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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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ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH,
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"Blessed are the poor in spirit"

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS

Tuesday, January 31st is *Memorial of St. John Bosco, Priest*



Thursday, February 2nd is *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord*

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.

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.**

LIVING THE GOSPEL...

ShareLife is more than an annual appeal — it is the way that we bring the hand of Christ to those in need! One of the core directions of our Pastoral Plan is Catholic Outreach in Justice and Love, and our support for ShareLife helps to bring this to life, not only in our archdiocese, but also around the world.

Each year, thousands of people turn to a ShareLife agency for help. Our agencies provide service in an environment that is infused with Catholic values, bringing the Gospel message to the marginalized.

When we support ShareLife, we are making more than a financial contribution — we are demonstrating that the Catholic community is actively making a difference in the social service network in our archdiocese!

Thank you for your support of ShareLife!



**THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY**

Universal: ~ *Comfort for the Afflicted* ~ That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

The purpose of the day is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels" as well as "to be suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord" (Saint John Paul II, 1997).

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven..." Do not be discouraged jeers when considering being a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997

INTERCESSION FOR THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

For those consecrated to God by the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience that they may seek to live their baptismal promises more intensely and have the grace to persevere in their commitment to the Lord and serve with open hearts and willing spirits. We pray to the Lord...

For those who have responded to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to be a consecrated person that they may experience the support of the Church as they continue their growth in holiness.

We pray to the Lord...

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.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: Giancarlo Cappuccio

UPCOMING MEETINGS

RCIA Meeting

Tuesday, January 31st at 7:00PM in the St. Pius X Room.

CWL Executive Meeting

Thursday, February 2nd at 1:00PM in the St. Pius X Room.



Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions *January 29th to February 4th*

*In loving memory of Kathleen Ennis.
Requested by: Michael Ennis and family
Bernard, Desmond and Dermot*

THE COMMUNAL CHARACTER OF THE HUMAN VOCATION

1878 All men are called to the same end: God himself. There is a certain resemblance between the unity of the divine persons and the fraternity that men are to establish among themselves in truth and love. Love of neighbor is inseparable from love for God.

1879 The human person needs to live in society. Society is not for hum an extraneous addition but a requirement of his nature. Through the exchange with others, mutual service and dialogue with his brethren, man develops his potential; he thus responds to his vocation.

1880 A *society* is a group of persons bound together organically by a principle of unity that goes beyond each one of them. As an assembly that is at once visible and spiritual, a society endures through time: it gathers up the past and prepares for the future. By means of society, each man is established as an "heir" and receives certain "talents" that enrich his identity and whose fruits he must develop. He rightly owes loyalty to the communities of which he is part and respect to those in authority who have charge of the common good.

1881 Each community is defined by its purpose and consequently obeys specific rules; but "the human person... is and ought to be the principle, the subject and the end of all social institutions."

1883 Socialization also presents dangers. Excessive intervention by the state can threaten personal freedom and initiative. The teaching of the Church has elaborated the principle of subsidiarity, according to which "a community of a higher order should not interfere in the internal life of a community of a lower order, depriving the latter of its functions, but rather should support it in case of need and help to coordinate its activity with the activities of the rest of society, always with a view to the common good.

Are we all supposed to become saints?

Yes. The purpose of our life is to be united with God in love and to correspond entirely to God's wishes. We should allow God "to live his life in us" (Mother Teresa). That is what it means to be holy: a "saint". Every man asks himself the question: Who am I and why am I here, how do I find myself? Faith answers: only in holiness does man become that for which God created him. Only in holiness does man find real harmony between himself and his Creator. Holiness, however, is not some sort of self-made perfection; rather, it is a union with the incarnate love that is Christ. Anyone who gains new life in this way finds himself and becomes holy.

How is God's grace related to our freedom?

God's grace is freely bestowed on a person, and it seeks and summons him to respond in complete freedom. Grace does not compel. God's love wants our free assent. One can also say No to the offer of grace. Grace, nevertheless, is not something external or foreign to man; it is what he actually yearns for in his deepest freedom. In moving us by his grace, God anticipates man's free response.

Can someone earn heaven by good works?

No. No man can gain heaven merely by his own efforts. The fact that we are saved is God's grace, pure and simple, which nevertheless demands the free cooperation of the individual.

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