

# ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

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## Parish Priests:

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## Parish Staff:

Clarissa Adityani  
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS - DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTION

At the direction of the Archdiocese, the parish office is CLOSED to the public until further notice.

The parish office is still accessible by phone 416-445-1760 or email at [parish@bvmtoronto.com](mailto:parish@bvmtoronto.com)

## Please book your seat for Mass online at [bvmtoronto.com](http://bvmtoronto.com)

The Church opens 30 minutes before each Mass.  
Please arrive at least 10 minutes before the Mass begins.  
Church doors close when Mass begins.

## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday	Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday	8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00noon, 5:00pm, 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
Mass	12:30pm

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:00am and at other times by appointment

## BAPTISMS

Parents themselves should pick up and return a completed Baptism Information Form to the parish office at least 6 months in advance of the anticipated baptismal date. An interview with a parish priest is required. Parents of children to be baptized should be registered members of our Parish Community. Attendance at an online Baptismal 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.

## SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Call 416-657-2989 for assistance.

## PARISH SCHOOLS

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## PALM SUNDAY

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*"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."*



Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified.

Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will often receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the reenactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect.

Palm branches are widely recognized symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday. The use of donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war. A week later, Christ would rise from the dead on the first Easter.

During Palm Sunday, palms are distributed to parishioners. The palms are blessed and many people will fashion them into small crosses or other items of personal items. Because the palms are blessed, they may not be discarded as trash. The colours of the Mass on Palm Sunday are red and white, symbolizing the redemption in blood that Christ paid for the world.

### SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN 2021



The ShareLife Campaign is now underway.

In this time of Lent, please reflect on the great needs of our brothers and sisters who are helped through your generous support of ShareLife. Last year, generous ShareLife supporters enabled 21,000 people to receive affordable mental health care through family service agencies across the Archdiocese of Toronto, including our community.

The campaign goal ShareLife has set for our parish this year is \$110,000.00. Please give generously.

The first ShareLife Sunday is April 18th, 2021.

The next ShareLife Sunday Collections are on June 20th and October 3rd, 2021.

Please **DO NOT** enter the church if you have been in contact with a COVID-19 positive individual over the past two weeks OR if you have a cold and any of COVID-19 symptoms, which include:

**Fever, Chills, Sore Throat, Shortness of Breath, Loss of Taste or Smell, Sneezing or Coughing, and Diarrhea.**

### REGISTER FOR MASS!

Please book your seat for Weekday and Sunday Mass. You can visit the parish website at [www.bvmtoronto.com](http://www.bvmtoronto.com) to register each week or call to register over phone.

**Only voicemails left during office hours regarding mass registrations will be answered.**

**Weekday Mass Registration opens every Friday at 10AM.**

**Sunday Mass Registration opens every Monday at 10AM.**

The office is accepting phone calls on **Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10:30AM-12PM and 1PM-2PM.**

- Provide each attendee's name if you are booking more than one ticket for your family members.
- Due to limited space in the church, please only book **one Mass** for each day that you wish to attend.
- If you are unable to attend, please cancel your reservation online or contact the parish office during office hours.
- Masks or face coverings are mandatory. A Face shield is not a replacement of a mask according to City of Toronto by-law.
- Please come early, at least 10 minutes before Mass. Church doors close when Mass begins.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

***Due to the "lockdown" stage (Grey), the Archdiocese has limited the number of hours staff can be in the office. The office is prioritizing mass registration only for parishioners who do not have access to the internet or computer.***

***If you have wi-fi/internet either on your mobile phone or at home, please register yourself online for the Mass you wish to attend.***

## ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Holy Week and Easter Sunday Mass & Registration Schedule*

Spaces are limited and booking a seat online through the parish website

[www.bvmtoronto.com](http://www.bvmtoronto.com) is mandatory.

**WALK-IN WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE.**

Online Registration for Holy Week Masses and Stations of the Cross opens on  
**Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 10AM**

#### **Thursday, April 1st** **HOLY THURSDAY**

Mass of the Lord's Supper—8:00 PM  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight  
Parish Office Closed

#### **Friday, April 2nd** **GOOD FRIDAY**

Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
12:00noon, 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM  
Stations of the Cross—7:00 PM  
Parish Office Closed

#### **Saturday, April 3rd** **HOLY SATURDAY**

Easter Vigil Mass—8:00 PM  
Parish Office Closed

#### **Sunday, April 4th** **EASTER SUNDAY**

Masses at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00noon  
(No 5:00PM or 7:00PM Masses)

#### **Monday, April 5th** **EASTER MONDAY**

Mass at 9:00AM ONLY.  
Parish Office Closed

#### USE OF INCENSE AT HOLY WEEK MASSES



A courtesy message to parishioners who are sensitive to burning incense:  
Incense **will be used** at the 8:00 PM Mass on Holy Thursday and 8:00 PM Mass on Holy Saturday.

Incense will **not** be used at the Good Friday Services and all Masses on Easter Sunday.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Join us as we walk with Jesus from death to new life on Friday, April 2nd (Good Friday) at 7:00 PM.

Please register at [www.bvmtoronto.com](http://www.bvmtoronto.com)

#### PASCHAL FAST

Good Friday fast is considered as the "paschal fast" honouring the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus. Good Friday is the most sorrowful, the most somber, and also one of the holiest and vital days of the Christian year.

Reasons for Fasting on Good Friday:

- **Obedience**—The Catholics fast on good Friday out of obedience as they believe "Our Lord and His Apostles tell us to". Catholics also believe that Good Friday fasting aids them to get their body disciplined and get spiritually focused intently.
- **Penance**—They also fast to do penance. The observance of the holy law of fasting, by the Christian men includes to withdraw from sin, detest the past life badly lived, or confess the sins. Penance also means satisfying divine justice with prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and following the spiritual life. Fasting says that you are sorry for every wrongdoing, large or small. Accepting God's punishment means you are punishing yourself. The Church therefore, declares that all faithful followers fast and get the opportunity to reap worthy fruits of penance.

*"God so loved the world  
that He gave His only begotten Son."  
- John 3:16*



### Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions

March 28th – April 03rd

In loving memory of  
My parents Mr. & Mrs. S. F. Tsang George,  
My brother Arthur Tsang,  
My sister Anna Tsang,  
My best friends Lau Yue & Wong Wong.  
Requested by Tsang Yiu Lam.



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