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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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**ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH,
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*"The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything."*

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS



Sunday, May 15th is Pentecost Sunday
Join us in prayer in communion with all the
saints in Heaven at the 8:00AM and 12:30PM
Masses on weekdays, and 9:00AM on Saturday.

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efficiencies will lead to enhanced organizational
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OUR PARISH TOTAL TO DATE:

\$76,823.92

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Next ShareLife Sunday is May 29, 2016.

Please give generously.

Together we can work wonders!

REQUESTING A REFERENCE LETTER

If you would like to have a Pastoral References Letter,
please note: a pastoral reference letter may only be issued
to parishioners of Annunciation Parish known personally
to the pastor.

Please introduce yourself to the pastor six months in
advance by booking an appointment through the Parish
Office.



*I am
with you always*

WHAT HAPPENED AT PENTECOST?

Fifty days after the Resurrection at Pentecost the
glorified Jesus Christ poured out the Spirit in
abundance and revealed him as a divine Person so
that the Holy Trinity was fully manifest. The
mission of Christ and of the Spirit became the
mission of the Church which is sent to proclaim
and spread the mystery of the communication of
the Holy Trinity.

- Source: Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

DISASTER RELIEF:

FORT MCMURRAY FIRES

As wildfires continue to ravage the area around Fort
McMurray, Alta., the Archdiocese of Toronto is
accepting contributions and funds to help victims of
this natural disaster. The funds will be channeled
through the Canadian Red Cross. The government of
Canada has made an initial commitment to match
individual contributions to the Red Cross to assist
people who have been displaced. More information
about that commitment will be forthcoming.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following
ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto
website: www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office:
(416)934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:
Annunciation Parish—Fort McMurray Fires —
Disaster Relief

Please use the generic humanitarian relief
envelopes sent to parishes for relief collections.
We offer our prayers for all those impacted by this
tragedy. Thank you for your ongoing efforts to assist
those in crisis.



**Memorial Lamps &
Special Intention**

The Sanctuary lamps that burn next to the
tabernacle may be lit for one week as memorials
or for special intentions. Prayer requests will be
listed in the bulletin. The offering is \$25.00 per
lamp. To reserve a lamp, please drop by the
Parish Office during office hours.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES

1812 The human virtues are rooted in the theological virtues, which adapt man's faculties for participation in the divine nature: for the theological virtues relate directly to God. They dispose Christians to live in a relationship with the Holy Trinity. They have the One and Triune God for their origin, motive and object.

1813 The theological virtues are the foundation of Christian moral activity; they animate it and give it its special character. They inform and give life to all the moral virtues. They are infused by God into the souls of the faithful to make them capable of acting as his children and of meriting eternal life. They are the pledge of the presence and action of the Holy Spirit in the faculties of the human being. There are three theological virtues: faith, hope, and charity.

Faith

1814 Faith is the theological virtue by which we believe in God and believe all that he has said and revealed to us, and that Holy Church proposes for our belief, because he is truth itself. By faith "man freely commits his entire self to God." For this reason the believer seeks to know and do God's will. "The righteous shall live by faith." Living faith "work[s] through charity."

1815 The gift of faith remains in one who has not sinned against it. But "faith apart from works is dead": when it is deprived of hope and love, faith does not fully unite the believer to Christ and does not make him a living member of his Body.

1816 The disciple of Christ must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it: "All however must be prepared to confess Christ before men and to follow him along the way of the Cross, amidst the persecutions which the Church never lacks." Service of and witness to the faith are necessary for salvation: "So every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven."

- Source: Catechism of the Catholic Church



PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



We pray for all those parishioners who have gone to their rest in Christ, particularly for the reposed soul of: *Bert Gutaw and Antonio Giuga.*

NEWLY BAPTIZED CHILDREN



The following children were recently baptized and welcomed into the Catholic faith community at our parish: *Yannick Abyan Oropesa Hucalinas, Spenser James Ihasz and Annica Rhanie Mata Liberato.*

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Thursday, May 19th at 7:00PM in the St. Pius X Room.

CWL Strawberry Tea

Thursday, May 19th at 1:00PM in the Parish Hall.

CWL Strawberry Tea

The ladies of our CWL Council are cordially inviting members of the Parish (women and men) to our Strawberry Tea. This event will be held Thursday, May 19th in the Parish Hall following the 12:30PM Mass. Tickets are priced at \$10.00 per person and will be available in the Religious Articles Booth after Sunday Mass and at the door the day of the event. We will be serving tea and coffee. A travelogue will be shown for your entertainment while feasting! Come and enjoy an early dessert!

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION



This weekend, we take up the monthly Building Fund Collection. Thank you for your continuous support for the needs of Annunciation Parish.

Thank you

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