

# 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.

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## PARISH SCHOOLS

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

ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH,  
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*"All fresh shall see the salvation of God."*

### PRAY WITH THE SAINTS



**Tuesday, December 8th** is the *Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

**Saturday, December 12th** is the *Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.*

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

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**The 2nd Candle (purple) - The Bethlehem Candle or The Candle of Preparation**

God kept his promise of a Saviour who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to "get ready". Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD!

*As written in a book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: 'A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough way smooth. And all mankind will see God's salvation.'* (Luke 3: 4-6)

### 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.

### FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING AWARD

Students aged 14-18 are invited to write a five hundred-word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme for this coming year is "Called to proclaim the mighty acts of God." (1 Peter 2:9). First prize is an iPad Pro (32GB). Deadline for entries is January 8th, 2016. For further information please visit: [www.catholicregister.org/writingaward](http://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward).

## 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

### CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

**Advent Penitential Service: Mon. Dec. 21st  
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. 14th**

8:30AM—10AM, 2PM—4PM & 6PM— 8PM

*Priests will be available to hear confessions during these times.*

## ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*“Jesus Christ was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary”*

### **Why did the Son of God become man?**

For us men and for our salvation, the Son of God became incarnate in the womb of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. He did so to reconcile us sinners with God, to have us learn of God’s infinite love, to be our model of holiness and to make us “partakers of the divine nature” (2 Peter 1:4).

### **What does the word “Incarnation” mean?**

The Church calls the mystery of the wonderful union of the divine and human natures in the one divine Person of the Word the “Incarnation”. To bring about our salvation the Son of God was made “flesh” (John 1:14) and became truly man. Faith in the Incarnation is a distinctive sign of the Christian faith.

### **What is the meaning of the expression “conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit...”?**

This expression means that the Virgin Mary conceived the eternal Son in her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit without the cooperation of a man. The angel told her at the Annunciation that “the Holy Spirit will come upon you” (Luke 1:35).

### **What does the “Immaculate Conception” mean?**

God freely chose Mary from all eternity to be the Mother of his Son. In order to carry out her mission she herself was *conceived immaculate*. This means that, thanks to the grace of God and in anticipation of the merits of Jesus Christ, Mary was preserved from original sin from the first instant of her conception.

### **How does Mary cooperate in the divine plan of salvation?**

By the grace of God Mary was kept free from every personal sin her whole life long. She is the one who is “full of grace” (Luke 1:28), “the all holy”. When the angel announced to her that she would give birth to “the Son of the Most High” (Luke 1:32), she freely gave her consent with “the obedience of faith” (Romans 1:5). Mary thus gave herself entirely to the person and work of her Son Jesus, espousing wholeheartedly the divine will regarding salvation.

Source: #85, 86, 94, 96, 97— Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

### **CAMPAIGN LIFE CHRISTMAS CAKES**

Campaign Life Christmas Fruit Cakes are available after all Masses on December 5th—6th and December 12th—13th. All proceeds go to support the Pro-Life Cause. Thank you for your support.

### **CWL CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE**

This weekend the CWL is having their Annual Christmas Bake Sale. The sale takes place after all Masses this weekend (except for the 7:00PM Mass). All proceeds are used to fund our charitable endeavours. 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 on the Weekends of December 12-13 and 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!**

### **FEEDING THE HUNGRY**

The holiday season is a time of tradition, family and *giving*. You could be a holiday helper by volunteering your time feeding the needy with a nourishing, home cooked meal for the Good Shepherd Centre. If you are willing to spend some time in the kitchen to cook a nutritious meal, please contact the Parish Office. We will provide aluminum pans (and also some recipes to follow at your request). Just deliver your frozen dish to the parish office and we will store it until pick-up.



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