

# 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.

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## PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady of Wisdom School	416-393-5273
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*"Peter, James and John left everything,  
and followed Jesus."*

**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.

**HOLY FATHER'S MESSAGE FOR LENT 2016**

"I desire mercy, and not sacrifice": The works of mercy on the Jubilee path" is the title of Pope Francis' message for Lent 2016.

Taking as a starting point this phrase from the Gospel of St. Matthew, the Holy Father divides his message into three sections: (1) Mary, the image of a Church which evangelizes because she is evangelized, (2) God's covenant with humanity: a history of mercy and (3) The works of mercy.

The following is an excerpt from the Holy Father's message:

1. *Mary, the image of a Church which evangelizes because she is evangelized*

In the Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, I asked that "the season of Lent in this Jubilee Year be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 17). By calling for an attentive listening to the word of God and encouraging the initiative "24 Hours for the Lord", I sought to stress the primacy of prayerful listening to God's word, especially his prophetic word. The mercy of God is a proclamation made to the world, a proclamation which each Christian is called to experience at first hand. For this reason, during the season of Lent I will send out Missionaries of Mercy as a concrete sign to everyone of God's closeness and forgiveness.

After receiving the Good News told to her by the Archangel Gabriel, Mary, in her *Magnificat*, prophetically sings of the mercy whereby God chose her. The Virgin of Nazareth, betrothed to Joseph, thus becomes the perfect icon of the Church which evangelizes, for she was, and continues to be, evangelized by the Holy Spirit, who made her virginal womb fruitful. In the prophetic tradition, mercy is strictly related – even on the etymological level – to the maternal womb and to a generous, faithful and compassionate goodness shown within marriage and family relationships.

The full text may be accessed through the following link: [https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/lent/documents/papa-francesco\\_20151004\\_messaggio-quaresima2016.html](https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/lent/documents/papa-francesco_20151004_messaggio-quaresima2016.html)



**Memorial Lamps  
& Special Intention**

February 7th—13th

*Our lamps are lit:*

In loving memory of Tony De Souza and  
Thanksgiving for all the blessings bestowed  
on our family.

Requested by Olivia and family.

In loving memory of Christian P. Egsgard.

We miss you. Rest in Peace.

With our love, Elizabeth,  
Richard, James, Christine, et al.

Happy 25th Wedding Anniversary to  
Chrisantha & Deniston.

We love you guys  
Requested by: the Deniston family

## ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ASH WEDNESDAY

February 10, 2016



#### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

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

9:45AM (Annunciation and  
Our Lady of Wisdom Schools Mass)

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

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

#### 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.

#### PARKING AT THE CHURCH

Please remember there is **absolutely no parking at anytime between the lanes marked "No Parking" and the driveway in front of the church. It is a fire route!** A limited number of handicap spots are available for those with **valid permits**.

#### 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.

#### SECOND CONFIRMATION SESSIONS



##### Grade 7s:

February 8th and 9th at 7:00PM

All sessions take place in the Parish Hall. Please attend only on the day you have chosen (Monday or Tuesday). Grade 8 students who missed last week's sessions are asked to attend this week.

#### 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

#### 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 second preparatory meeting will be held in Parish Hall on Wednesday, February 17th at 7:30PM.

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

##### **Altar Server Committee Meeting:**

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

##### **Society of 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.

#### 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.



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