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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 the priest. A Marriage Preparation Course is required. If either party has been previously married, permission to proceed must be obtained from the Archdiocese of Toronto—Chancery Office.

CARE of the SICK: Visitation and/or Communion for the sick upon request.

LEGION OF MARY - Prayer group: Saturday Mornings at 10:00am.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Call 416-657-2989 for assistance.

PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady of Wisdom School416-393-5273Annunciation School416-393-5299St. Isaac Jogues School416-393-5315Senator O'Connor College School416-393-5505

ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH, TORONTO, ONTARIO

"Jesus touched the man with leprosy and he was cured."

SEASON OF LENT



Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ.

During Lent, the liturgy prepares catechumens to celebrate the Paschal Mystery by the various stages of Christian initiation. It also prepares the faithful for Easter as they recall their baptism and do penance in preparation for the greatest feast of the year.

Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for baptism, and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's word and of more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Lenten instructions stress these baptismal and penitential themes.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

EVERY FRIDAY AT ANNUNCIATION PARISH @ 7:00PM



Join us as we walk with Jesus from death to new life. Make this traditional Lenten prayer part of your personal Lenten program.

WORKING WONDERS IN OUR COMMUNITY...

We are all called to care for those who are vulnerable in our community. The ShareLife parish campaign gives us an opportunity to reach out in justice and love. Last year, ShareLife's 42 agencies and grant recipients provided over 381,000 services to over 114,000 people here in our archdiocese, and assisted countless others in developing countries around the world. In 42 municipalities, and in more than 20 languages, those in need received support and care as a result of our generosity. My prayer is that you will joining me as together we work wonders to lovingly care for those who are in need around us.

- Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

First ShareLife Sunday—March 1, 2015

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18, 2015



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

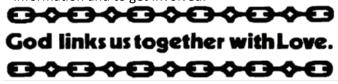
8:00AM, 10:00AM (Schools Mass), 12:30PM, 7:30PM

Ashes will be Blessed and Distributed at all Masses.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS A DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT.

CATHOLICS URGED TO SUPPORT PHYSICANS' CHARTER RIGHT OF FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE AND RELIGION

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) in a proposed new draft document states: "Where physicians are unwilling to provide certain elements of care due to their moral or religious beliefs, an effective referral to another health care provider must be provided to the patient". Catholic physicians believe that a mandate for an "effective referral" is a violation of a physician's rights, as it compels the physician to violate his or her own conscience by being a participant in the very act, the very procedure to which he or she objects in the first place. The CPSO is accepting submission from all Ontario citizens until February 20. We are all called to inform the CPSO in writing that we reject the proposed "effective referral" mandate for doctors whose Carter Rights of Freedom of Conscience and Religion must be respected. The Catholic Civil Rights League (CCRL) is one Catholic lay group coordinating these efforts. Go to www.ccrl.ca to find out more information and to get involved.



INSIDE Annunciation Church:

FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY



Monday, February 16th is Family Day.

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM only.

There will be no 8:00AM & 12:30PM

Masses. The parish office will be closed.

"Happy Family Day!"

Today's Gospel says that "Jesus was moved with pity when He saw the leper". Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcasts of today's society? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocational Director Archdiocese of Toronto at: 416-968-0997

A REMINDER TO CONFRIMATION CANDIDATES: THIRD CONFIRMATION SESSIONS



Monday's Third Session: February 23nd at 7:00PM

Tuesday's Third Session: February 24rd at 7:00PM

Sessions take place in the Parish Hall. Please only attend on the day you have chosen.

LENTEN CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS

Share you faith in four simple steps and get answers to puzzling questions. Talks will take place on **Wednesday March 4th, 18th and 25th from 7:30-9:00PM** in the Parish Hall. Topics include:

- (1) Are Catholics better than all the rest?
- (2) Why bad things happen to good people?
- (3) Does Christian forgiveness pay for itself? Presented by: Fr. Filip Krauze, PhD in Fundamental Theology.

SENIORS CLUB

Our next meeting is **February 17th at 10:00AM**. It will be a Pot Luck Lunch to celebrate Valentine's Day. Join us and enjoy this special lunch. Bring your favourite dish and join in the fun. We will also be playing Bingo.

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION



Next weekend, we take up the monthly Building Fund Collection. Thank you for your continuous support.

FINANCIAL REPORT 2014

A copy of Annunciation Parish's financial statement for the year 2014 is inserted in this weekend's bulletin.

NEWEST CATHOLIC MEMBERS...



The following children were recently welcomed into our worshipping community through the Sacrament of Baptism: *Erin Therese Armentano and Milcah Velasquez Adia*. Please keep these children and their parents in your prayers.

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The Toronto Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is offering a scholarship to St. Michael's College. This scholarship is open to any young woman who is of Catholic faith, who is completing her secondary school education, and who has indicated on her application to the University of Toronto that St. Michael's College is her first choice. The applicant must be entering the Faculty of Arts and Science in one of the following areas of study: Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences or Science. The applications must be submitted by March 31, 2015. For further information, please contact the Education and Health Convener of the Annunciation Parish C.W.L. Rose Oliver at: 416-752-5761 or see the parish bulletin board.



Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions

February 15th-22nd

Our lamps are lit:

In loving memory of Kathleen Ennis. Requested by: Michael and family.

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

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