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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.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL Call 416-657-2989 for assistance.

PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady of Wisdom School	416-393-5273
Annunciation School	416-393-5299
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ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH,
TORONTO, ONTARIO

"We have come from the East to pay homage to the king."

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS



Monday, January 9th is *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.*

Thursday, January 12th is *Memorial of St. Marguerite Bouregeoyo, Virgin.*

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.

WHAT IS THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY?

Every year, between January 18 (the Feast of the Confession of Saint Peter) and January 25 (the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul), Christians around the world are invited to celebrate a week of prayer for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly-organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship.

Since the founding of the World Council of Churches in 1948, many other Christian denominations around the world have come to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and since 1968, the Faith and Order Commission of the WCC and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity have collaborated to produce materials for use over this eight-day period. We are delighted to do this work in partnership with the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism and the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism.

This year's resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by an ecumenical team in Germany, representing various churches religious organizations. They have chosen as their theme "Reconciliation — The Love of Christ Compels Us," inspired by 2 Corinthians 5:14-20. They invite Christians around the world to celebrate God's reconciling grace, call us to recognize the pain of the deep divisions which afflict the Church, and urge us to become ambassadors of Christ's message of reconciliation.

More detailed information, and online versions of the Canadian resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2017, can be found at weekofprayer.ca/semaindepriere.ca.

POPE FRANCIS:

"MOTHERS — THE STRONGEST ANTIDOTE"



On Sunday, January 1st, 2017, The Feast of Mary the Mother of God, Pope Francis said:

"Mothers are the strongest antidote to our individualistic and egotistic tendencies, to our lack of openness and our indifference." "A society without mothers would not only be a cold society, but a society that has lost its heart, lost the 'flavor of family'."

"A society without mothers would be a merciless society, one that has room only for calculation and speculation. Because mothers, even at worst times, are capable of testifying to tenderness, unconditional self-sacrifice and the strength of hope," he said.

"I have learned much from those mothers whose children are in prison, or lying in hospital beds or in bondage to drugs, yet, come cold or heat, rain or drought, don't give up and never stop fighting for what is best for them," he said.

"Or those mothers who in refugee camps, or even the midst of war, unfailingly embrace and support their children's suffering. Mothers who literally give their lives so that none of their children will perish." "Where there is a mother, there is unity, there is belonging, belonging as children."

"The lack of physical, and not virtual, contact is cauterizing our heart."

"To celebrate the feast of the Holy Mother of God reminds us that we are not interchangeable items of merchandise or information processors. We are children, we are family, we are God's People," the pope said.

"Mary gave us a mother's warmth, the warmth that shelters us amid troubles, the maternal warmth that keeps anything or anyone from extinguishing in the heart of the Church that revolution of tenderness inaugurated by her Son," he said. (Crux)

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"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 our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name?

ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

ANNUNCIATION SENIORS' SOCIAL

A Happy New Year to all our members!

Our first meeting for **2017** will be held as follows

Date: Tuesday, January 17th

Time: 10:00AM to 12:00PM noon

Place: Parish Hall

A Police Officer will be coming to speak with us on **HOME SAFETY!** From time to time we all need reminders on home safety. Please make every effort to attend.

As usual after the Officer's presentation we will enjoy our usual refreshments and chit-chat with our friends. Looking forward to seeing you there.

A reminder... new members are always welcome — 55 years of age and over ... \$10.00 membership fee for one year.

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.

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: Rosemary Seal.

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 11th at 7:30PM.**

CONFIRMATION SESSION REMINDER

A reminder to confirmation candidates: the first Confirmation session begins week of:

First Session

Tuesday January 17th or Thursday January 19th
at 7:00PM to 9:15PM

Sessions take place in the Parish Hall.

ORDINARY TIME

During Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The people of God offer praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

On the first day of the week, the Lord's Day, God assembles the beloved people to hear the Word, to reflect upon it, to offer the living sacrifice of praise, and to eat and drink the banquet of the Lord. Then God sends them forth to proclaim this love by their words and actions. Sunday is the original Christian Feast Day, for this was the day of the Lord's resurrection. Today's Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the risen Lord.



Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions

January 8th to January 14th

*In loving memory of Eddie Ka Kue Keung.
Requested by Irene Keung.*

*In loving memory of my parents
Marta and Antoni Pietrzak.
So deeply loved and missed.*

*Always in my heart and prayers.
Rest in peace.*

Requested by: Daughter Alina.

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