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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
(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
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**CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE WITH A WORLDWIDE
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Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend offers the opportunity for couples to rediscover each other and focus on ways to make their relationship even better. See www.wwme.org for more information.

Upcoming Weekend Date: March 21-23, 2014.

For further information or registration please contact: Cora and Mike Bryce at cora-mikebryce@sympatico.ca or (905)896-2958.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF CATHOLIC TRIVIA

- 1) Ash Wednesday falls how many days before Easter?
- 2) What are the ashes obtained from?
- 3) What is the symbolism of the ashes



Answers:

- 1) Ash Wednesday falls 46 days prior to Easter. We often refer to 40 days of Lent because Sundays are not counted in Lent. This also gives us a number that reminds us of the 40 days Christ spent in the wilderness.
- 2) The ashes are obtained from the blessed palms from previous years' Palm Sunday.
- 3) Jesus was praised and hailed by those waving palm leaves, and later crucified. The ashes symbolizes how quickly people can turn away from God to sin. Ashes are placed on the forehead in form of a cross as a symbol of repentance.

SEASON OF LENT

Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. During Lent, the liturgy prepares catechumens to celebrate the Paschal Mystery by the various stages of Christian initiation. It also prepares the faithful for Easter as they recall their baptism and do penance in preparation for the greatest feast of the year.

Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for baptism, and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's word and of more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Lenten instructions stress these baptismal and penitential themes.



During Lent, it is important to teach the social consequences of sin as well as the fact that the heart of the virtue of penance is hatred of sin as an offence against God.

The Church encourages penitential practices that are external and social, reflecting the circumstances of individuals and communities, as we pray and do penance for sinners.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER—MARCH 7



The World Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Friday in March. It is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically and recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of the times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension

to the concerns of our world, our country, our community. Sponsored by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada and its national counterparts around the world, it is celebrated in approximately 165 countries. This day can be an opportunity for moving toward a more important role for prayer in the life of our Christian community.

INSIDE Annunciation Church:

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 5th, 2014



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

8:00AM, 10:00AM (Schools Mass),
12:30PM, 7:30PM

**Ashes will be Blessed and Distributed at
all Masses.**

**ASH WEDNESDAY IS A DAY OF
FAST & ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT.**

SCIENCE AND FAITH TALKS



The Annunciation 18-35 Group will be hosting two Science and Faith Talks on **Monday March 10th and Monday March 17th at 7:30PM** in the Parish Hall. Father Fred Chung will be the speaker for these events. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!

ANNUNCIATION SCHOOL: LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR NEEDED

Hours: Monday to Friday from 11:35AM to 12:35PM.
Starting Date: Immediately.
Applications will be available in the school office at 65 Avonwick Gate. For more information please contact Annunciation School at (416)393-5299.

MEETINGS

Altar Server Committee Meeting:
Monday, March 3rd, at 7:00PM in the St. Cecilia room.
18-35 Planning Group:
Monday, March 3rd at 7:30PM in the St. Pius X room.
CWL Executive Meeting:
Thursday, March 6th at 1:00PM in the St. Pius X room.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS: Sunday, March 9th



Please remember to turn your clocks **forward one hour** before heading off to bed next **Saturday March 8th, 2014.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETING



The parents of children making their First Holy Communion in Annunciation Parish are expected to attend three preparatory meetings. A reminder that the second preparatory meeting to be held in Parish Hall on **Monday, March 3rd, 2014 at 7:00PM.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

**EVERY FRIDAY AT ANNUNCIATION PARISH
@ 7:00PM**



Join us as we walk with Jesus from death to new life. Make this traditional Lenten prayer part of your personal Lenten program.



Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions

March 2nd—8th 2014

Our lamps are lit:

*In loving memory of Michael Flaherty.
Thinking of you! We miss you so much but know
you are always with us!*

Love, the Flaherty and Marlatt families.

*In loving memory of Jeremias Oliveira.
Requested by Ana Oliveira.*

*In loving memory of Romeo Defreitas.
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