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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
Annunciation School	416-393-5299
St. Isaac Jogues School	416-393-5315
Senator O'Connor College School	416-393-5505

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH,
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*"When Jesus had been baptized,
he saw the Spirit of God coming upon him."*

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS

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



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.

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*).

IS BAPTISM NECESSARY FOR SALVATION?

Baptism is necessary for salvation for all those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament. (# 261, *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*).

SUNDAY MASS ONLINE



Annunciation Parish will record Sunday Mass online. Join us by visiting the parish website at www.bvmtoronto.com

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2021 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



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

Donations received after January 1st, 2021 will not be included on the 2020 donation tax receipt.

IS YOUR OFFERTORY ENVELOPE NUMBER 1800 AND ABOVE?

This year due to reorganization, a small group of parishioners, whose envelope number is 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.

HAVE YOU MOVED?



If you have moved, please inform the parish Office of your new contact information by email at parish@bvmtoronto.com

It is important that the parish have your current information for donation receipt purposes, as well to ensure our database is up-to-date.



"To worship the Lord, we first have to "lift up our eyes": not to let ourselves be imprisoned by those imaginary spectres that stifle hope, knowing that the Lord is aware of our troubles, attentive to our prayers and not indifferent to the tears we shed."

- Pope Francis (@Pontifex)

God links us together with Love.

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 and next. You will be prompted to the next page to create new account. Enter your name and email address.
- You will receive an email verification. Follow the link in the email, then you may begin to browse the site.

To look for other material you can browse to examine content, found in the top left hand corner, or click on the Search sign and enter a word or phrase which describes what you are looking for.

Please use your subscription and do let us know whether you find this site useful.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY

Cardinal Collins has designated the weekend of February 13/14, 2021 as Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto. To celebrate the tremendous contributions of married couples who continue to strengthen our faith community, our parish is participating in a program to offer a personalized, special blessing certificate signed by Cardinal Thomas Collins to married couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2021.

To request a special blessing certificate for milestone wedding anniversaries in 2021, please visit <https://bit.ly/2021MS-SpecialBlessing>.

The Office of Formation for Discipleship will be processing the orders – **the deadline to order is January 17, 2021**; we will be assisting in distributing the special blessing certificate to you.

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

FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING CONTEST

It is time once again 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*” (cf. John 15:5-9).

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

<https://bit.ly/FriarsWritingContest>

MOTHER'S GROUP VIRTUAL GATHERING



Looking to build community with other mothers at Annunciation Parish? Join the Mother's Group for connection and conversations about our faith. Please contact abvm.moms@gmail.com for more information.

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