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ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH,
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"They found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. After eight days he was named Jesus."

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS



Monday, January 2nd is Memorial of St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors

Saturday, January 7th is Memorial of St. Andre Bessette, Religious

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.

**THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR
THE MONTH OF JANUARY**

Evangelization: ~ *Christian Unity* ~ That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity

**World Day of Peace
January 1**

The World Day of Peace was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968 who asked that "every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come." Each year has a specific theme, chosen by the Holy Father.

Mary, Mother of God

Mary treasured all that God had done for her, and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If God is calling you to be priest, deacon, brother or sister **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997**



*I am
with you always*

WITH MANY THANKS!



We would like to graciously thank all those who helped make our Christmas and New Year's celebrations so beautiful: Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors, Musicians & Choir Members, Altar Servers, Ushers, Parish Staff, Maintenance Staff, and so many others. May God bless you all for your generosity and dedication!

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

NEW YEAR'S EVE : Saturday, Dec. 31st, 2016

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Masses at 5:00PM & 7:00PM

Daily Mass at 9:00AM

Parish Office Closed

NEW YEAR'S DAY: Sunday, January 1st, 2017

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Masses at 8:00AM, 9:30AM, 11:00AM & 12:30PM

(No 7:00PM Mass)

Monday, January 2, 2017

Daily Mass at 9:00AM

Parish Office Closed

Regular Mass Schedule and Office Hours resume on
Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017

RELIGIOUS LIFE

927 All religious, whether exempt or not, take their place among the collaborators of the diocesan bishop in his pastoral duty. From the outset of the work of evangelization, the missionary "planting" and expansion of the Church require the presence of the religious life in all its forms. History witnesses to the outstanding service rendered by religious families in the propagation of the faith and in the formation of new Churches: from the ancient monastic institutions to the medieval orders, all the way to the more recent congregations.

928 "A secular institute is an institute of consecrated life in which the Christian faithful living in the world strive for the perfection of charity and work for the sanctification of the world especially from within."

ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNCLAIMED 2017 SUNDAY ENVELOPES

There are still a number of unclaimed 2017 Sunday Envelope boxes in the parish office. If yours is among them, please visit us during office hours or from the Welcome Desk before or after Sunday Masses. Unclaimed boxes will be recycled and numbers will be reassigned. Thank you for your continuing support. (If you are not an envelope user and wish to have your own box, visit the parish office during office hours or from the Welcome Desk before or after Sunday Masses.)

CWL NEWS

January is Membership month, and the CWL executive is reminding all current (and previous) members who have not done so to renew their membership. The best deal in town, only \$20.00 for the full year. Urge your friends who are not members to join with you. The General Meetings on the third Thursday of each month provide an opportunity for members at large to express their ideas for new events and projects. Most meetings take place weekdays at 1PM. Sign-up in the Religious Articles Booth before or after mass each Sunday in January.

FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING AWARD

It is time once again for the Friars' Student Writing Award. Students aged 14-18 are invited to write a five hundred-word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2017. The Theme for this coming year is "*Reconciliation — The love of Christ compels us*" (cf. 2 Corinthians: 5:14-20). Students should read the above Scripture passage and respond to the following statement in the essay:

As the Christian world reflects on the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation (1517-2017) and after reading 2 Corinthians 5:14-20, discuss the main obstacles to Christian reconciliation and ways to overcome them based on your own experiences.

First prize is an iPad Air 2 (64GB), second prize is a Kobo Aura H2O, and third to sixth prizes are a one-year subscription to The Catholic Register and other prizes. Deadline for entries is **January 13, 2017**.

For more information call: 416 934 3400 ext. 344 or 416 934 3410 ext. 403

Don't miss this opportunity!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

CWL Executive Meeting

Thursday, January 5th at 1:00PM in the St. Pius X

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 **Wednesday, January 11th at 7:30PM**.

CONFIRMATION SESSION REMINDER

A reminder to confirmation candidates: the first Confirmation session begins week of:

First Session

Tuesday January 17th and Thursday January 19th
at 7:00PM to 9:15

Sessions take place in the Parish Hall.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY



Do you want to start the new year helping others but unsure how? Did you know that Annunciation parishioners provide nourishing, home cooked meals for the Good Shepherd Centre? If you are willing to make a frozen casserole dish, please contact the parish office. We will provide aluminum pans and recipes to follow. Just deliver your frozen dish to the parish office and we will store it until pick-up.



Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions

January 1st to January 7th

*In loving memory of Anna Tsang,
Parents of Tsang Sum Fook and Ip Wai Fong,
Brother Yiu Wing Tsang,
Auntie Yu and Wong Wong.
Requested by Yiu Lam Tsang*

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