

# ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

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

Due to the lockdown and 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)

**Due to the Provincial lockdown in the City of Toronto, as of Monday, November 23, weekday and Sunday masses at Annunciation Parish are cancelled until further notice.**

## 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 by appointment only

## 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 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.

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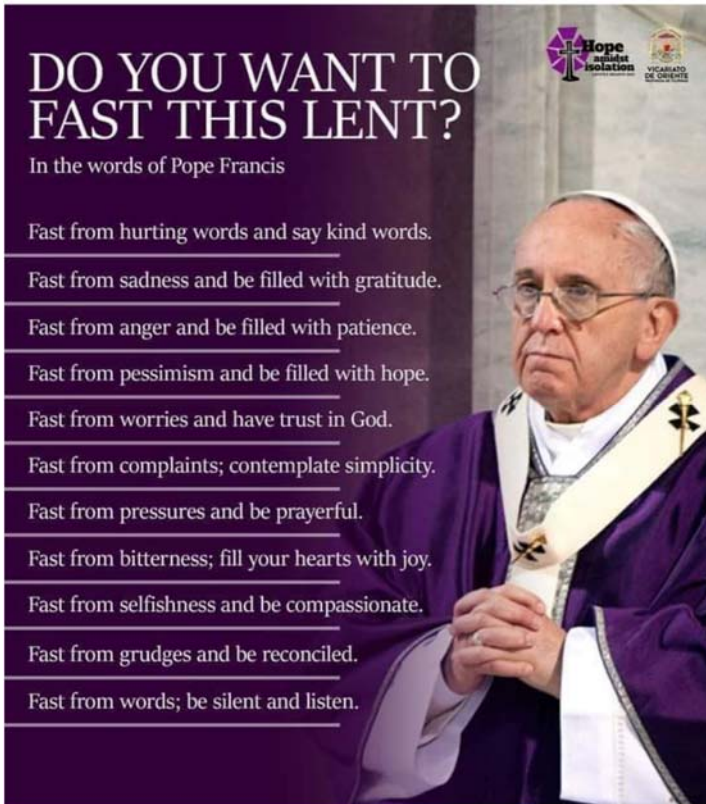
## PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady of Wisdom School	416-393-5273
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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH, TORONTO, ONTARIO

*"God sent his only-begotten Son that the world might be saved through him."*



**DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?**  
In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words; be silent and listen.

#### PRAY WITH THE SAINTS

**Wednesday, March 17** is the *Feast of Saint Patrick*.

**Thursday, March 18** is the *Feast of Saint Cyril of Jerusalem*.

**Friday, March 19** is the *Feast of Saint Joseph*,  
Principle Patron of Canada.



#### CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES

Please join the Filipino faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto for the virtual Inaugural Mass celebrating the 500th Year Anniversary of the arrival of Christianity in the Philippines, on Tuesday, March 16th at 11:00 a.m.

The Mass can be viewed:

- Online: [www.ph500toronto.com](http://www.ph500toronto.com);
- On Facebook: [@500yocto](https://www.facebook.com/500yocto); or
- On Youtube: *Gifted to Give—Toronto 2021*

#### VIRTUAL COME & SEE WEEKEND

On Friday, March 26 (5:00pm – 9:00pm) until Saturday, March 27 (10:00am – 5:00pm), the Office of Vocations will be hosting a virtual Come & See Weekend for single Catholic men, ages of 17 and older. On-line registration is required at <https://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee>

#### SUNDAY MASS ONLINE



Annunciation Parish will record Sunday Mass online. Join us by visiting the parish website at [www.bvmtoronto.com](http://www.bvmtoronto.com)

#### CAMPAIGN TO REOPEN THE CHURCHES

Please click on the following link to read Cardinal Collins letter about the Campaign to Reopen the Churches: <https://www.archtoronto.org/siteassets/media/archdiocese-of-toronto-main-site/files/covid/cardinal-collins---archdiocesan-mailing-list-communication---march-5-2021.pdf>

#### POPE DECLARES YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH, OFFERING SPECIAL INDULGENCES

The Vatican announced that this year (December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021) would be a year dedicated to Saint Joseph, husband of Mary and earthly father of Jesus Christ.

As an extra special blessing to accompany this celebration, the Church offers a plenary indulgence to all the Catholic faithful, under the usual conditions (Confession, Communion, and praying for the pope's intentions), if they participate in the Year of St. Joseph.

Pope Francis' released an apostolic letter on December 8, 2020, reflecting on the fatherhood of Joseph:

**Patris Corde** (With a Father's Heart)

[http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap\\_20201208\\_patris-corde.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html)

Here's the prayer from Pope Francis' new apostolic letter:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.



## ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS

TUESDAY MARCH 16 AND THURSDAY MARCH 18

This Lenten season, Annunciation Parish will be holding a Day of Confessions on Tuesday, March 16th and Thursday, March 18. Only 10 persons, including priests and staff, may be inside the church building at any time. If you wish to book a 10-minute meeting with a priest on one of these days, please go to the parish website:

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

**Online registration is mandatory.**

### NEW PARISHIONER OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

If you are a new parishioner of Annunciation Parish we offer you a warm welcome! Please take the time to register online at [www.bvmtoronto.com](http://www.bvmtoronto.com)

For currently registered parishioners of Annunciation who have recently moved or need to update your information, please also visit [www.bvmtoronto.com](http://www.bvmtoronto.com) to complete the online form. It is important the parish office have your current information for tax donation purposes, as well as to ensure our database is up-to-date.

### 2021 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The 2021 Sunday Offering Envelopes are now available. If you wish to pick-up your envelope box or you prefer it to be mailed, please contact the parish office at [parish@bvmtoronto.com](mailto:parish@bvmtoronto.com)



### Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions

March 14—March 20

In loving memory of **Harold Oxley.**

Our beloved treasured husband, father and papa. Although absent, you are loved and greatly missed over the past 7 years.

Lovingly remembered by Jean and family.

### HOW TO GO TO CONFESSION

#### Before Confession

- Examine your conscience by reflecting on your sins.
- Tips for making a good confession:
  - \* Don't be too general (i.e. "I haven't been a good person"), but a lot of detail isn't necessary either (you don't need to tell the whole story of how a sin came about).
  - \* If you're not sure if something is a sin, just ask the priest.
  - \* This isn't counseling, so unless you ask, the priest likely won't give you advice.

#### During Confession

- Begin: *"In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Bless me Father for I have sinned. It has been [length of time] since my last confession. These are my sins...."*
- When you finish: The priest will suggest something for you to do or pray (penance) as a response to God's mercy. Remember what it is, because you'll have to do it after the confession is over.
- The priest will then ask you to pray the Act of Contrition out loud, demonstrating your sorrow for your sins: *"My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen."*
- When you finish, the priest will extend his hands in your direction and pray the Prayer of Absolution. You respond, *"Amen."*
- The priest will then likely say *"God has freed you from your sins. Go in peace."*
- You can respond *"Thanks be to God."*

#### After Confession

- Don't forget to do your penance. If it's saying certain prayers, it's best to do it right away in the church before you forget.



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