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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
Annunciation School	416-393-5299
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ANNUNCIATION PARISH MINISTRY RECRUITMENT DRIVE

At Annunciation, we are blessed as a parish community to have many parishioners involved in our various ministries. Once more, we are reaching out to all parishioners to please consider joining a parish ministry. The future of our parish relies on the active involvement of our ministries' volunteers. Our volunteers are the heart and soul of Annunciation Church. Their passion is the glue that binds people together, and makes tangible the work our Heavenly Father have asked us to do. The generous contribution of their time and talent has enabled us to achieve the sustainability of our parish community. As we are entering the Lenten season, you may consider "adding something" to your Lenten observance. Please read the brief descriptions of the following parish ministries and consider including one or more into your faith journey. Enclosed in this bulletin is a registration form. Please complete and return it to us once you have reflected on the ministry that best match your interests and talents. Please contact the Parish Office at **416-445-1760** or **parish@bvmtoronto.com** for more details or if you are interested in joining a ministry.

Catholic Moms Group

Moms in this day and age are very busy! Often moms are working full-time, driving kids to and from school, helping with homework, cooking, cleaning, and much more while trying to find a little bit of time for themselves.

Joining the Annunciation Catholic Moms Group gives you an immediate sense of community by connecting with others on a deeper level, getting encouragement and support, practical parenting tips, praying and being "refreshed by the Word", and creating a network of women who share a common language of femininity and motherhood. Part of becoming the best mom possible is fostering a vibrant dynamic Catholic faith and belonging to the group will help you be the best mom you can be. We welcome all mothers in our parish with young children or children still in education to join.

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

Are you called to advocate for human rights and social justice? Add your voice/support to a national sisterhood of Catholic women which promotes awareness and respond to political and social issues that affect all Canadians. Join the Annunciation CWL, one of the 1300 parish-based CWL councils spread across Canada. Through the CWL, you represent Catholic women and the Church around the globe. CWL outreach supports many initiatives in developing countries and local communities. Through your efforts, prayerful service and sharing your gifts, you can be blessed with grace-filled moments. As the prayer of St. Francis says, "*for it is in giving that we receive.*"

Cana Committee Ministry

This ministry assists the pastor with the preparation of a couple's upcoming wedding ceremony. Cana members meet with the couples and confirm they have chosen all their readings, and assist the couple with the parish guideline for flowers, music, and photography/videography. Cana members conduct the wedding rehearsal and will be at the church on the wedding day to organize the immediate families and bridal party.

Children's Choir

At Annunciation, the children's choir enjoys helping to lead your children into a closer relationship with God. As well, it helps cultivate their responsibility as leaders of the church. New Members Are Most Welcome! The choir offers children an exposure to music and acts as an effective vehicle for teaching Christian Faith through the texts in their anthems. As well, it gives them an opportunity to serve the parish and instill their understanding of their knowledge of God. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 5:30pm– 6:30pm.

"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." And He laid his hands on them. – Matthew 19:14-15

7:00PM Mass Choir

The "7:00pm Choir" has always been recognized as an energetic & friendly group within the music ministry! Established more than 20 years ago, they continue to provide beautiful liturgical music (from sacred choral works to congregational hymns) every Sunday evening at the 7:00pm Mass. Members are required to regularly attend weekly rehearsals on Sundays at 6:00pm in order to learn the music scheduled for the 7:00pm Mass. Punctuality is important: members are expected to arrive on time for rehearsals. The choir is also committed to serve in the parish during special occasions including: Christmas Eve Mass, Good Friday Service, Easter Sunday Mass, Confirmation Mass, and the Penitential Services. From all walks of life, both young and old, the 7:00pm choir welcomes anyone and everyone to join!

Lectors

If you are an adult and feel you have the gift of proclaiming the Word of God, then consider becoming a lector. The lector serves the liturgical assembly by proclaiming the Sacred Scripture during the Liturgy of the Word and leads in the Prayer of the Faithful. The competent exercise of this role enables the Church to hear the Word of God more clearly and receive it more readily. Training is provided.

