

# ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

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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  
Annunciation School 416-393-5299  
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ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH,  
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*“Jesus withdrew from them  
and was carried up into heaven”*

**PRAY WITH THE SAINTS**



**Sunday, May 8th** is the *Solemnity of the  
Ascension of the Lord.*

**Saturday, May 14th** is the *Feast of  
St. Matthias, Apostle.*

Join us in prayer in communion with these great saints  
and all saints in Heaven at the 8:00AM and 12:30PM  
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have a complete picture of the camp, and try to make  
sure today’s campers and staff enjoy the same  
formative experiences that I went through.”

**Last year, ShareLife-supported Camp Ozanam by  
providing a unique camping experience for 600 boys  
from underprivileged homes in the GTA.**

**OUR PARISH TOTAL TO DATE:**

**\$75,281.92**

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Next ShareLife Sunday is May 29, 2016.

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**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.

**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY**

Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the  
media of social communications and how these  
influence our lives. The media can promote values  
that lead to a more fully human society, it can be  
used to help promote the Gospel. As receivers of  
the materials presented by the media, the faithful  
have a duty to support and promote worthwhile  
presentations on media and reject those which  
promote values contrary to spiritual growth.

**HUMANITARIAN RELIEF:  
EQUADOR EARTHQUAKE**

The Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting financial  
contributions for humanitarian relief following the  
disastrous effects of a serious earthquake on  
April 16th. Relief workers from the official Catholic  
relief agency, Caritas Internationalis, are on the  
ground and assessing the need for assistance.  
Caritas teams are expected to begin distributing  
tarps, hygiene and cooking kits. This situation is very  
difficult in the affected regions as poverty had  
already left people living in precarious conditions.

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

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto  
website: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)
- By phone through the Development Office:  
(416)934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:  
Annunciation Parish—Ecuador Earthquake —  
Humanitarian Relief

We offer our prayers for the victims of this natural  
disaster and those who have been displaced. Thank  
you for your ongoing efforts to help those in crisis in  
Ecuador.



**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 HOLY SPIRIT

#### The Holy Spirit—God’s Gift

**733** “God is Love” and love is his first gift, containing all others. “God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”

**734** Because we are dead or at least wounded through sin, the first effect of the gift of love is the forgiveness of our sins. The communion of the Holy Spirit in the Church restores to the baptized the divine likeness lost through sin.

**735** He, then, gives us the “pledge” or “first fruits” of our inheritance: the very life of the Holy Trinity, which is to love as “God [has] loved us.” This love, (the “charity” of *1 Cor 13*) is the source of new life in Christ, made possible because we have received “power” from the Holy Spirit.

**736** By this power of the Spirit, God’s children can bear much fruit. He who has grafted us onto the true vine will make us bear “the fruit of the Spirit: ... love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.” “We live by the Spirit”; the more we renounce ourselves, the more we “walk by the Spirit.”

Through the Holy Spirit we are restored to paradise, led back to the Kingdom of heaven, and adopted as children, given confidence to call God “Father” and to share in Christ’s grace, called children of light and given a share in eternal glory.

#### The Holy Spirit and the Church

**737** The mission of the church and the Holy Spirit is brought to completion in the Church, which is the Body of Christ and the Temple of the Holy Spirit. This joint mission henceforth brings Christ’s faithful to share in his communion with the Father in the Holy Spirit. The Spirit *prepares* men and goes out to them with his grace, in order to draw them to Christ. The Spirit *manifests* the risen Lord to them, recalls his word to them and opens their minds to the understanding of his Death and Resurrection. He *makes present* the mystery of Christ, supremely in the Eucharist, in order to reconcile them, to *bring them into communion* with God, that they may “bear much fruit”.

- Source: Catechism of the Catholic Church

### MOTHER’S DAY PRAYER

LET US PRAY:

Mothering God,

You love us and care for us in all our needs.

We give you thanks for our mothers and for all women in our lives who love us and care for us like mothers. We pray that you will bless them in all that they need.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

#### Altar Servers Committee Meeting:

Tuesday, May 10th at 7:00PM in the St. Pius X Room.

#### Finance Council Meeting:

Tuesday, May 10th at 7:00PM in the St. Cecilia Room.

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS MASS

The teachers and students of Annunciation, Our Lady of Wisdom and St. Isaac Jogues schools will come together to celebrate the Eucharist at Annunciation Parish on Wednesday, May 11th at 9:45AM.

### STEUBENVILLE BAKE SALE

Steubenville Toronto is the largest Catholic Youth Conference in Canada. This three-day event allows students in Grades 8-12 to encounter Christ in a new way through inspirational speakers and energizing worship music. This conference is an amazing opportunity for our youth to grow and develop a deeper relationship with our Lord. This summer twelve students in our parish community will be attending the conference. In order to fundraise towards the cost of registration, the team will be holding a Bake Sale after all masses THIS WEEKEND! Please come out and show your support.

### THANK YOU FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Vincent De Paul of Annunciation Parish would like to extend our thanks to all the parishioners who helped make our Bundle Sunday a great success. Your donations will go to people in need in our community.



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