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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

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| 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 the priest. A Marriage Preparation Course is required. If either party has been previously married, permission to proceed must be obtained from the Archdiocese of Toronto—Chancery Office.

**CARE of the SICK:** Visitation and/or Communion for the sick upon request.

**LEGION OF MARY - Prayer group:** Saturday Mornings at 10:00am.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** Call 416-657-2989 for assistance.

## PARISH SCHOOLS

|                                 |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Our Lady of Wisdom School       | 416-393-5273 |
| Annunciation School             | 416-393-5299 |
| St. Isaac Jogues School         | 416-393-5315 |
| Senator O'Connor College School | 416-393-5505 |

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*"Your redemption is drawing near."*

### PRAY WITH THE SAINTS



**Thursday, December 3rd** is the *Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest.*

Join us in prayer in communion with St. Francis Xavier and all saints in Heaven at the 8:00am and 12:30pm Masses on weekdays, and 9:00am on Saturday.

### SEASON OF ADVENT

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation. During Advent, each Sunday's Gospel reading has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selection from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of the season.

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*First Candle (purple) - The Prophecy Candle or the Candle of Hope.*

We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God.

#### USE OF INCENSE AT CHRISTMAS MASSES



A courtesy message to parishioners who are sensitive to burning incense:

Incense will be used at the 9:00PM and 12:00 Midnight Masses on Christmas Eve, and at the 11:00AM Mass on Christmas Day. Incense will not be used at the 6:00PM Mass on Christmas Eve, and the 9:30AM and 12:30PM Masses on Christmas Day.



PREPARE HIM ROOM  
*Celebrating the birth of Jesus*



## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday Dec. 21st — Wednesday Dec. 23rd 2015**  
Daily Masses at 8:00AM & 12:30PM

**Thursday, December 24th, 2015**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**

Masses at 6:00PM, 9:00PM, & 12:00 Midnight  
Parish Office Closed

**Friday, December 25th, 2015**  
**CHRISTMAS DAY**

Masses at 9:30AM, 11:00AM, & 12:30PM  
Parish Office Closed

**Saturday, December 26th, 2015**

Daily Mass at 9:00AM  
Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00PM  
Parish Office Closed

**Sunday, December 27th, 2015**  
**Feast of the Holy Family**

Sunday Obligation Masses at  
8:00AM, 9:30AM, 11:00AM, 12:30PM, 7:00PM

**Monday Dec. 28th—Wednesday, Dec. 30th, 2015**

Daily Mass at 9:00AM  
Parish Office Closed

**NEW YEAR'S EVE : Thursday, Dec. 31st, 2015**  
**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

Masses at 5:00PM & 7:00PM  
Parish Office Closed

**NEW YEAR'S DAY: Friday, January 1st, 2016**  
**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

Masses at 9:30AM, 11:00AM & 12:30PM

Regular mass schedule and office hours resume on  
January 2nd, 2016

#### CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

**Advent Penitential Service: Mon. Dec. 21st**  
**at 7:00 PM**

*There will be many priests available to hear individual confessions on this evening following the service.*

**Day of Confession: Mon. Dec. 14th**

8:30AM—10AM, 2PM—4PM & 6PM— 8PM  
*Priests will be available to hear confessions during these times.*

## ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PROJECT HOPE—REFUGEE FAMILY SPONSORSHIP

A group of our parishioners have committed to resettling a Syrian Refugee Family within our community. This Family would be sponsored by Project Hope to which our parishioners have contributed almost \$40,000. Those who are interested in volunteering to serve on the Sponsorship Committee or in volunteering to assist the committee in the family's resettlement are asked to give their name, phone number and e-mail address to the parish office. Those who volunteer will be invited to an information evening in the near future. There is no financial commitment required of volunteers.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATE SELECTION

A reminder to parents of children who are already registered for First Holy Communion: please visit the foyer after Mass on the Weekends of December 12-13 and December 19-20, to select the date and time when your child will be receiving First Holy Communion.

**Important note: it is a first come first serve basis!**

### PARISH SCHOOLS' ADVENT MASS

Our parish's elementary schools (Our Lady of Wisdom, St. Isaac Jogues and Annunciation) will gather together to prepare for Advent with a Mass on Monday, November 30th at 7:00PM at Annunciation Church.

### FINAL REMINDER: COME AND PICK UP YOUR 2016 SUNDAY ENVELOPES THIS WEEKEND

This is the last weekend that the 2016 Sunday Envelopes will be available before and after all Masses in the Parish Hall. Regular users will find a box with their name and address marked on the top. If you are not yet using envelopes, we encourage you to register and pick up a box before or after Mass. Envelopes may also be picked up from the Parish Office. Envelope users are the major supporters of Annunciation Parish. We depend on your generosity.

### THANK YOU ANNUNCIATION PARISHIONERS! SHEPHERD'S TRUST COLLECTION

To date, the Shepherd's Trust Collection total is \$14,972.95. Thank you for your generosity to our retired priests.

### CAMPAIGN LIFE CHRISTMAS CAKES

Campaign Life Christmas Fruit Cakes are available after all Masses on December 5th—6th and December 12th—13th. All proceeds go to support the Pro-Life Cause. Thank you for your support.

### CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

On the behalf of the Good Shepherd Ministries, we would like to extend our thanks to all the parishioners who have contributed to this year's food drive. A special thanks goes out to all those who helped to sort the goods after mass last Sunday. Your generous donations will allow the Good Shepherd Centre to continue their work to help those in need.



## Memorial Lamps & Special Intention

November 29— December 5

*Our lamps are lit:*

*In loving memory of our parents Alexander L.  
and Teresita C. Ng.*

*From all your children, grandchildren and great  
grandchildren.*

*In loving memory of Eddie Keung.  
Requested by: wife, children and grandchildren.*

*In loving memory of Martha Nguyen Thi Long, Peter  
Nguyen Noi, Martha Le Thi Nho,  
and Paul Nguyen Van Binh.*

*Requested by: Phil and Kim Nguyen.*

*Wilfred MacDonald entered into eternal rest on the  
29th of November 2008.*

*Lovingly remembered by his wife, children and  
grandchildren.*

*In loving memory of Antonio Furia.  
Requested by Iolanda Furia (wife), Dino and Gabe  
(sons), Angela and Fotini (daughters-in-law),  
Daniella, Antonio, Gabriele, Bicolos, Mia and Luca  
(grandchildren).*

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