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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
Annunciation School	416-393-5299
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ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH,
TORONTO, ONTARIO

*“Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness:
there he was tempted.”*

SHARELIFE

Together we are continuing to work wonders...

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.”
Matthew 5:7 (NRSVCE)

Our Lord encourages us with a timely reminder about what our action should be—to show mercy to others. Does showing mercy mean to take time delivering food for the local food bank in our neighbourhood? Do we have time to help by serving on a weekend in the soup kitchen in our city or praying for a family who is dealing with a personal crisis? Or maybe the refugee family who needs some volunteer help resettling their family to a new life here in Canada. In essence, ShareLife becomes that connective bridge between the pulpit and the street. When we are called to action in the Catholic community, we know of so many ways we can make a difference by working together in the lives of those in need. Annually, we share in helping over 114,000 individuals, thanks to the support we receive through our collective efforts.

Please help us celebrate ShareLife’s 40th anniversary by supporting our annual Archdiocesan appeal during this Lenten season!

- Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

**Sunday March 13, 2016 is Sharelife Sunday.
Please give generously. You can work wonders!**

WORKSHOP IN THE ART OF DISCERNMENT

Presented by a team of men and women religious and a married couple. It will be held on Saturday March 5th from 9:00AM—4:30PM at Loretto College, 70 St. Mary St., Toronto. Suggested Donation of \$25 (lunch included). To register or for more information please contact Frances Harrison—Atell, fharrison-atell@csj-to.ca 416-467-8070, Ext. 2691.

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.

HOLY FATHER’S MESSAGE FOR LENT CONTINUED...

2. God’s covenant with humanity: a history of mercy

The mystery of divine mercy is revealed in the history of the covenant between God and his people Israel. God shows himself ever rich in mercy, ever ready to treat his people with deep tenderness and compassion, especially at those tragic moments when infidelity ruptures the bond of the covenant, which then needs to be ratified more firmly in justice and truth. Here is a true love story, in which God plays the role of the betrayed father and husband, while Israel plays the unfaithful child and bride. These domestic images – as in the case of Hosea (cf. *Hos 1-2*) – show to what extent God wishes to bind himself to his people.

This love story culminates in the incarnation of God’s Son. In Christ, the Father pours forth his boundless mercy even to making him “mercy incarnate” (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 8). As a man, Jesus of Nazareth is a true son of Israel; he embodies that perfect hearing required of every Jew by the *Shema*, which today too is the heart of God’s covenant with Israel: “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might” (*Dt 6:4-5*). As the Son of God, he is the Bridegroom who does everything to win over the love of his bride, to whom he is bound by an unconditional love which becomes visible in the eternal wedding feast.

This is the very heart of the apostolic *kerygma*, in which divine mercy holds a central and fundamental place. It is “the beauty of the saving love of God made manifest in Jesus Christ who died and rose from the dead” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 36), that first proclamation which “we must hear again and again in different ways, the one which we must announce one way or another throughout the process of catechesis, at every level and moment” (*ibid.*, 164). Mercy “expresses God’s way of reaching out to the sinner, offering him a new chance to look at himself, convert, and believe” (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 21), thus restoring his relationship with him. In Jesus crucified, God shows his desire to draw near to sinners, however far they may have strayed from him. In this way he hopes to soften the hardened heart of his Bride.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY



Monday, February 15th 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!"**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETING

A reminder to parents of children preparing to make their First Holy Communion in the spring, the second preparatory meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 17th at 7:30PM in the Parish Hall.

ANNUNCIATION SENIORS' CLUB

We are already in February and we are happy to let you know that we have been able to arrange for **TWO PRESENTATIONS** to be made at this month's meeting. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16th from 10:00AM to 12:00 noon in the Parish Hall. You will not want to miss it.

1. Senator O'Connor College School students will make a presentation called *Cyber Seniors*. This will teach seniors how to take advantage of the computer in their life.
2. Representatives from the Alzheimer Society will give some general information on this very important topic which is touching so many people—directly and indirectly.

NOTE: This meeting will be your last opportunity to sign up for the Famous Players Theatre outing.

REQUESTING A REFERENCE LETTER

If you would like to have a Pastoral Reference Letter, please note: a pastoral reference letter may only be issued to parishioners of Annunciation Parish known personally to the pastor. Please introduce yourself to the pastor six months in advance by booking an appointment through the Parish Office.



*I am
with you always*

IMPORTANT LITURGICAL MEETINGS FOR LECTORS AND USHERS

All new and current Lectors and Ushers are reminded to attend the following meetings as appropriate. PLEASE NOTE: there are changes to the dates of these meetings. All meetings take place in the Parish Hall.

Lectors meet on :

- Tuesday, February 16th at 7:30PM.

Ushers meet on:

- Wednesday, February 24th at 7:30PM

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Altar Server Committee Meeting:

Tuesday, February 16th at 7:00PM in the St. Cecilia room.

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting:

Thursday, February 18th at 7:00PM in the St. Pius X room.

Confirmation Facilitators' Meeting:

Thursday, February 18th at 7:30PM in the Parish Hall.

CWL POT LUCK

Please take note: The TIME of the CWL POT LUCK has been changed from evening to noon. This event will be held after the 12:30PM Mass, February 18th at 1:15PM. Hope to see you all there to enjoy all our favourite dishes.

Memorial Lamps & Special Intention

February 14th—20th



Our lamps are lit:

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

So deeply loved and missed. Rest in peace.
Requested by: wife Euphrasia and daughter, Judy.

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

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