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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

Our Lady of Wisdom School	416-393-5273
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH,
TORONTO, ONTARIO.

*"Keep alert, for you do not know when the
master of the house will come."*

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS

Thursday, December 7th is the Memorial of St.
Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor

Friday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin
Mary



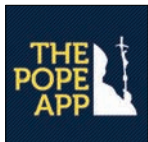
Join us in prayer in communion with these great saints
and all the saints in Heaven at the 8:00AM and 12:30PM
Masses on weekdays and 9:00AM Mass on Saturday.

IS GOD CALLING YOU

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The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation
of the Master's return so that we live each day according
to the teachings of Christ. Could God's "particular task" for
you be a call to a Church vocation? 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

QUOTE FROM POPE FRANCIS



*"The love of Christ is like a 'spiritual GPS' that
guides us unerringly towards God and towards
the heart of our neighbour."*

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.

How important is Sunday?

Sunday is the center of Christian time, for on Sunday we
celebrate Christ's Resurrection, and every Sunday is a
miniature Easter. If Sunday is disregarded or abolished,
only work-days are left in the week. We must learn on
earth how to celebrate properly, or else we will not know
what to do in heaven. Heaven is an endless Sunday.

Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule

**Monday, December 18th to
Friday, December 22nd**

Daily Masses at 8:00am & 12:30pm

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)

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

Advent Penitential Service:

Mon. Dec. 18th at 7:00 PM

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

Day of Confession: Mon. Dec. 11th

8:30AM—10AM, 2PM—4PM & 6PM—8PM

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

ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Advent School Mass

Wednesday, December 6th at 7:00PM

CWL Executive Meeting

Thursday, December 7th at 1:00PM in the St. Pius X Room

Legion of Mary Meeting

Saturday, December 9th at 10:00AM in the St. Pius X Room

CWL CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE December 9/10th

The CWL committee is having their Annual Christmas Bake Sale. The sale takes place this weekend December 9/10th after all masses, except for the 7:00PM Mass. All proceeds are used to fund our charitable endeavors. Thank you for your support.

CWL CHRISTMAS MAILINGS

At the CWL 85th National Convention, **Resolution 2005.1** presented and accepted a Nativity-related theme Christmas stamps. When preparing your Christmas mailings, remember to ask for these special Christmas stamps at the Post Office. They are only available during the Christmas season but can be used throughout the year.

CAMPAIGN LIFE CHRISTMAS CAKES December 9th/10th



Campaign For Life Christmas Fruit Cakes are available for sale after all Masses on 9th/10th 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 10 cards in the Religious Articles booth. All proceeds will go to support the Pro-Life Cause.



*I am
with you always*



On behalf of the Altar Server Ministry and the Good Shepherd minister, we sincerely thank our parishioners who donated towards last weekend's food drive. A HUGE thank-you also to the many families who stayed behind to help us sort and pack the food items. Once again, we are overwhelmed by your generosity and thank you for your continued support. With the amount of food collected, Good Shepherd Ministry will be able to serve many of the less fortunate in our community. May God bless you and your family abundantly this Christmas Season!

SHEPHERD'S TRUST COLLECTION

This year \$13,252 was collected for the Shepherd's Trust Collection. This fund does more than just support our priests in their retirement years; it represents a very tangible gesture of thanks for the blessings we have received. We thank everyone for their generosity

2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

A reminder: 2018 Sunday Offering Envelopes will be available for pick-up in 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. Envelope users are the major supporters of Annunciation Parish. We depend on your generosity. Thank You!

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

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