

# *Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish*

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## *Feast of the Holy Family*

ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH,  
TORONTO, ONTARIO

*"His parents found him in the temple,  
sitting among the teachers."*

**PRAY WITH THE SAINTS**



**Monday, December 28th** is the *Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs.*

**Friday, January 1st** is the *Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God.*

**Saturday, January 2nd** is the *Memorial of St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors.*

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

**THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY  
JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**



The Sunday between Christmas and New Year is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. All families are called to be instruments of God's love. As we remember the family of Jesus, let us thank God for the gift of our own personal families.

**THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD  
- January 1st -**



A reminder that New Year's Day, the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics. We begin each new year in company with Mary, Mother of God. She is the Mother of Jesus and mother of the great family we call the Church. As we move forward into the days and months of a new year, let us walk with Mary in the footsteps of Jesus her Son. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. AMEN.**

**NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, December 26th, 2015**  
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**  
**Holy Day of Obligation**

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

**NEW YEAR'S DAY: Friday, January 1st, 2016**  
**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
**Holy Day of Obligation**

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

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

**FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING AWARD**

It is time once again for the Friars' Student Writing Award. Student aged 14-18 are invited to write a five hundred-word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2016. The theme for this coming year is, *"Called to proclaim the mighty acts of God"* (1 Peter 2:9). Students should read the Scripture passage and answer the following question:

*Despite division in Christian unity, explain why all Catholics, Orthodox, Anglicans and Protestants should still be considered a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people.*

First prize is an iPad Pro (32 GB), second prize is a Kobo Aura, and third to sixth prizes are a one year subscription to The Catholic Register and other prizes. Essays will be edited and published in the Catholic Register.

Deadline for entries is **January 8, 2016**. Email your essay to [editor@catholicregister.org](mailto:editor@catholicregister.org) or FAX it to 416-934-3409 (please include your full name, email address, phone number, and the name of your school on the front page of your essay. See [www.catholicregister.org/writingaward](http://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward) for details.

## ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### A NEW YEAR'S GREETING



*May God's light shine upon you, your family  
and loved ones throughout the coming year!*

The Pastoral Team of Annunciation Parish:  
Fr. Jude Coyle, Fr. Stephen Gilbert and the  
entire parish staff, wishes you a Happy New  
Year filled with God's love, peace, joy, and  
blessings!

### WITH GRATEFUL THANKS!

We would like to graciously thank all those who helped  
make our Christmas celebrations so beautiful:  
Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors, Musicians & Choir  
Members, Altar Servers, Ushers, Parish Staff and so  
many others. May God bless you all for your generosity  
and kindness!

### WORLD DAY OF PEACE: JANUARY 1ST

The World Day of Peace was established by Pope Paul  
VI who asked that "every year, this commemoration be  
repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning  
of the calendar year which measures and outlines the  
path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and  
beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development  
of events to come".



## Memorial Lamps & Special Intention

December 27—January 2

*Our lamps are lit:*

*In loving memory of Alfred Sasenarayan  
& The Munian Family.  
May they rest in peace.  
Requested by: Sheila Sasenarayan .*

### 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.

(#103, Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic  
Church).

### THE PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE

This is the event that breaks the silence of the Gospels  
about the hidden years of Jesus. Here Jesus lets us  
catch a glimpse of the mystery of his total consecration  
to a mission that flows from his divine sonship: "Did  
you not know that I must be about my Father's work?"  
Mary and Joseph did not understand these words, but  
they accepted them in faith. Mary "kept all these  
things in her heart" during the years Jesus remained  
hidden in the silence of an ordinary life.

(#534, Catechism of the Catholic Church).

### ALTAR SERVER COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, January 5th at 7:00PM in the St. Cecilia room.

### CONFIRMATION SESSIONS BEGIN



Confirmation Sessions will begin in January for  
all students registered to receive the sacrament  
in the spring.

### TIME FOR A NEW BOX OF ENVELOPES

The New Year is almost upon us and it's time to pick up  
your box of 2016 Sunday Offering Envelopes if you  
haven't picked yours up yet. They are now available  
from the parish office. Make sure you mark your name  
and address on the first few envelopes. Please throw  
out any remaining envelopes from 2015.

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