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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday	8:30AM to 12:00 Noon, 1:00PM to 8:00PM
Friday	8:30AM to 12:00 Noon, 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
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(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 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.

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

PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady of Wisdom School	416-393-5273
Annunciation School	416-393-5299
St. Isaac Jogues School	416-393-5315
Senator O'Connor College School	416-393-5505

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"My eyes have seen your salvation."

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS



Wednesday, February 5th is the *Feast of St. Agatha*, virgin & martyr.

Thursday, February 6th is the *Feast of St. Paul Miki and companions*, martyrs.

Join us in prayer in communion with these great saints and all saints in Heaven at the 8:00AM & 12:30PM Mass on weekdays & 9:00AM Mass on Saturday.

**THE HOLY FATHER'S
UNIVERSAL INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY**



Elders ~ *That the Church and society may respect the wisdom and experience of older people.*

**THE HOLY FATHER'S MISSION
EVANGELIZATION INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY**



Collaboration in Evangelization ~ *That priests, religious, and lay people may work together with generosity for evangelization.*

**WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE
FEBRUARY 2ND**

The purpose of the day is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of practice of the evangelical counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord"

- John Paul II (1997)

MARRIAGE SUNDAY



There will be a special Mass and reception with Cardinal Collins to be held on **Sunday February 9th at 4:00PM at St. Paul's Basilica.**

All are welcome to join in this celebration. Special blessings will be given to couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, and 60+ years of marriage in the 2014 calendar year.

During last week's Confirmation Session, the grade 8 students discussed the importance of prayer in our lives and explored the many different forms of Catholic prayer.

What is prayer?

Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God, or the petition of good things from him in accord with his will. It is always the gift of God who comes to encounter man. Christian prayer is the personal and living relationship of the children of God with their Father who is infinitely good with his Son Jesus Christ and with the Holy Spirit who dwells in their hearts. (# 534, *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*).

How is Abraham a model of prayer?

Abraham is a model of prayer because he walked in the presence of God, heard and obeyed him. His prayer was a battle of faith because he continued to believe in the fidelity of God even in times of trial. Beside, after having received in his own tent the visit of the Lord who confided his plan to him, Abraham dared to intercede for sinners with bold confidence. (# 536, *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*).

How did Moses pray?

The prayer of Moses was typical of contemplative prayer. God, who called Moses from the burning bush, lingered in conversation with him often and at length, "face to face, like a man with his friend" (*Exodus 33:11*). In this intimacy with God, Moses attained the strength to intercede tenaciously for his people: his prayer thus prefigured the intercession of the one mediator, Christ Jesus. (# 537, *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*).

What is the importance of the Psalms in prayer?

The Psalms are the summit of prayer in the Old Testament: the Word of God become the prayer of man. Inseparably both personal and communal, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, this prayer sings of God's marvelous deeds in creation and in the history of salvation. Christ prayed the Psalms and brought them to fulfillment. Thus they remained an essential and permanent element of the prayer of the Church suited to people of every condition and time. (# 540, *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*).

INSIDE Annunciation Church:

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR, FR. STEPHEN GILBERT!



We would like to extend a warm welcome to Fr. Stephen Gilbert, the newest addition to our Pastoral Team.

We pray that his time at Annunciation will be a great blessing to him and to us.

Welcome to Annunciation Parish Fr. Stephen Gilbert!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETING



As parents are the first teachers of their children in matters of faith, the parents of children making their First Holy Communion in Annunciation Parish are expected to attend three preparatory meetings. A reminder that the first preparatory meeting to be held in Parish Hall on **Monday, February 3rd, 2014.**

MEETINGS

18-35 Group Planning Meeting:

Monday, February 3rd at 7:30PM in the St. Pius X room.

Altar Server Committee Meeting:

Monday, February 3rd at 7:00PM in the St. Cecilia room

CWL Executive Meeting:

Thursday, February 6th at 1:00PM in the St. Pius X room.

MASS CARDS AND MORE

You may arrange to have a Mass celebrated for the living or the dead by visiting the parish office. The offering is \$10.00. Please note: Annunciation Parish **does not provide Announced Masses.** We cannot tell you when the Mass will be celebrated. To add the names of sick or **recently deceased** parishioners to the Prayers of the Faithful at weekend Masses, please call the office early in the week.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION



The Grade 2 students of our parish will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the following dates:

Annunciation: Tuesday, February 18th at 7:00PM

Our Lady of Wisdom: Wednesday, February 19th at 7:00PM

St. Isaac Jogues: Thursday February 20th at 7:00PM.

Public/Sunday School Children: are to come to First Confession on any of the dates and time listed above (Tuesday, February 18th, Wednesday February 19th, or Thursday February 20th) at whichever evening is more convenient for the children and their family.



WOMEN'S
LEAGUE

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Membership Renewal

It is time to renew your CWL membership for 2014. Please come to the Religious Articles booth. The cost for renewal is \$20.00. New members are welcome to join!

Pot Luck Dinner

All Annunciation Ladies are invited to join us for a Pot Luck Dinner on **February 13th at 7:00PM.** Bring your family favourites and join us for an evening of Fellowship.

Lenten Retreat

All Annunciation Ladies are invited to join us for a Day of Reflection. The cost is \$30.00 per person and the tickets are on sale in the Religious Articles Booth. The event will be held at Scarborough Foreign Missions, 2686 Kingston Road on **Saturday, March 22nd 2014 from 9:30AM—3:00PM.** Lunch, refreshments and snacks will be provided.



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