# 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

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 Exposition8:00amBenediction of the Blessed Sacrament12:15pmMass12:30pm

#### 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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"You have heard what was said to those of ancient time; but I say to you."

#### **PRAY WITH THE SAINTS**



**Tuesday, February 14th** is *Memorial of St. Cyril, Monk, and St. Methodius, Bishop*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.

#### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"No eye has seen, nor ear heard, not the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997.

#### The Characteristics of Sacramentals

1668 Sacramentals are instituted for the sanctification of certain ministries of the Church, certain states of life, a great variety of circumstances in Christian life, and the use of many things helpful to man. In accordance with bishops' pastoral decisions, they can also respond to the needs, culture, and special history of the Christian people of a particular region of time. They always include a prayer often accompanied by a specific sign, such as laying on of hands, the right of the cross, or the sprinkling of holy water (which recall Baptism).

**1669** Sacramentals derive from the baptismal priesthood: every baptized person is called to a "blessing" and to bless. Hence lay people may preside at certain blessings; the more a blessing concerns ecclesial and sacramental life, the more is its administration reserved to the ordained ministry (bishops, priests, or deacons) **1670** Sacramentals do not confer the grace of the Holy Spirit in the way that the sacraments do, but by the Church's prayer, they prepare us to receive grace and dispose us to cooperate with it. "For well-disposed members of the faithful, the liturgy of the sacraments and sacramental sanctifies always every event of their lives with the divine grace which flows from the Paschal mystery of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ. From this source all sacraments and sacramental draw their power. There is scarcely and proper use of material things which cannot be thus directed toward the sanctification of men and the praise of God.

#### What is the essential rite of Confirmation?

The essential rite of confirmation is the anointing with Sacred Chrism (oil mixed with balsam and consecrated by the bishop), which is done by the laying on of the hand of the minister who pronounces the sacramental words proper to the rite. In the West this anointing is done on the forehead of the baptized with the words, "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit". In the Eastern Churches of the Byzantine rite this anointing is also done on other parts of the body with the word, "The seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit".

#### What is the effect of Confirmation?

The effect of Confirmation is special outpouring of the Holy Spirit like that of Pentecost. This outpouring impresses on the soul an indelible character and produces a growth in the grace of Baptism. It roots the recipient more deeply in divine son ship, binds him more firmly to Christ and to the Church and reinvigorates the gifts of the Holy Spirit in his soul. It gives a special strength to witness to the Christian faith.

#### Who can receive this sacrament?

Only those already baptized can and should receive this sacrament which can be received only once. To receive Confirmation efficaciously the candidate must be in the state of grace.

#### Who is the minister of Confirmation?

The original minister of Confirmation is the bishop. In this way, the link between the confirmed and the Church in her apostolic dimension is made manifest. When a priest confers this sacrament, as ordinarily happens in the East and in special cases in the West, the link with the bishop and with the Church is expressed by the priest who is the collaborator of the bishop and by the Sacred Chrism, consecrated by the bishop himself.

#### What is the Eucharist?

The Eucharist is the very sacrifice of the Body and Blood of the Lord the ages until his return in glory. Thus he entrusted to his Church this memorial of this death and Resurrection. It is a sign of unity, a bond of charity a paschal banquet in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.

When did Jesus Christ institute the Eucharist?
Jesus instituted the Eucharist on Holy Thursday "the night on which he was betrayed" (1 Corinthians 11:23), as he celebrated the Last Supper with his apostles.

# ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **SENIORS CLUB**

Our next meeting is **February 14th** at 10AM. Please note... this is a week earlier than usual! Potluck Lunch to celebrate Valentine's Day. Join us and enjoy this special lunch.

Bring your favorite dish and join in the fun IMPORTANT... no frozen dishes please!
We will also enjoy a few games of Bingo.
Also a reminder...
Please come prepared to register for our Fallsview Casino Trip!

Date: May 16th Cost: \$20.00

#### PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



Please remember in your prayers all those parishioners who have gone to their rest in Christ, particularly those we remember who died recently: Caroline Delean Manningham, Christopher Boland and Joao Bispo.



# Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions

February 12th to February 18th

In loving memory of Judy Tersigni.
So deeply loved and missed.
Always in our hearts and prayers.
Rest in peace.
Requested by husband Joe Tersigni and family.

In loving memory of husband and father Joaquim D'Mello.

So deeply loved and missed.

Rest in peace.

Requested by wife Euphrasia, daughter Judy and son-in-law Christopher.

In loving memory of
Aileen Cooke.
Requested by Brian and family.

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#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

#### **CWL Valentine Pot Luck**

Thursday, February 16th at 1:00PM in the Parish Hall.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY PASTORAL CARE TEAM

The Sunday Pastoral Care Team are looking for volunteers to become extraordinary ministers of communion to homes/institutions and assist with their Sunday ministry to bring the Blessed Sacrament to sick and housebound members of our parish. They receive the blessed Sacrament at the 9:30AM mass on Sunday and go out in pairs thereafter to our parishioners. If you would like to be part of this special ministry and can share a few hours of your time for about two Sundays a month after the 9:30AM mass, please leave your name at the parish office.

#### **CWL**

The CWL Executive would like to sincerely thank all our generous Parishioners who answers our appeal for assistance to the Good Shepherd Hospice. You donated a "mountain" of gently used clothing and the following new items: men's socks: 414 pairs, men's briefs: 157, t-shirts: 36, dress shirt: 1, scarves: 2, ties: 6, knee-high's: 6, shoes: 37 pairs. Many "good" souls will be praying for you. God Bless.

#### **MASS CARDS**

You may arranged to have a mass celebrated for a living or deceased person, or for a special intention by visiting the Parish Office. The stipend is \$10.00. Please note that Annunciation Parish does not provide announced masses.

#### **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.



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