

# 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.

**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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*"When Jesus had been baptized and was praying,  
the heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit  
descended upon him."*

**BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**



On the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Jesus invites us to join him symbolically in the waters of the Jordan River. He challenges us to renew the promises of our own baptism. With Him we turn our backs on sin and Satan and give our hearts to our Father in Heaven.

This feast day is a wonderful time to reflect on what it means to be Catholic.

**PRAY WITH THE SAINTS**



**Tuesday, January 12th** is the *Memorial of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Virgin.*

Join us in prayer in communion with *St. Marguerite Bourgeoys* and all saints in Heaven at the 8:00am and 12:30pm Masses on weekdays, and 9:00am on Saturday.

**FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN OFFICE INFORMATION**

If you wish to contact the Family of Faith Campaign Office regarding any questions or concerns you may do so by

- ♦ calling: 416-934-0606 or
- ♦ emailing: familyoffaith@archtoronto.org

If you wish to adjust your donation, you may do so by contacting the Donations Processing Centre by calling 416-934-3400 ext. 536 or email questions to campaign@archtoronto.org. You may drop off any pledges at the Parish Office.



**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2016  
Ecumenical Prayer Service**

Come and join in an ecumenical prayer service with His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Anglican Archbishop Colin Johnson, Chaldean Catholic Bishop Emanuel Shaleta, Evangelical Lutheran Bishop Michael Pryse, and other religious leaders on:

Sunday, January 24th, 2016 at 4:00PM  
Good Shepherd Chaldean Church  
2 High Meadow Place  
(north-west of Finch Ave. and Hwy 400)

Homilist: His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins

*For more information, please contact the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs at 416-934-3400 ext. 344 or ext 527 or vkwok@archtoronto.ca.*

**MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2016**

In 2016, parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto will celebrate Marriage Sunday on the weekend of February 6/7. Cardinal Collins has also announced a special archdiocesan-wide gathering to honour married couples that will take place on Saturday, February 13th, 2016 at 4:30PM at St. Andrew Kim's Parish in North York.

His Eminence extends an invitation to all married couples, in particular those who will celebrate their 25th, 40th or 50+ wedding anniversary throughout 2016, to join him for Mass and a reception to honour their fidelity and faithfulness.

Loved ones and family members of those honoured are most welcome to attend. To ensure special reserved seating for honoured couples, pre-registration is required. To register and for more information visit [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage).



**Memorial Lamps  
& Special Intention**

January 10th—16th

*Our lamps are lit:*

*For the repose of the souls of  
Marta and Antoni Pietrzak.*

*Remembered always in my heart and prayers.*

*I will always love you!*

*Requested by: your daughter Alina.*

## ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WHY DOES THE CHURCH BAPTIZE INFANTS?



The Church baptizes infants because they are born with original sin. They need to be freed from the power of the Evil One and brought into the realm of freedom which belongs to the Children of God.

(# 258, *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*).

### WHAT IS REQUIRED OF ONE WHO IS TO BE BAPTIZED?

Everyone who is to be baptized is required to make a profession of faith. This is done personally in the case of an adult or by the parents and by the Church in the case of infants. Also the godfather or godmother and the whole ecclesial community share the responsibility for baptismal preparation (catechumenate) as well as for the development and safeguarding of the faith and grace given at baptism. (# 259, *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*).

*If you or someone in your family wishes to be baptized, please contact the parish office.*

### 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.

### CWL—EUTHANASIA TALK

The CWL Council of Annunciation of the B.V.M. Parish will be hosting an event on Thursday January 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:00PM to 9:00PM, in which Father Joseph Chandrakanthan will have a chance to speak about the topic of Euthanasia. This is currently a hot subject on the minds of many individuals. Father Joseph is a well known authority in this field and will provide answers to your questions.

All are welcome! Come and bring a friend.

### CONFIRMATION SESSIONS BEGIN

A reminder to confirmation candidates: Confirmation Sessions begin this week.



#### **Grade 8 First Session:**

January 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM

#### **Grade 7 First Session:**

January 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM

All sessions take place in the Parish Hall. Please attend only on the day you have chosen (Monday or Tuesday).

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM.

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES MEETINGS

#### **Lectors' Meeting:**

Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM in the Parish Hall.

#### **Eucharistic Ministers' Meeting:**

Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM in the Parish Hall.

#### **Ushers' Meeting:**

Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM in the Parish Hall.

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

*"Every action for the poor is itself a prayer, if motivated by charity, which is love inspired by grace."*

- St. Vincent de Paul

To love another person is to see the face of God. Let us see God in our 'neighbours-in-need' and share God's love with them. Thank you for your support this Christmas and throughout the year.

### 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.



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