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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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Our Lady of Wisdom School 416-393-5273
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*"We have come from the East
to pay homage to the King."*

**STAR OF WONDER
STAR OF NIGHT**



Today, we celebrate the ***Feast of the Epiphany*** that brings the Christmas season to a close. Scripture testifies that God set a star in the sky to proclaim the birth of his Son. The Wise Men or Kings who followed that star to the stable of Bethlehem represent all the nations of the world. With them, we come to worship Jesus, our new-born King!

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright. Westward leading, still proceeding, guiding us to the perfect Light!

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

Universal: ~ *Interreligious Dialogue* ~ That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice

Evangelization: ~ *Christian Unity* ~ That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS



Thursday, January 7th is the *Memorial of St. André Bessette.*

Join us in prayer in communion with St. André Bessette and all saints in Heaven at the 8:00am and 12:30pm Masses on weekdays, and 9:00am on Saturday.

**SUPPORT FOR RECENTLY SEPARATED
OR DIVORCED COUPLES**

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is offering a six week group program for adult men and women coping with the many struggles involved in the process of separation and divorce. Group participants will receive support and guidance as they move through this difficult period of transition. The group will run on Tuesday evenings from 6:30PM to 8:30PM beginning January 5th to February 9th, 2016 at the Central Office, 1155 Yonge Street (Summerhill Subway Station). For further information please contact Alex Lopechuk at 416-921-1163.

FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING AWARD

It is time once again for the Friars' Student Writing Award. Student aged 14-18 are invited to write a five hundred-word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2016. The theme for this coming year is, *"Called to proclaim the mighty acts of God"* (1 Peter 2:9). Students should read the Scripture passage and answer the following question:

Despite division in Christian unity, explain why all Catholics, Orthodox, Anglicans and Protestants should still be considered a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people.

First prize is an iPad Pro (32 GB), second prize is a Kobo Aura, and third to sixth prizes are a one year subscription to The Catholic Register and other prizes. Essays will be edited and published in the Catholic Register.

Deadline for entries is **January 8, 2016**. Email your essay to editor@catholicregister.org or FAX it to 416-934-3409 (please include your full name, email address, phone number, and the name of your school on the front page of your essay). See www.catholicregister.org/writingaward for details.

**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, and other religious leaders on Sunday January 24, 2016 at 4:00PM at Good Shepherd Chaldean Church (2 High Meadow Place).

ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION SESSIONS BEGIN

A reminder to confirmation candidates: Confirmation Sessions begin in January.



Grade 8 First Session:

January 11th & 12th at 7:00PM

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).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETING



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 to be held in Parish Hall on Wednesday, January 13th at 7:30PM.

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CLOTHING DONATIONS

The CWL Council of Annunciation Parish wishes to express their sincere "Thank You" for all those Parishioners who responded to generously to our appeal for socks, etc. for the Good Shepherd Men's Hostel. The following is a summary of the items donated: socks (915 pairs), t-shirts (6), underwear (229), sweat pants (3), tuques (6), gloves (1 pair). In addition, several bags of 'gently used' clothing were also provided which were passed along.

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



We pray for the all those parishioners who have gone to their rest in Christ, particularly those remember who died recently:

Tien Thi Luu & Gertude Flynn.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY



Do you want to start the new year helping others but unsure how? Did you know that Annunciation parishioners provide nourishing, home cooked meals for the Good Shepherd Centre? If you are willing to make a frozen casserole dish, please contact the parish office. We will provide aluminum pans and recipes to follow. Just deliver your frozen dish to the parish office and we will store it until pick-up.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Altar Server Committee: Tuesday, January 5 at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall.

Property Committee Meeting: Tuesday, January 5, at 7:30PM in the St. Cecilia room.

UNCLAIMED 2016 SUNDAY ENVELOPES

There are still a number of unclaimed 2016 Sunday Envelope boxes in the parish office. If yours is among them, please visit us during office hours. Thank you for your continuing support.

If you are not an envelope user and wish to have your own box, visit the parish office during office hours or from the Welcome Desk before or after Sunday Masses.



Memorial Lamps & Special Intention

January 3rd—9th

Our lamps are lit:

Special Intention for: Dolores Ramchan.

With loving wishes for your complete recovery.

Requested by: the Ramchan and DeFreitas families.

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