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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 the priest. A Marriage Preparation Course is required. If either party has been previously married, permission to proceed must be obtained from the Archdiocese of Toronto—Chancery Office.

CARE of the SICK: Visitation and/or Communion for the sick upon request.

LEGION OF MARY - Prayer group: Saturday Mornings at 10:00am.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: 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

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*"You are my Son, the Beloved;
with you I am well pleased."*

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



On this 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 personal 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.

**CHRIST'S BAPTISM
FORESHADOWS OUR OWN**

At first glance, the Baptism of the Lord might seem an odd feast. Since the Catholic Church teaches that the Sacrament of Baptism is necessary for the remission of sins, particularly Original Sin, why was Christ baptized? After all, He was born without Original Sin, and He lived His entire life without sinning. Therefore, He had no need of the sacrament, as we do.

In submitting Himself humbly to the baptism of St. John the Baptist, however, Christ provided the example for the rest of us. If even He should be baptized, though He had no need of it, how much more should the rest of us be thankful for this sacrament, which frees us from the darkness of sin and incorporates us into the Church, the life of Christ on earth! His Baptism, therefore, was necessary—not for Him, but for us.

Many of the Fathers of the Church, as well as the medieval Scholastics, saw Christ's Baptism as the institution of the sacrament. His Flesh blessed the water, and the descent of the Holy Spirit (in the form of a dove) and the voice of God the Father announcing that this was His Son, in Whom He was well pleased, marked the beginning of Christ's public ministry.

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS



Monday, 12 January is the Memorial of *St. Marguerite Bourgeoys*, virgin.

Saturday, 17 January is the Memorial of *St. Anthony*, abbot.

Join us in prayer in communion with these great saints and all saints in Heaven at the 8:00AM & 12:30PM Daily Mass on weekdays and 9:00AM on Saturday.

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.

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY :
"COME AND SEE" WEEKEND**

"The Love of Christ urges us on" to radically respond to His call to follow Him whole-heartily. Jesus is inviting you to spend time with Him so that you may discover His call.

January 30th to February 1st, 2015

St. Augustine's Seminary

This will be an opportunity for young men of 18 years or older to spend a weekend for time of prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples through the Catholic priesthood. Please contact The Office of Vocations for further information, 416-261-7135, vocations@vocations.ca.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF CATHOLIC TRIVIA



During last week's confirmation session, the confirmation candidates learnt about the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. How many can you name?

(See the next page for the answer!)

INSIDE Annunciation Church:

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*).

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

CWL NEWS

The first General Meeting of the CWL council will take place on Thursday, January 15th, 2015 at 1:15PM in the Parish Hall. This will be the first meeting of the new year and we hope there will be a BIG turnout. We are hoping to have a guest speaker. Cookies and tea/ coffee will be provided. January is membership month so bring along a friend whom you think would be interested in joining. Fr. Vezina from Attawapiskat has sent along a very nice "thank you" for our generous Christmas gift. See you on the 15th. God bless all and grant us a happy and healthy 2015.

THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

- 1) Wisdom
- 2) Understanding
- 3) Counsel
- 4) Fortitude
- 5) Knowledge
- 6) Piety
- 7) Fear of the Lord



PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



We pray for all those parishioners who have gone to their rest in Christ, particularly for the reposed soul of *Paul Russell Smith*.

IMPORTANT JANUARY DATES

Pastoral Council: Monday, 12 January at 7:30PM in the Parish Hall.

Altar Servers' Training: Saturday, 17 January at 11:00AM in the Church/St. Pius X.

First Holy Communion: Parents please mark on your calendar to attend the mandatory meeting on Monday, 19 January at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall.

Property Committee: Tuesday, 20 January at 7:30PM (meeting room TBA).

Finance Committee: Monday, 26 January at 7:00PM in St. Pius X room.



Memorial Lamps & Special Intention

January 11th—January 17th

Our lamps are lit:

*In memory of our beloved mommy and lola,
Luz Mendoza.
May you rest in peace.*

*In memory of Rhea Christy De Juan.
Requested by Dad Dan, Mom Rocelli,
Rochelle and Richard.*

*In loving memory of Vicenta Guiao Romeral
(September 11, 1927—January 14, 2014)
A year ago you were still here, Mommy.
Your presence we still feel. You will always be
loved, missed and forever dear.
Requested by: Daddy, Daisy, Totsie, Jun, Roland
and Beb*

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