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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

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**ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH,
TORONTO, ONTARIO.**

*"If a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,
it bears much fruit."*

**SHARELIFE PARISH CAMPAIGN
Fifth Sunday of Lent: March 18th**



Living the Gospel locally and around the world;
*"It is important that we continue to support
the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs
of the marginalized both here in our
communities and around the world. Sometimes
the results are obvious and sometimes they're invisible, but
always they make a tangible difference in the lives of the
people we are helping. Please prayerfully consider how you
can be supportive today on ShareLife Sunday."*

— Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

**The second ShareLife Sunday is on:
April 21, 2018.
Please give generously.**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: MARCH 18

Easter Sunday is but two weeks away (April 1). In our First Reading from the prophet Jeremiah, we hear God tell us, *"I will forgive their evil doing and remember their sin no more."* To affirm that forgiveness, St. Paul has this to say in the Second Reading: *"He (Jesus) became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him."* There is a connection between these two statements which present forgiveness as the way to salvation.

The Lenten season is one of penance, reflection, prayer, almsgiving, and fasting, perhaps even in that order, so we can better prepare ourselves for Easter Sunday and beyond. Lent reminds us that God is gracious and merciful. God's divine mercy is a central theme of Lent.

One might say that the priceless gift of God's mercy is highlighted and celebrated in the Church in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). That should be a key part of our Lenten journey. As mentioned only two weeks remain on that journey so getting to reconciliation is important if we have not done so already.

Sacramental Confession allows God's loving mercy and His grace-filled absolution to be confirmed to us through a priest. God sees us with love, mercy, and an abundance of forgiveness. Christ, through the priest, helps us to let go of anything that gets in the way of our relationship to God. St. Isidore wrote, *"Confession heals, Confession justifies, Confession grants pardon of sin. All hope consists in Confession. In Confession there is a chance for mercy."*

- Source: Catholic Stewardship Consultants Inc.

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER
SCHEDULE 2018**

Sunday, March 25th

PALM SUNDAY

Masses: 5:00 PM (*Saturday Vigil Mass - March 24th*)
8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM, & 7:00 PM

Monday, March 26th

Masses at 8:00 AM & 12:30 PM

Penance Service & Individual Confessions at 7:00 PM

Tuesday, March 27th & Wednesday, March 28th

Masses at 8:00 AM & 12:30 PM

Thursday, March 29th

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, March 30th

GOOD FRIDAY

Celebration of the Lord's Passion
1:00 PM and 3:00 PM

Stations of the Cross—7:00 PM

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, March 31st

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil Mass—8:00 PM

Parish Office Closed

Sunday, April 1st

EASTER SUNDAY

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

Monday, April 2nd

EASTER MONDAY

Mass at 9:00AM ONLY.

Parish Office Closed

CONFESSIONS FOR EASTER

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE:

Monday, March 26th at 7:00PM

Followed by Individual Confessions.

There will be many priests available

to hear confessions on this evening.

SPECIAL COLLECTON ON GOOD FRIDAY

There will be a special collection on Good Friday for the Needs of the Church in Holy Land.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Refugee Sponsorship Committee would like to sincerely thank those parishioners whose overwhelming generosity helped meet the needs of our sponsored refugee family. Their apartment will be fully furnished and stocked, in order to help them get off to a great start in their new home. Because of your help, they will experience a warm and wonderful welcome to Canada. On their behalf once again, thank you so much and may God bless you.

SENIORS CLUB SOCIAL

Tuesday, March 20th at 10:00AM

Social time! On this occasion we will enjoy some table games which as usual is accompanied by lots of 'chit-chat' and laughter... coffee and cookies! This social will take place in the Parish Hall.

Looking forward to seeing you there

Note: Final sign-up for May 15th Niagara Trip.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

RCIA

Tuesday, March 20 at 7PM-8:30PM in the St. Pius X Room.

CANA Meeting

Wednesday, March 21 at 7:00PM in the St. Pius X Room.

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Thursday, March 22 at 7:00PM-9:00PM in the St. Pius X Room.

RCIA - 3rd Scrutiny

Thursday, March 22 at 7:00PM-9:00PM in the Parish Hall.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CARDS

March 17/18

A reminder to the parents whose children are receiving their *First Holy Communion* this year. This weekend (March 17/18) is the last opportunity to get the First Holy Communion Cards. The card must be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to the Parish Welcome Desk at least 30 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass that the child is schedule to receive his/her First Holy Communion.

CONFIRMATION MAKE-UP SESSIONS

This upcoming Saturday, there will be a mandatory make-up session for all Confirmation Candidates who were absent from one or more sessions on the following dates in the Parish Hall:

Session 1 and 2:

Saturday, March 24th (9:30AM to 11:00AM)

Session 3 and 4:

Saturday, March 24th (11:00AM to 12:30PM)



Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions *March 18th to March 24th*

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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT EVERY FRIDAY AT 7:00 PM

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



BUILDING FUND COLLECTION

Next weekend we will be taking up our monthly Building Fund Collection. Thank you for your continuous generosity.



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