

# 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.

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## PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady of Wisdom School	416-393-5273
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*"Jesus did the first of his signs in Cana of Galilee."*

**WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES  
JANUARY 17**

The World Day of Migrants and Refugees is observed in many places in solidarity with the World Refugee Day, promoted by the United Nations. 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" (Pope Benedict XVI, 2012).

**PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY  
JANUARY 18—25**



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world on January 18-25. 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.



**Memorial Lamps  
& Special Intention  
January 17th—23rd**

*Our lamps are lit:*

In loving memory of Antonio Figueira.  
So deeply loved, missed and eternally cherished.  
Requested by dad, mom, your loving sister Kerry-Ann and brother-in-law Lucio.

In loving memory of my Dearly Loved father  
Christopher Francis Blue.  
Our Day is however more here Dad, and the truth is finally revealed about those who continue to destroy Good with Evil. Love, light, peace, truth, faith, divine intervention and miracles abound.  
Rest in peace with Eternal Light.  
Love Lorraine Blue.

**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.*

**TOWARDS UNITY**

"Christ bestowed unity on his Church from the beginning. This unity, we believe, subsists in the Catholic Church as something she can never lose, and we hope that it will continue to increase until the end of time." Christ always gives his Church the gift of unity, but the church must always pray and work to maintain, reinforce, and perfect the unity that Christ wills for her. This is why Jesus himself prayed at the hour of his Passion, and does not cease praying to his Father, for the unity of his disciples: "That they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be one in us (...) so that the world may know that you have sent me" (*John 17:21*). The desire to recover the unity of all Christians is a gift of Christ and a call of the Holy Spirit (# 820, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*).

**MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2016**

Cardinal Collins has 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 Parish. 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. 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).

## ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### "I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME"

Today is the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. At the end of last year, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops produced the document "*I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me*" - Pastoral Letter on Welcoming Refugees. Please have a look at this publication if you have not already done so. Copies of the publication are available through the following website: [http://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/Pastoral\\_Letter\\_Refugees.pdf](http://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/Pastoral_Letter_Refugees.pdf).

### 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.

### ANNUNCIATION SENIORS CLUB

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, January 19th from 10:00AM to 12:00PM in the Parish Hall. Come out and start the New Year as we enjoy lots of fun and games. New members are always welcome.



**God links us together with Love.**

### CONFIRMATION SESSIONS BEGIN



A reminder to grade 7 confirmation candidates that session begin this week.

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

January 18th & 19th at 7:00PM

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

### NEWEST CATHOLIC MEMBERS...



The following children were recently welcomed into our worshipping community through the Sacrament of Baptism: *Andre Villar Briones, Raine Natasha Dominic-Daniels, Shane Audrey Mortera Lozano, Bo Camille Mekdeci,*

*Logan Alexander Smithers, Miguel Joeffe Carillo Teruel.* Please keep these children and their parents in your prayers.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

#### **St. Vincent de Paul Meeting:**

Thursday, January 21st at 7:00PM in the St. Pius X room.

#### **Pastoral Council Meeting:**

Monday, January 25th at 7:30PM in the Parish Hall.

### IMPORTANT LITURGICAL MEETINGS FOR LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND USHERS

All new and current Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Ushers are reminded to attend the following meetings as appropriate. All meetings take place in the Parish Hall.

- **Lectors** meet on Wednesday, January 20th at 7:30PM
- **Eucharistic Ministers** meet on Wednesday, January 27th at 7:30PM
- **Ushers** meet on Wednesday, February 10th at 7:30PM

### BUILDING FUND COLLECTION



Next weekend we will take up our monthly Building Fund Collection. Thank you for your continuous support.



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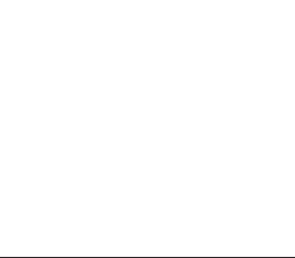
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