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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.

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PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady of Wisdom School	416-393-5273
Annunciation School	416-393-5299
St. Isaac Jogues School	416-393-5315
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"The disciples of John came and saw where Jesus was staying, and they remained with him."

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS

Wednesday, January 17th is the Memorial of St. Anthony, Abbot

Join us in prayer in communion with these great saints and all the saints in Heaven.



PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
January 18-25

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world on January 18-25, which are also the dates recommended by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires.

How does one commit oneself to work for the unity of Christians?

The desire to restore the unity of all Christians is a gift from Christ and a call of the Spirit. This desire involves the entire Church and it is pursued by conversion of heart, prayer, fraternal knowledge of each other and theological dialogue.

Why is the Church called "Catholic"?

The Church is *catholic*, that is *universal*, insofar as Christ is present in her: *"Where there is Christ Jesus, there is the Catholic Church"* (Saint Ignatius of Antioch). The Church proclaims the fullness and the totality of the faith; she bears and administers the fullness of the means of salvation; she is sent out by Christ on a mission to the whole human race.

Why is the Church called the temple of the Holy Spirit?

She is so called because the Holy Spirit resides in the body which is the Church, in her Head and in her members. He also builds up the Church in the charity by the Word of God, the sacraments, the virtues, and charisms.



I am with you always

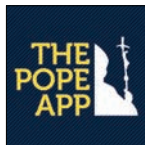
WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES
January 14th

A World Day of Migrants and Refugees is observed in many places in solidarity with the World Refugee Day promoted by the United Nations and observed since 2001 on the 20th of June. This January observance was instituted by Saint Pius X in 1914. *"The phenomenon of migration today is a providential opportunity for the proclamation of the Gospel in the contemporary world. Men and women from various regions of the earth who have not yet encountered Jesus Christ or know him only partially, ask to be received in countries with an ancient Christian tradition. It is necessary to find adequate ways for them to meet and to become acquainted with Jesus Christ and to experience the invaluable gift of salvation."* (Pope Benedict XVI, 2012).

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES
Sunday, January 14 at 1:00PM

The theme announced by His Holiness Pope Francis for the 2018 World Day of Migrants and Refugees is *"Welcoming, Protecting, Promoting and Integrating Migrants and Refugees."* In his message, Pope Francis reminds us that *"every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age..."*

A special Mass commemorating the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated on Sunday, January 14 at 1:00PM at the Good Shepherd Chaldean Catholic Cathedral, located at 2 High Meadow Place in North York. Bishop Kirkpatrick will be the homilist for this liturgy. A reception will follow with a number of dignitaries in attendance. All are welcome to attend!



"Joy, prayer and gratitude are three ways that help us live authentically."

"Lord, make me know your ways."

Source: Ordo Liturgical Calendar for Pastoral Liturgy



ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETING Wednesday January 17th at 7:30PM

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 will be held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday January 17th at 7:30PM.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM FACILITATORS

The Confirmation program is looking for facilitators to assist in preparing Grade 7 students for the second Sacrament of Initiation. Facilitators are called to share in the Church's teaching on Confirmation by preparing for the gathering, leading the preparation sessions and providing hospitality and a welcoming environment. We are currently looking for Grade 12 students, university students and younger professionals who are active in their faith to join our program. Facilitators are asked to commit to 4 evening sessions, a one day retreat and to join us at the Confirmation ceremony. All materials are provided. It is a great opportunity to welcome others into our parish while expanding your own faith-based community. We hope you will join us! For more information please contact the office or e-mail bvmconfirmation@gmail.com.

HAVE YOU MOVED?



If you have moved, please inform the Parish Office of your new contact information either by emailing us at parish@bvmtoronto.com or drop by the Parish Office and fill out a Change in Address form. It is important that the parish have your current information for income tax purposes, as well to ensure our database is up-to-date.

REQUESTING AN UPDATED BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE

If you wish to obtain an updated Baptismal certificate, please contact the parish office during the weekdays from Monday to Friday. Please allow up to 2 to 4 business days in obtaining the requested certificate. You must provide a valid photo ID when picking up the document, before the certificate can be released to you (i.e. Driver's License, Passport, or Birth Certificate).

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Altar Server Committee Meeting

Monday, January 15th at 7:00PM in the St. Pius X Room.

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Thursday, January 18th at 7:00-9:00PM in the Parish Hall.

CWL General Meeting

Thursday, January 18th at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall.

SENIORS CLUB MEETING

Tuesday January 16th at 10:00AM

On this occasion a Cosmetician will give recommendations as to 'How to control you skin from being dry and flaky in winter month'. This is very timely and everyone will find it very informative.

Date: Tuesday January 16, 2018

Time: 10:00 AM

Place: Parish Hall

CWL CLOTHING DRIVE EXTENSION



The CWL warm clothing drive has been extended until the end of February. The needs are: underwear, socks, sweaters, etc. Kindly drop-off your donations in the Religious Article Booth on Sunday mornings when it is open. Many thanks for your generosity to our less fortunate friends at the Good Shepherd.



Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions

January 14th to
January 20th

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