

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

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 and at other times by appointment

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.

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Call 416-657-2989 for assistance.

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TORONTO, ONTARIO

*"I am the vine, you are the branches.
Whoever abides in me and I in them bears much fruit."*

**OUR HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR
THE MONTH OF MAY 2021**



For The World of Finance:

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS



Saturday, May 1st is the Feast of *Saint Joseph the Worker* and *Saint Pius V.*

Sunday, May 2nd is the Feast of *Saint Athanasius.*

Monday, May 3rd is the Feast of *Saints Philip and James.*

Tuesday, May 4th is the Feast of *Blessed Marie-Léonie Paradis.*

Thursday, May 6th is the Feast of *Saint François de Laval.*

Saturday, May 8th is the Feast of *Blessed Catherine of Saint Augustine.*

Join us in prayer in communion with these great saints and all the saints in heaven.

SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN 2021

Thanks to generous donors like you, ShareLife agencies helped 150,000 people locally last year. Your gift:

- enabled 21,000 people to receive affordable mental health care through family service agencies,
- ensured nearly 7,000 seniors received dignified care,
- facilitated the arrival of 528 refugees through the Office of Refugees of the Archdiocese of Toronto,
- helped nearly 1,900 young pregnant/parenting women and their babies receive loving support,
- invested in our Church's future by supporting 54 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary in the current academic year.

Our parish goal is: \$110,000.00

To date, we have raised: \$34,547.18

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

Please note that the Archdiocese of Toronto has shifted the collection dates for the 2021 campaign to April 17-18, June 19-20 and October 2-3, which is different from the dates in your box set of Sunday Offering envelopes. You may still use these envelopes and donate at any time.



HONOURING MARY IN MAY

The month of May is a special time for us Catholics to pay homage to our Blessed Mother Mary. She has a unique role in salvation history as the Mother of God, conceived without Sin, who by her own free will agreed to bring the "Word made flesh", (John 1:14) our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ into the world.

Mary is prefigured as the one who would crush the head of the serpent (a figure of Satan) in Genesis 3:15 through her Divine Son. Still she in no way overshadows Him, nor would she ever wish to! Her life in the Gospel years was one of the service and great devotion to Jesus, from the cave in Bethlehem where she gave birth to Him, to Calvary in Jerusalem where she stood by His cross in His Crucifixion, from Crib to Cross, as it were.

While she has a somewhat low profile in the Gospels, her words there still resonate with us today and challenge us to follow her example of humility, obedience, and service to God.

Would you like to get closer to our Blessed Mother? There are some wonderful Marian Prayers that can help give us the graces we need for our salvation. These include such essentials as the *Rosary*, the *Hail Mary*, the *Hail Holy Queen*, the *Memorare*, the *Angelus*, the hymns *Ave Maris Stella*, *Tota Pulchra Es*, and the [*Magnificat*](#).

Other Marian Prayers are based on names given to Our Lady from her apparitions, or other such supernatural phenomena, confirmed by the Church. She has often appeared to humble people in small towns requesting that we strive to live in holiness and obedience to her divine Son. Thus, there are prayers to *Our Lady of Good Counsel*, *Our Lady of Guadalupe*, *Our Lady of Lourdes*, *Our Lady of Knock*, *Our Lady of La Salette*, *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*, *Our Lady of Akita* and to *Immaculate Heart of Mary* among others! In addition, the events surrounding the appearances of *Our Lady of Fatima* have give us several good *Fatima Prayers*, including one that follows each decade of the Rosary.

*"May Mary's pure and simple smile be a source of joy
for each one of us as we face life's difficulties."*

- Pope Francis

ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEWEST CATHOLIC MEMBERS



The following children were recently welcomed into our worshipping community through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Alexander Jude Michael Pham**, and **Brayden Rhys Fernandes Tan**.

Please keep these children and their parents in your prayers.

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



We pray for all those parishioners who have gone to rest in Christ, particularly those remember who died recently:

Patricia Vella and Salvador San Juan

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are offered by appointment only. Please call or email the parish office for arrangements. COVID-19 protocols, including physical distancing and mandatory mask wearing are in place during confessions to ensure your safety.

PRIVATE PRAYERS

Cardinal Collins wishes that parishes of the Archdiocese of Toronto open for periods of private prayer. There will be an opportunity for periods of private prayer in our church on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Those who wish to come to church for private prayer must register online through the parish website. Church doors will close at the beginning of each period of private prayer. Only 8 parishioners may be in the church at any time, along with an usher and other staff member.

The Province of Ontario is in a State-of-Emergency and residents are instructed to stay home except for essential travel. Dr. Peter Lin reminds us that this is an extremely dangerous time for the spread of the COVID-19 virus and that the elderly, those with pre-existing conditions (i.e. high blood pressure, diabetes, etc.), sick or those who are vulnerable are strongly advised to stay home.

Masks must be worn, social distancing observed, and all guidelines followed. Please do not enter the church if you have been in contact with a COVID-19 positive individual over the past 14 days or if you have any of the COVID-19 symptoms.

SUNDAY MASS ONLINE



As the lockdown continues, join us for Sunday Mass online each Sunday by visiting www.bvmtoronto.com

FRIENDLY REMINDER....REMEMBER YOUR 3 Ws!



If you leave home, practice your Ws:

1. **Wear** a mask over your nose and mouth.
2. **Wait** 6 feet apart. Avoid close contact.
3. **Wash** your hands or use hand sanitizer.

LIVE THE MONTH OF MARY

Novalis Publisher invites you to experience the month of Mary in communion with *Living with Christ*. Each day of the month, receive texts about and prayers to the Virgin Mary by email, free of charge. Join by visiting:

https://infolettre.novalis.ca/marymonth/?utm_source=push&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=mois_marie&utm_term=liste_directe



Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions

May 2nd—May 8th, 2021

In loving memory of **Anne Mo Chun Lin**,
on her first death anniversary.

True hearts that love you with deepest
affection: Betty, Ellen, Thompson, Peter and
their families.



In memory of my parents,
Mr. & Mrs. S.F. Tsang, George
My brother **Arthur Tsang**

My sister **Anna Tsang**
And best friends **Lau Yue & Wong Wong**
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