

# 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.

**SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL** Call 416-657-2989 for assistance.

## PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady of Wisdom School	416-393-5273
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*"Love your enemies and pray  
for those who persecute you."*

**PRAY WITH THE SAINTS**



**Wednesday, February 22nd** is the *Feast of Chair  
of St. Peter, Apostle*

**Thursday, February 23rd** is the *Memorial of St.  
Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr*

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.

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."  
Do you feel called to help people get closer to God? If you  
think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr.  
Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto  
at 416 968 0997.

**COME AND SEE WEEKEND  
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Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to  
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the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a  
Catholic priest. Please contact the Office of Vocations at:  
416 968 0997; or email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**What do we learn from the temptations of Jesus in the  
desert?**

The temptations of Jesus in the desert recapitulate the  
temptation of Adam in Paradise and the temptations of  
Israel in the desert. Satan tempts Jesus in regard to his  
obedience to the mission given him by the Father. Christ,  
the new Adam, resist and his victory proclaims that of his  
passion which is the supreme obedience of his filial love.  
The Church unites herself to this mystery in a special way  
in the liturgical season of *Lent*.

**What forms does penance take in the Christian life?**

Penance can be expressed in many and various ways but  
above all in fasting prayer and almsgiving. These are many  
other forms of penance can be practiced in the daily life of  
a Christian, particularly during the time of Lent and on the  
penitential day of Friday.

**HOLY FATHER'S MESSAGE FOR LENT 2017**

Lent is a favorable season for deepening our  
spiritual life through the mean of sanctification  
offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and  
almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of  
God, which during this season we are invited to hear  
and ponder more deeply. I would now like to  
consider the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (cf.  
Lk 16:19-31). Let us find inspiration in this happiness  
and eternal life.

**Part I: The Other Person is a Gift**

The parable begins by presenting its two main  
characters. The poor man is described in greater  
detail: he is wretched and lacks the strength even to  
stand. Lying before the door of the rich man, he fed  
on the crumbs falling from his table. His body is full  
of sores and dogs comes to lick his wounds (cf. vv.  
20-21). The picture is one of great misery; it portrays  
a man disgraced and pitiful.

The scene is even more dramatic if we consider that  
the poor man is called Lazarus: a name full of  
promise, which literally means "God helps". This  
character is not anonymous. His features are clearly  
delineated and he appears as an individual with his  
own story. While practically invisible to the rich  
man, we see and know him as someone familiar. He  
becomes a face, and as such, a gift, a priceless  
treasure, a human being whom God loves and cares  
for, despite his concrete condition as an outcast. (cf.  
Homily, 8 January 2016).

Lazarus teaches us that other persons are a gift. A  
right relationship with people consists in gratefully  
recognizing their value. Even the poor person at the  
door of the rich is not a nuisance, but a summons to  
conversion and to change. The parable first invites  
us to open the doors of our heart to others because  
each person is a gift, whether it be our neighbor or  
an anonymous pauper. Lent is a favorable season for  
opening the doors to all those in need and  
recognizing in them the face of Christ. Each of us  
meets people like this every day. Each life that we  
encounter is a gift deserving acceptance, respect  
and love. The word of God helps us to open our eyes  
to welcome and love life, especially when it is weak  
and vulnerable. But in order to do this, we have to  
take seriously what the Gospel tells us about the  
rich man.



## ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ASH WEDNESDAY

March 1, 2017



#### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

8:00AM, 12:30PM, 7:30PM.

9:45AM (Schools Mass).

**Ashes will be Blessed and  
Distributed at all Masses.**

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

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

EVERY FRIDAY AT ANNUNCIATION PARISH AT 7:00PM  
BEGINNING MARCH 3RD



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

#### SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Turning Concern into Action — Around Our Community and Around the World. **We are seeking new members.** Parishioners who are looking for the opportunity to put their faith into action in service to their neighbours in need are welcome to join us. We meet once a month. Please call — 416 657 2989 for more information.

*"To love God and neighbor is not something abstract, but profoundly concrete: It means seeing in every person the face of the Lord to be served, to serve him concretely." - Pope Francis*

#### NEW TO OUR PARISH?

If you are a new parishioner of Annunciation Parish we offer you a warm welcome. Please take the time to register at the office and receive your personal box of Sunday Offering Envelopes. We're glad you're here.

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

##### Catholic Mother's Group Meeting

Thursday, February 23rd at 7:00-8:30PM in the St. Cecilia Room.

##### Altar Servers Training Session

Saturday, February 25th at 11:00AM-2:00PM

#### FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY



**Monday, February 20th** is Family Day. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM only. There will be no 8:00AM & 12:30PM Masses. The Parish Office will be closed.

**"Happy Family Day!"**

#### NEWEST CATHOLIC MEMBERS...



The following children were recently welcomed into our worshipping community through the Sacrament of Baptism: *Aaron Antonio Xypher Belen, Tamara Fe Diola De Lara, Ethan Chase Hibaya, Cyrus Barliso Keshtkar Dafchahi, Bethany Teresa Petersen.*

Please keep these children in your prayers



### Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions

February 19th to  
February 25th

*In loving memory of  
Tony de Souza.*

*Requested by Olivia, Alison,  
David and their families.*

*In loving memory of our father,  
Jeremias Oliveira.*

*You are always in our hearts.  
Requested by the Oliveira family.*

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