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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.

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PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady of Wisdom School	416-393-5273
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**ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH,
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"Jesus' face shone like the sun."

LIVING LENT

Lent is a time of prayer and penance, when Christ wants to lead us back to our baptismal promises of dying to sin and of living for God. We prepare ourselves to enter once again into Jesus' Paschal mystery and to renew it in our lives.

Forms of Penance:

1. *Giving up sin.* Jesus tells us that we show our love for him by keeping his commandments, especially by loving others as he has loved us. We are called to live blameless lives as God's holy people, the Church. Our God wants us to turn away from our sins, our failings, our laziness in prayer, our unwillingness to do better.
2. *Praying.* Jesus and his apostles tell us to pray always, to be constant in prayer. Traditional times for Christians to pray are morning, evening and mealtimes. Personal prayer is a necessary preparation for our sharing in the Church's public worship, the liturgy. In our love, we join Jesus and all God's people in praying for ourselves, for our family and friends, for our leaders, for those who suffer, and for the Church and the world.
3. *Fasting.* Fasting means cutting down on the amount and richness of our food and drink. Done as a penance for sin, it helps us to pray better: an empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer. The money we save on food should be given to others in alms. The law of fasting obliges adults until they are 60 years old.
4. *Doing good works.* Jesus went about doing good. The apostles continued to teach us to do good works, to help those in need, to give others the good example of our living, to pray for other people and to be ready to serve them in their time of need. The list is endless, but can be summarized in a few words: we are to help Jesus and come to his aid by helping other people in a spirit of love.
5. *Giving alms.* We give alms to help God's poor and to support the good works of the Church and other positive agencies. Again our help is being given to Christ in his brothers and sisters. Many Churches encourage giving 10%—the biblical tithe—as the minimum gift to God and to God's works. We do not give in order to show off or keep up with others; instead we give cheerfully to God, who has given us everything we have.

6. *Abstinence.* This form of penance needs to be seen as a near cousin of fasting. We may give up meat or other desirable foods on one or two days a week during Lent, especially on Friday, the day of Christ's saving death on the cross. Our abstinence is another way of sharing in Christ's work of saving the world. (CCCB)

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER
SCHEDULE 2017**

Sunday, April 9th

PALM SUNDAY

Masses: 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil Mass—April 8th),
8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM, & 7:00 PM

Monday, April 10th

Masses at 8:00 AM & 12:30 PM

Penance Service & Individual Confessions at 7:00 PM

Tuesday, April 11th & Wednesday, April 12th

Masses at 8:00 AM & 12:30 PM

Thursday, April 13th

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper—8:00 PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight
Parish Office Hours: 8:30 AM—12:00 Noon

Friday, April 14th

GOOD FRIDAY

Celebration of the Lord's Passion—1:00 PM
Celebration of the Lord's Passion—3:00 PM
Stations of the Cross—7:00 PM
Parish Office Closed

Saturday, April 15th

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil Mass—8:00 PM
Parish Office Closed

Sunday, April 16th

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses at 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM
(No 7:00PM Mass)

Monday, April 17th

EASTER MONDAY

Mass at 9:00AM ONLY.
Parish Office Closed



*I am
with you always*

God links us together with Love.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

EVERY FRIDAY AT ANNUNCIATION PARISH AT 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Living the Gospel by providing for vocations to the priesthood...

“Living and studying at St. Augustine’s can bring untold blessings into the lives of those entering ministry,” shares Matt McCarthy, a current Seminarian. Matt’s interest in sports and his desire to enter the priesthood and minister to those in his community, gives him an opportunity to serve the Church in a unique way. At ShareLife-funded agencies such as Serra House, St. Augustine’s and Redemptoris Mater Seminaries, individuals undergo extensive theological education and practical field training. Through ShareLife, you are helping to sustain vocations to the priesthood and inspire discernment for God’s call. Last year, ShareLife helped support 70 seminarians in their formation studies.

**Sunday April 2, 2017 is ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.**



Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions March 12th to March 18th

In loving memory of Harold Oxley, our beloved and treasured husband, father and papa.

Though absent you are very near, still loved, still missed and very dear.

Lovingly remembered by: Jean and family.

In loving memory of Giuseppina Lima, loving wife, mother and Nonna.

Gone but not forgotten.

We love you and miss you everyday.

Requested by: her loving husband, daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren.

In loving memory of John Patrick De Souza.

We love you and you are always in our hearts.

Requested by: children and grandchildren.

SENIORS CLUB MEETING NOTICE



Date: Tuesday, March 21st

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Amanda Coligan, Pubic Health Nurse, will speak to us on Pedestrian Safety. Her presentation will include:

- Where and when incidents occur
- Why seniors are at risk
- Safety tips for intersections, parking lots, etc.

You won’t want to miss this event!

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: Helen Farell.

MARCH BREAK PRAYER



“O Almighty and merciful God, who has commissioned your angels to guide and protect us, may they be our companions from our setting out until our return. Clothe us with their invisible protection; keep from us all danger of collision, of fire, of explosion, of falling; and finally, having preserved us from all evil, and especially from sin, guide us to our heavenly home. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.”

CONFESSIONS FOR EASTER

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE:

Monday, April 10th at 7:00PM

Followed by Individual Confessions.

There will be many priests available to hear confessions on this evening.

DAY OF CONFESSION:

Monday, March 27th

8:30AM—10AM, 2PM—4PM, & 6PM—8PM

A priest will be available to hear confessions during these times.

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