay to 416-934-3409 or e-mail it to editor@catholicregister.org (please include your full name, e-mail address, phone number, and the name of your school on the front page of the essay).



**Memorial Lamps
& Special Intentions**

Dec. 22nd—28th

Our lamps are lit:

*In loving memory of Antonio Figueira. So deeply loved, missed and eternally cherished.
Requested by: dad, mom, your loving sister Kerry Ann and brother-in-law Lucio.*

*In loving memory of Djolina & Sujitno.
Beloved parents, grandparents and friends.
You are missed.*

*Requested by: daughter Miki Sujitno & family
(Hans, Marcella, Marcellina, Poa Kui le)
on the behalf of family around the world.*

*In loving memory of Martha Nguyen Thi Long.
Requested by: Phil Nguyen, her son.*

INSIDE
Annunciation Church:

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

USE OF INCENSE AT CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

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

Incense will be used at the 9:00PM & 12:00 Midnight masses on Christmas Eve (Tuesday, December 24th). Incense will not be used at the 6:00PM Mass.



ALTAR SERVERS SERVING AT CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Altar Servers who are serving on Christmas Eve are asked to arrive at least **half an hour** before the scheduled mass which you have signed up for. Any Senior Servers attending the 9:00PM and 12:00 Midnight mass are to attend a training on **Monday, December 23rd at 11:00AM.**

CHRISTMAS PARKING



We all know that parking will be a problem over the Christmas/New Year stretch. Please remember there is **absolutely no parking at any time between the lanes marked "No Parking" and the driveway in front of the church. It is a fire route!** A limited number of handicapped spots are available for those with **valid permits.**

FEEDING THE HUNGRY



Unsure of how to spend your time during the Christmas Holidays? 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.

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR
MASS SCHEDULE**

Tuesday, December 24th, 2013

CHRISTMAS EVE

Masses at 6:00PM, 9:00PM, & 12:00Midnight
[NO 8:00AM & 12:30PM Masses]
Office CLOSED

Wednesday, December 25th, 2013

CHRISTMAS DAY

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

Thursday, December 26th, 2013

to

Saturday, Dec. 28th, 2013

Mass at 9:00AM ONLY

Office hours:

Thursday CLOSED

Friday 8:30AM to 4:00PM

Saturday 11:00AM to 4:30PM

Sunday, December 29th, 2013

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00PM

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

Tuesday, December 31st, 2013

NEW YEAR'S EVE:

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Masses at 5:00PM & 7:00PM

[NO 8:00AM & 12:30PM Masses]

[No Confession]

Office CLOSED

Wednesday, January 1st, 2014

NEW YEAR'S DAY:

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

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

Office CLOSED

**Regular Mass Schedule & Office Hours resume on
Thursday, January 2nd, 2014.**

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