

ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

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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
Monday-Friday 10AM-12PM and 1PM-3PM

Please book your seat for Mass online at 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, 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

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

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

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TORONTO, ONTARIO

*"Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness:
There he was tempted."*

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 Baptism, and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's Word 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.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God's will in the world today. This synod is of great importance to the Holy Father and the universal church. It cannot succeed without the participation of the entire people of God. Please go online and give your input to the Synod Survey which can be found at www.archtoronto.org/synodality

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

For a Christian response to bioethical challenges ~
We pray for Christians facing a new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

UKRANIAN HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

Ukraine has been plunged into war after the Russian military invaded the country last week, resulting in widespread violence and a looming humanitarian crisis.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will channel donations to support the Office for Refugees, Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT) and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA). CNEWA is a papal agency with a long history of humanitarian relief; it is currently working in Eastern Europe, providing Ukrainians with food, shelter, medicine and transportation to safe locations. Your donation will help Ukrainians who are beset by violence in Eastern Europe and it will help some of them find a new home in Canada.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office - 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: Name of Parish - Ukrainian Relief - Humanitarian Relief

Please continue to pray for the Ukrainian people and all those who suffer under the human tragedy of war. Thank you for your continued assistance.

DOMINICAN FRIARS YOUTH INTERFAITH VIDEO CONTEST 2022

The Archdiocese of Toronto Office for Interreligious Dialogue invites students to participate in the Youth Interfaith Video Contest sponsored by the Dominican Friars of Toronto in collaboration with The Catholic Register, Interfaith Youth Alliance Movement (IYAM) and Salt + Light Media. The theme of the contest is: **"Cultivating Friendship and Solidarity"** in light of the United Nations' International Day of Human Fraternity which happens on February 4 each year.

Entries can come from an individual or a team. The video may be up to three minutes maximum in length and submitted by the contest closing date of April 19, 2022. For complete contest details, please see poster: <https://bit.ly/InterfaithVideoContest>



ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



RE-OPENING OUR CHURCH DOORS FOR MASSES

Following the update from Public Health on restrictions to combat COVID-19, as of March 1st, booking a seat for Mass will not be necessary, but masks will still be required. Some guidelines will remain to keep our parish community safe.

Important Notes:

- Every reasonable precaution has been and will continue to be taken by the parish to protect your health and safety. However, there can be no guarantees of complete protection as there will always be risks of contracting viral infection through large gatherings.
- 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 any of the COVID-19 symptoms.
- Masks are mandatory. A face/ mouth shield is not a replacement for mask.
- There will only be one entrance into the church. Follow the signs marking the proper entrance.
- Come at least 15 minutes early before Mass starts. **The church door close when Mass begins.**
- Sanitize your hands upon entry.
- Follow the directions provided by the ushers for seating.
- Standing at the back of the church or in the foyer is not permissible.

COME AND SEE—DAY RETREAT



Saturday, March 19th (9:00AM - 3:30PM) at St. Augustine's Seminary: Inviting single Catholic men 18 years of age or older to a time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest.

Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee



STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

EVERY FRIDAY AT ANNUNCIATION PARISH AT 7:00PM BEGINNING MARCH 4th



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

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Sunday, March 13th, 2022



Please remember to turn your clocks forward one hour before heading off to bed next Saturday, March 12th.

NO FLOWERS PLEASE

Please note that during Lent, there are no flowers or decorations displayed in the Church. We kindly ask you to not place flowers in the Church (i.e., by the foot of the statues). Thank you.



Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions

March 6—March 12

Our lamp(s) are lit:

In loving memory of my husband,
Harold Lin

So deeply loved and missed.
Requested by Henrietta Lin and family.

In loving memory of my parents,
Felicitas and Jose Dimatera
and all the faithful departed.

Requested by Glenda Dimatera
and Maria Theresa Dimatera

In loving memory of
my parents Mr and Mrs S. F. George Tsang,
brother Arthur Yiu Wing Tsang,
sister Anna Tsang and Helper Ah Yue

Requested by Mr Y. L. Tsang and his wife Tammy Tam, Agnes Tsang and her husband Bryan Lee, Alan Tsang and his wife Jasmine Kwan



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