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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

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 Exposition8:00amBenediction of the Blessed Sacrament12:15pmMass12:30pm

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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"He is not God of the dead, but God of the living."

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS



Wednesday, November 9th is *The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*

Thursday, November 10th is *Memorial of St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor*

Friday, November 11th is *Memorial of St. Martin of Tours, Bishop*

Saturday, November 12th is *Memorial of St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr*

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

Why did God create us

God created us out of free and unselfish love, When a man loves, his heart overflows. He gets this from his Creator. Although God is a mystery, we can still think about him in a human way and say: Out of the "surplus" of his love he created us. He wanted to share his endless joy with us, who are creatures of his love.

What is freedom?

Freedom is the power given by God to act or not to act, to do this or to do that, and so to perform deliberate actions on one's own responsibility. Freedom characterizes properly human acts. The more one does what is good, the freer one becomes. Freedom attains its proper perfection when it is directed toward God, the highest good and our beatitude. Freedom implies also the possibility of choose between good and evil. The choice of evil is an abuse of freedom and leads to the slavery of sin.

What is eternal happiness?

It is the vision of God in eternal life in which we are fully "partakers of the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4) of the glory of Christ and of the joy of the Trinitarian life. This happiness surpasses human capabilities. It is a supernatural and gratuitous gift of God just as is the grace which leads to it. This promised happiness confronts us with decisive moral choices concerning earthly goods and urges us to love God above all things.



THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Universal: ~ *Countries Receiving Refugees* ~ That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity

Evangelization: ~ *Collaboration of Priests and Laity*~ That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

THE BOOK OF LIFE Remembering Our Deceased Relatives and Friends

The Book of Life will be available throughout November in the Parish Foyer. Parishioners may add the names of their deceased relatives and friends to be remembered in our prayers. The book will be placed by the altar at all weekend Masses during November in memory of our loved ones and those parishioners who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

NEWS FROM THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Where do our poor box donations go?

Ninety-seven cents of every dollar you donate goes to support the following initiatives. First, Annunciation Conference supports the needy within our parish boundaries through grocery store food cards, Salvation Army clothing vouchers, and sometimes basic furniture. Second, any surplus goes to Scarborough West Particular Council (11 parishes in Scarborough) which distributes money to needy parishes within the Council. Their surplus funds are then sent to Toronto Central Council (downtown Toronto) which uses the donations to support the operation of 4 shelters for women; 14 recover home for those overcoming addictions; 2 homes for developmentally-challenged adults; a home for adults facing mental health challenges; 3 retail stores in the GTA; Court Services and Prison Apostolate; a 164 unit rent-geared-to-income apartment building; and Marygrove Camp and Camp Ozanam for less fortunate girls and boys, respectively. Further details are available at http:// svdptoronto.org/.

Thank you for helping turn concern into action through your continuing generosity. New members are always welcome. Please call 416 657 2989.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

2017 SUNDAY MISSALS

Sunday Missals for 2017 are available after all masses starting this weekend in the Parish Foyer. All other weekends, they are available in the CWL Religious Article Booth or from the Parish Office during office hours. Missals are \$4.00 each. *The missals come into use on the First Sunday of Advent.*

SHEPHERDS' TRUST

As members of our Catholic community, we regularly benefit from the tireless service of our priests. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we remember how they have been tangible instruments of the Lord's mercy in our lives. Called by God and ordained to care for His people, our priests serve our families, in churches, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, missions and on the streets. The Shepherds' Trust ensures our priests can live their retirement years with dignity.

The Shepherds' Trust collection will take place in all parishes in the Archdiocese during the weekend of November 12 to 13. Envelopes will be distributed the weekend of November 5 to 6.

This fund does more than just support our priests in their retirement years; it represents a very tangible gesture of thanks for the blessings we have received. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

PARKING BLOCKAGE

We kindly ask all parishioners to be aware when they are parking their cars in the parking lot; not to double park on a designated one car spot. People may have to leave in case of an emergency and it is also a safety hazard.

Thank you.

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

If you are a new parishioner of Annunciation Parish we offer you a warm welcome. Please take the time to register and receive your personal box of Sunday Offering Envelopes. You can register by visiting the parish office during normal business hours. We're glad you're here!



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Altar Server Committee Meeting

Monday, November 7th at 7:00PM in the St. Pius X Room.

Altar Servers Annual Meeting

Saturday, November 12th at 11:00AM-3:00PM in the Parish Hall.



Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions

November 6th to November 12th

In loving memory of
Anna Tsang,
Parents Tsang Sum Fook and Ip Wai Fong,
Brother Yiu Wing Tsang,
Auntie Yu and Wong Wong.
Requested by Yiu Lam Tsang.

SCHOOL ROSARY THE APOSTOLATES

School Rosary Apostolates have asked us to put an announcement on the bulletin:

They are looking for volunteers who love Mother Mary and are willing to go into Catholic Schools and pray the Rosary with the students. Training will be provided. If interested, please contact:

Elva at 416 447 1157 or Olga at 416 446 2969

CONFIRMATION VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

Students who have yet to sign up for their Confirmation Volunteer Position is asked to e-mail the Confirmation Coordinator at:

bvmconfirmation@gmail.com.

REQUESTING A REFERENCE LETTER

If you would like to have a Pastoral Reference 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.

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