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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday	8:30AM to 12:00 Noon, 1:00PM to 8:00PM
Friday	8:30AM to 12:00 Noon, 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
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(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 the 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Call 416-657-2989 for assistance.

PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady of Wisdom School	416-393-5273
Annunciation School	416-393-5299
St. Isaac Jogues School	416-393-5315
Senator O'Connor College School	416-393-5505

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH,
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*"We have come from the East
to pay homage to the king."*



STAR OF WONDER

- January 5th -

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, Guide us to thy Perfect Light!**

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS



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

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

2014 Friars' Student Writing Award

Students aged 14-18, and currently enrolled in an Ontario secondary school or equivalent program are invited to write a five hundred-word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25 2014. The Theme for this coming year is *"Has Christ been divided?"*

(cf. *1 Corinthians 1:10-13*). The essay should :

- A. relate the Scripture passage to the issue of disunity among Christian churches; and
- B. propose three ways to build full and visible unity among Christian faiths.

Essays will be edited and published in the Catholic Register. Deadline for entries is **January 10th, 2014**. Fax your essay to 416-934-3409 or e-mail it to editor@catholicregister.org (please include your full name, e-mail address, phone number, and the name of your school on the front page of the essay).

"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."

God asks us to give in our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you, **contact Fr. Hansoo Park 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@vocations.ca**

ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY :

"COME AND SEE" WEEKEND

"The Love of Christ urges us on" to radically respond to His call to follow Him whole-heartily. Jesus is inviting you to spend time with Him so that you may discover His call.

January 31st to February 2nd, 2014

St. Augustine's Seminary

There will be an opportunity for young men of 18 years or older to spend a weekend for time of prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples through the Catholic priesthood. Please contact The Office of Vocations for further information.

416-261-7135 vocations@vocations.ca

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

A World Day of Migrates and Refugees is promoted by many Episcopal Conferences in the world in communion with the one promoted by the UNO.

"The phenomenon of migration today is a providential opportunity for the proclamation of the Gospel to the contemporary world. Men and women from various regions of the earth who have not yet encountered Jesus Christ or know him only partially, ask to be received in countries with an ancient Christian tradition. It is necessary to find adequate ways for them to meet and to become acquainted with Jesus Christ and to experience the invaluable gift of salvation."

- Benedict XVI (2012)

*"I have opened my doors to the traveler."
(Job 31:32)*

There will be a mass at St. Paul's Basilica to celebrate the World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

Date and time: January 19th, 2014 at 3:00PM.

Celebrant: Bishop William McGrattan

Hosting community: Mission of the Vietnamese Martyrs.

INSIDE Annunciation Church:

What is the meaning of the name "Jesus"?

Given by the angel at the time of the Annunciation, the name "Jesus" means "God saves". The name expresses his identity and his mission "because he will save his people from their sins" (*Matthew 1:21*). Peter proclaimed that "there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we can be saved" (*Acts 4:12*). (# 81, *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*).

Why is Jesus called "Christ"?

"Christ" in Greek, "Messiah" in Hebrew, means the "anointed one". Jesus is the Christ because he is consecrated by God and anointed by the Holy Spirit for his redeeming mission. He is the Messiah awaited by Israel, sent into the world by the Father. Jesus accepted the title of Messiah but he made the meaning of the term clear: "come down from heaven" (*John 3:13*), crucified and then risen, he is the Suffering Servant "who gives his life as a ransom for many" (*Matthew 20:28*). From the name Christ comes our name of *Christian*. (# 82, *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*).

What is the meaning of the title "Lord"?

In the Bible this title regularly designates God as Sovereign. Jesus ascribed this title to himself and revealed his divine sovereignty by his power over nature, over demons, over sin and over death, above all by his own Resurrection. The first Christian creeds proclaimed that the power, the honour and the glory that are due to God the Father also belong to Jesus: God "has given him a name which is above every other name" (*Philippians 2:9*). He is Lord of the world and of history, the only One to whom we must completely submit our personal freedom. (# 84, *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*).

MEETINGS

Altar Server Committee Meeting:

Monday, January 6th at 7:00PM in the St. Pius X room.

18-35 Planning Meeting:

Tuesday, January 7th at 7:30PM in the St. Pius X room.

CWL Executive Meeting:

Thursday, January 9th at 1:00PM in the St. Pius X room.

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting:

Thursday, January 9th at 7:15PM in the Parish Hall.

GRADE 8 CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES' CONFIRMATION SESSIONS BEGIN

The 1st Confirmation session begins this week.

Monday's First Session:

January 6th at 7:00PM

Wednesday's First Session:

January 8th at 7:00PM



Sessions take place in the Parish Hall.

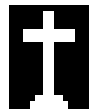
Please ONLY attend the day you have chosen (Monday or Wednesday)

Reminder: you must submit your volunteer form to the Office or Welcome Desk by **this weekend!**

A WARM WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARIANS

We welcome Seminarians John Sutka and Gregory Merkley, students of St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto, who will be staying in residence at Annunciation for the month of January.

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: *Gregory Gill, Antonia Ho-Wong*.

UNCLAIMED 2014 SUNDAY ENVELOPES



There are still a number of unclaimed boxes of 2014 Sunday Envelopes in the parish office. If yours is among them, we encourage you to come and pick them up on the weekend of **January 11th-12th** in the Parish Hall. You may also pick up your envelopes during regular office hours. *Please throw out remaining 2013 envelopes!*

MEMORIAL LAMPS



The Sanctuary lamps that burn next to the tabernacle may be lit for one week as memorials or for special intentions. Prayer requests will be listed in the bulletin. The offering is \$25.00 per lamp. To reserve a lamp, please drop by the parish office during normal office hours a minimum of two weeks prior to your desired week.

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