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# ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

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#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS - DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTION

Due to the lockdown and at the direction of the Archdiocese, the parish office is CLOSED to the public until further notice.

The parish office is still accessible by phone 416-445-1760 or email at parish@bvmtoronto.com

Due to the Provincial lockdown in the City of Toronto, as of Monday, November 23, weekday and Sunday masses at Annunciation Parish are cancelled until further notice.

#### **SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00noon, 5:00pm, 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
Mass 12:30pm

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday by appointment only

#### **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 is required. Parents of children to be baptized should be registered members of our Parish Community. Attendance at an online Baptismal 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.

#### SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Call 416-657-2989 for assistance.

#### PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady of Wisdom School	416-393-5273
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## ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH, TORONTO, ONTARIO

"The disciples of John came and saw where Jesus was staying, and they remained with him."

#### PRAY WITH THE SAINTS

**Thursday, January 21st** is the *Memorial of St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr.* 



#### SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

Annunciation Parish will record Sunday Obligation Mass online. Join us by visiting the parish website at <a href="https://www.bvmtoronto.com">www.bvmtoronto.com</a>

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#### **BACK TO "ORDINARY TIME"**

During Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The people of God offers praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus. On the first day of the week, the Lord's Day, God assembles the beloved people to hear the word, to reflect upon it, to offer the living sacrifice of praise, and to eat and drink the banquet of the Lord. Then God sends them forth to proclaim this love by their words and actions. Sunday is the original Christian Feast Day, following the tradition handed down from the apostolic times, for this was the day of the Lord's resurrection. Today's Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the risen Lord.

#### **PRAYER OF CHRISTIAN UNITY**

January 18-25, 2021 marks the annual celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

This year's theme is, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit" (John 15:5-9). We are reminded of the commitment to which all disciples are called: "Change of heart and holiness of life, along with prayer for the unity of Christians, should be regarded as the soul of the whole ecumenical movement, and merits the name, 'spiritual ecumenism'." (Unitatis redinegratio, 8).

#### FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING CONTEST

It is once again time for the Friars' Student Writing Award. Students aged 14-18 are invited to write a five-hundred-word essay for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated from January 18 to 25, 2021. This year's essay theme is, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit" (John 15:5-9).

Deadline for entry is February 15, 2021. Please see the poster for more contest details:

https://bit.ly/FriarsWritingContest

#### PRIVATE PRAYER

Cardinal Collins wishes for the parishes to be open for private prayer. Those who wish to come to church for private prayer must register to do so for Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning.

The Province of Ontario has also declared a second state-of - emergency asking people to stay at home.

Dr. Peter Lin reminds us that this is a very dangerous time for the spread of the COVID-19 virus and that the elderly, those with pre-existing conditions (high blood pressure, diabetes, etc.), sick, or those who are vulnerable are strongly advised to stay at home.

Those who still wish to attend private prayer must register on-line through the parish website. The church doors will be closed at the beginning of private prayer and only 8 parishioners will be in the church at one time. Masks must be worn, social distancing observed, and all guidelines followed. Please visit www.bvmtoronto.com for more information.

#### **HAVE YOU MOVED?**

If you have moved, please inform the parish office of your new contact information by email at <a href="mailto:parish@bvmtoronto.com">parish@bvmtoronto.com</a>. It is important that the parish have your current information for donation receipt purposes, as well to ensure our database is up-to-date.



#### A QUOTE FROM THE POPE

"As we reflect on Paul's teaching during this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, may we be confirmed, together with all Christ's followers, in our pursuit of holiness and fidelity to the Lord's will."

- Pope Francis.

## ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish has renewed our subscription to the website, *formed.org* for each of our parishioners. If you previously registered on the site, simply sign in using your email. There is no need to create or remember your password with this updated site.

- Type in www.formed.org on your browser;
- Sign up as "I belong to a parish or organization";
- Find your parish—type in: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, 3 Combermere Drive, Toronto.
- Once you find our parish name, click next. You will be prompted to the next page to create an account. Enter your name and email address.
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# Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions

January 16—January 23

In loving memory of **Antonio Figueira.** 

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> In loving memory of my father, Christopher Francis Blue.

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Love your faithful daughter, Lorraine.

#### PRE-AUTHORIZE GIVING PLAN (PAG)

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG) to assist you in your support of the work of the parish through your regular parish offerings.

The work of our parish is made possible through the giving hearts of our parishioners. In response to the pandemic, changing lifestyles and demands on time and energy, the Archdiocese of Toronto seeks, through the Pre-Authorized Giving Plan to assist you in your giving.

Advantages for the donor:

- Convenience. Your offering is received automatically every month.
- Continual support of your parish when you are away.

Advantages for the Parish:

- Allows the parish to plan better through regular and dependable flow of contributions.
- Reduction of paperwork and bookkeeping.

If you wish to contribute through the Pre-Authorize Giving Plan (PAG), please contact the parish office at parish@bvmtoronto.com

#### **NEWEST CATHOLIC MEMBERS**



The following child was recently welcomed into our worshipping community through the Sacrament of Baptism:

**Rhys Jacob** Lowry. Please keep the child and the parents in your prayers.

## IS YOUR OFFERTORY ENVELOPE NUMBER 1800 AND ABOVE?

This year due to reorganization, a small group of parishioners with envelope number 1800 and above will be assigned a new number for 2021. Please contact the parish office and we will give you a new envelope box.

#### **2021 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**



The 2021 Sunday Offering Envelopes are now available. If you wish to pick-up your envelope box or prefer it to be mailed, please contact the parish office.

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