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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.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL Call 416-657-2989 for assistance.

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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"The water that I will give will become a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS



Monday, March 20th is the *Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Principal Patron of Canada, Patron of the Universal Church.*

Saturday, March 25th is the *Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.*

Join us in prayer in communion with these great saints and all saints in Heaven at the 8:00AM and 12:30PM Masses on weekdays, and 9:00AM on Saturday.

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.*

NEWEST CATHOLIC MEMBERS...



The following children were recently welcomed into our worshipping community through the Sacrament of Baptism: *Johanna Castillo Cecilio, Nathaniel Fitzroy Cloutier, Aria Francesca Gazzaruso, Ren Angelo Meguillo, Axelle Nucup, Kaiden Franco Marasigan Orilla.* Please keep these children and their parents in your prayers.

Why do we need faith and the sacraments in order to live a good, upright life?

If we were to rely only on ourselves and our own strength, we would not get far in our attempts to be good. Through faith we discover that we are God's children and that God makes us strong. When God gives us strength, we call this "grace". Especially in the sacred signs that we call the sacraments, God gives us the ability actually to do the good that we want to do.

**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

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.

God links us together with Love.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETING

A reminder to parents of children preparing to make their First Holy Communion in the spring, the second preparatory meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 22nd at 7:30PM** in the Parish Hall.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REMINDER

A reminder to the parents whose children are receiving their *First Holy Communion* this year. 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 scheduled to receive his/her First Holy Communion. First Holy Communion cards are available **next weekend** at the welcome desk.

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: Maria Porco



Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions March 19th to March 25th

*In loving memory of Felix and Joan da Costa.
Deeply loved and greatly missed by your
children and their families.*

Requested by: Coraile, John and Trevyn Fernandes.

*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 Elizabeth Chuong, Hing Kwok
Chung, Shui Fong Chung, Yie Hok, Tjei Yuk Luan,
Lo Yat Lam.*

Requested by: Peter Chung.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Living the Gospel by providing for homeless youth... On a given night, 6,000 people across Canada between 16 and 24 have nowhere to call home. This represents 20% of the total homeless population. In Toronto, estimates of homeless youth range from 900 to 2,000 nightly. The ShareLife-supported Rights of Passage program at Covenant House have been active in making a positive difference in the lives of homeless youth on the streets of Toronto. 75% of these youth have been matched with mentors and have also made progress in strengthening their life skills and family relationships, getting them ready for life on their own. In addition, the ShareLife funded Youth in Transition programs helps youth in foster care to transition to independent living.

Sunday April 2, 2017 is ShareLife Sunday.

Please give generously.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE SUNDAY: April 1st— April 2nd

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul will be collecting used clothing and household linens, to support the needy of our residential programs.

The truck will be open on **Sat. April 1st** from 4:30PM to 6:00PM and again **Sun. April 2nd** from 7:30AM to 2:00PM and 6:30PM to 8:00PM.

Volunteers will be there to assist with loading before and after each mass. Thank you for your clothing, shoes and linen donations only.

SENIORS CLUB MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, March 21st

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

Amanda Coligan, Public 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!

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).



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