Liturgical Hospitality: Greeters & Ushers

The Liturgical Hospitality Ministry establish a climate of welcome, helpfulness and order among those gathered. They assist the assembly with practical details so that the Liturgy can be celebrated with ease and grace. The role of this ministry includes: ensuring the Church is presentable and welcoming; welcoming parishioners as they arrive; offering information and assistance regarding the parish, the liturgy, the facilities; ensuring a family/group has been designated to present the gifts; assisting with the movement of the assembly during Holy Communion, taking the collection up in pairs, distributing the parish bulletin at the end of Mass, and carrying out other functions as requested by the Pastor and Pastoral Team. We are looking for more Ushers at the 12:30pm and 7:00pm Mass, but welcome all volunteers at any Mass of your choice.

Eucharistic Ministry

Ministers of Communion serve the Eucharistic life of the parish community. Here at Annunciation, we currently have about 80 members assisting at the six weekend Masses. While this is a good number, we require more as the group ages and mobility and weather issues come into play. We are especially short at the 9:30am and 7:00pm Mass especially but welcome candidates for any times that are convenient. We aim for a commitment of every second week in terms of frequency. Please consider joining our group. You will feel a strong sense of involvement and satisfaction.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

We are called by faith to serve our community. We believe we have a responsibility to turn our concern into action. We visit the poor, the elderly and others in need in their homes. Members meet once a month. Are you looking for a meaningful form or service? Annunciation Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul is seeking new members to help serve our neighbours in need. We need compassionate caring people who are able to commit to making home visits and meeting once a month. Administration/financial skills would be a great asset. Please call 416-657-2989. Check out the SSVP Toronto website for more information, www.ssvptoronto.ca

Young Adult Group

The Young Adult Group is calling all post-secondary students and parishioners between the age of 18 to 35 to come together to join in social, religious, and recreational events. Centered in Christ, the goal of the Young Adult Group is to deepen their faith journey with God, their understanding of the Catholic faith to bear fruits in acts of love and service to each other, the parish and the community. Come, join us!

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion of the Sick – Friday Pastoral Care Team

The mission of this ministry is to celebrate Communion of the Sick with parishioners who are unable to attend regular liturgy. The Friday morning team is seeking additional volunteers for this role. Volunteer visits consists of a brief prayer service and the distribution of Communion; the time commitment is approximately 2 hours per schedule. Training will be provided. Ministry volunteers provide the sick, whether homebound or institutionalized, with social interaction as well as a sense of community and belonging.

“I was sick and you visited me...” – Matthew 25:36-40

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion of the Sick – Sunday Pastoral Care Team

The Sunday Pastoral Care Team brings the Holy Eucharist to parishioners who are unable to attend Mass. We receive the Blessed Sacrament at the 9:30am Mass and then go out in pairs, according to a scheduled. Each team visits approximately six parishioners. During a visit, we pray, read from Sunday scripture and administer the Holy Eucharist. Our ministry is usually completed by 12:30pm. The ability to drive is essential, together with a willingness to give of ourselves and our time, in service to our Lord.

Altar Server Ministry

“In the Eucharist and in the other sacraments,” the Pope said, “you experience the intimate closeness of Jesus, the sweetness and power of his presence.”

The Altar Server Ministry is a vibrant group of Children/Youth who assist the priests in the celebration of the Sunday Liturgy. As an Altar Server, you have the privilege to experience the intimate closeness of Jesus by serving your parish community. If you are in Grade 4 or 9 years of age or older and would like to join our ministry, please email bvmserver@gmail.com. Full training is provided. In particular, we are looking for more volunteers at the 8:00am, 9:30am and 7:00pm Masses, but we welcome all volunteers at any Mass of your choice. Additional parent volunteers are also needed to help with the planning of various ministry events. Committee members meet once a month.

Adult Choir

We have always had an outstanding music program at Annunciation Parish. We provide music at the Sunday 11:00 am Mass. Our weekly rehearsals normally take place on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm.

Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions

February 11th - February 17th

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