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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.

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PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady of Wisdom School	416-393-5273
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Senator O'Connor College School	416-393-5505

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*"The kingdom of God has come:
Repent, and believe in the good news."*

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS

Monday, January 25th is the *Feast of the conversion of St. Paul of the Apostle*



Tuesday, January 26th is the *Memorial of St. Timothy and St. Titus, Bishops*

Thursday, January 28th is the *Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, Doctor*

PRAYER OF CHRISTIAN UNITY



January 18-25, 2021 marks the annual celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

This year's theme is, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit" (John 15:5-9). We are reminded of the commitment to which all disciples are called: "Change of heart and holiness of life, along with prayer for the unity of Christians, should be regarded as the soul of the whole ecumenical movement, and merits the name, 'spiritual ecumenism'." (Unitatis redinegratio, 8).

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

SUNDAY MASS ONLINE



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

PRIVATE PRAYER

Cardinal Collins wishes for the parishes to be open for private prayer. Those who wish to come to church for private prayer must register to do so for Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning.

The Province of Ontario has also declared a second state-of- emergency asking people to stay at home.

Dr. Peter Lin reminds us that this is a very dangerous time for the spread of the COVID-19 virus and that the elderly, those with pre-existing conditions (high blood pressure, diabetes, etc.), sick, or those who are vulnerable are strongly advised to stay at home.

Those who still wish to attend private prayer must register on-line through the parish website. The church doors will be closed at the beginning of private prayer and only 8 parishioners will be in the church at one time. Masks must be worn, social distancing observed, and all guidelines followed. Please visit www.bvmtoronto.com for more information.

2020 TAX RECEIPTS ARE IN PROCESS



This year the Archdiocese of Toronto will be mailing the tax receipt on behalf of the parish. They will begin printing and mailing in mid of February and parishioners can start expecting to receive it by the end of February.

If you've moved and haven't updated us within the last week, your tax receipt was most likely will be mail to your old address. We will forward it to your new address if it comes back to the office.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

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



ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

POPE DECLARES YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH, OFFERING SPECIAL INDULGENCES

Pope Francis on Tuesday issued a decree launching a special year dedicated to St. Joseph coinciding the anniversary of his declaration as Patron of the Catholic Church, hailing him as a model of fatherhood and a key intercessor in modern times.

Published December 8, on the 150th anniversary of *Quemadmodum Deus* by Pope Pius IX which declared St. Joseph patron of the Catholic Church, the decree formally instituted a year for St. Joseph, which will run until December 8, 2021.

The decree outlined several instances in which faithful will be able to obtain a plenary indulgence in relation to the Year of St. Joseph, provided they meet the usual conditions of going to confession, receiving the Eucharist, and praying for the intentions of the pope.

According to the document, a plenary indulgence will be available under these conditions:

- To those who meditate of the Our Father prayer for at least 30 minutes or take part in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph.
- To those who perform a corporal or spiritual work of mercy.
- To families or engaged couples who recite the rosary together.
- To those who entrust their daily work to St. Joseph and those who ask St. Joseph to intercede for the unemployed.
- To those who recite a prayer to St. Joseph (the litanies of St. Joseph in Latin rite, or Akathistos to St. Joseph in the Byzantine rite, or any other prayer to St. Joseph) for the relief of Christians persecuted both inside and outside of the Church.
- To faithful who recite “any legitimately approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph,” with an encouragement to do so on the March 19 and May 1 feasts of St. Joseph, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the Byzantine celebration of St. Joseph’s Sunday, and on the 19th of every month and on every Wednesday, which has been dedicated to St. Joseph in the Latin rite.
- To the elderly, sick, dying and those legitimately unable to leave the house, who recite an act of piety to St. Joseph under his title of Comfort of the Sick and Patron of a happy death, provided they offer their discomfort to God and fulfill the conditions for the indulgence “as soon as possible”.



Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish has renewed our subscription to the website, [formed.org](https://www.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.

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>



“Each one of us Christians is a branch of the one vine which is Jesus; and all of us together are called to bear the fruits of this common membership in Christ.”

- Pope Francis (@Pontifex)

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