

# 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
Annunciation School	416-393-5299
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*"Here is the Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sin of the world!"*

**PRAY WITH THE SAINTS**



**Tuesday, January 17th** is Memorial of St. Anthony, Abbot Ordinary Office

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

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

**WHAT IS THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY?**

Every year, between January 18 (the Feast of the Confession of Saint Peter) and January 25 (the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul), Christians around the world are invited to celebrate a week of prayer for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly-organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship.

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.

The importance of unity among Christians and the responsibility of the people of each parish to work for this unity should be emphasized throughout the week. All members of the parish should seek to have a deeper understanding of ecumenism.

This year's resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by an ecumenical team in Germany, representing various churches religious organizations. They have chosen as their theme "Reconciliation — The Love of Christ Compels Us," inspired by 2 Corinthians 5:14-20. They invite Christians around the world to celebrate God's reconciling grace, call us to recognize the pain of the deep divisions which afflict the Church, and urge us to become ambassadors of Christ's message of reconciliation.

More detailed information, and online versions of the Canadian resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2017, can be found at [weekofprayer.ca/semainedpriere.ca](http://weekofprayer.ca/semainedpriere.ca).



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister? Contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997.

**SENIOR MEN'S HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT**

We, at the Office of Vocations are getting ready for the different programs and retreats we are hosting, and one of them is the Senior Men's High School Retreat taking place on **February 11, 2017**. This retreat is an invitation for young men, grade 11 and 12 to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Christ in order to better discern God's call for their lives.

It is recognized that building a strong Catholic faith foundation with today's young people is the most critical step in developing strong vocations for the future.

Date: February 11, 2017; 9:00AM to 5:00PM

Location: Blessed Sacrament Parish — 24 Cheritan Avenue, Toronto, ON, M4R 1S4

**Deadline for registration is Monday, February 6, 2017.**

**THE SOCIAL DUTY OF RELIGION AND THE RIGHT TO RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

**2104** "All men are bound to seek the truth, especially in what concerns God and his Church, and to embrace it and hold on to it as they come to know it." This duty derives from "the very dignity of the human person." It does not contradict a "sincere respect" for different religions which frequently "reflect a ray of that truth which enlightens all men," nor the requirement of charity, which urges Christians "to treat with love, prudence and patience those who are in error or ignorance with regard to the faith."

**2105** The duty of offering God genuine worship concerns man both individually and socially. This is "the traditional Catholic teaching on the moral duty of individuals and societies toward the true religion and the one Church of Christ." By constantly evangelizing men, the Church works toward enabling them "to infuse" the Christian spirit into the mentality and more, laws and structures of the communities in which [they] live."

## ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFIRMATION SESSION REMINDER

A reminder to confirmation candidates: the first Confirmation session begins week of:

#### First Session

Tuesday January 17th or Thursday January 19th  
at 7:00PM to 9:15PM

Sessions take place in the Parish Hall.

### 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 \$25.00 for the full year. Urge your friends who are not members to join with you. The General Meetings on the fourth 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— LOOSE CHANGE SUNDAY

Loose Change Sunday takes place this year the weekend of January 28/29. The money raised from this collected is divided among our schools to assist with their Special Projects. Your generosity is always appreciated and makes a difference to the children.

### NEWEST CATHOLIC MEMBERS...



The following children were recently welcomed into our worshipping community through the Sacrament of Baptism: *Xavier Golden Shaw, Charlie Jean Staley, Samantha Francis Staley*  
Please keep these children in your prayers

### NEW TO OUR PARISH?

If you are a new parishioner of Annunciation Parish we offer you a warm welcome. Please take the time to register and receive your personal box of Sunday Offering Envelopes. You can register by visiting the parish office during normal business hours. We're glad you're here

### ANNUNCIATION SENIORS' SOCIAL

A **Happy New Year** to all our members!  
Our first meeting for **2017** will be held as follows

**Date:** Tuesday, January 17th

**Time:** 10:00AM to 12:00PM noon

**Place:** Parish Hall

A Police Officer will be coming to speak with us on **HOME SAFETY!** From time to time we all need reminders on home safety. Please make every effort to attend.

As usual after the Officer's presentation we will enjoy our usual refreshments and chit-chat with our friends. Looking forward to seeing you there.

A reminder... new members are always welcome — 55 years of age and over ... \$10.00 membership fee for one year.

### PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



Please remember in your prayers all those parishioners who have gone to their rest in Christ, particularly those we remember who died recently: Joseph Lawless.



## Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions

*January 15th to January 21st*

*In loving memory of Antonio Figueira.  
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Kerry-Ann and brother-in-law Lucio.*

*In loving memory of  
Cathy Loughry.  
Requested by: Michael Loughry and family.*

*Rhea Christy DeJuan.  
Requested by: Dan Rocelli, Rochelle  
and Richard DeJuan.*

*In loving memory of my father,  
Christopher Blue.  
After 12 long years of love  
and peace, now even more.  
Requested by your daughter,  
Lorraine Blue*



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