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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 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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*"Keep alert, for you do not know when the master of the house will come."*

## YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

Pope Francis announced that 2015 will be a year dedicated to the promotion of consecrated life, and is asking the church's religious sisters, brothers and priests to "wake up the world" with their testimony of faith, holiness and hope.

**The Year of Consecrated Life will officially begin on November 30th 2014**, the first Sunday of Advent, having been preceded by a prayer vigil on Saturday, November 29th. The Year will finish on February 2nd, 2016, the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. During these 14 months celebrations and diverse meetings will take place with the objective of highlighting the various dimensions of consecrated life.

## SEASON OF ADVENT

Today is the first week of advent. Advent has 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 the 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 the messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

### The Meaning of the Advent Wreath

The Advent Wreath is a Christian tradition that symbolizes the passages of the 4 weeks of Advent. It is a circular candle holder that typically holds 4 (or 5) candles. During the season of Advent, 1 candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday until all the candles are lit on Christmas Day. Each candle represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.



The First Week of Advent

The First Candle (purple)

The Prophecy Candle or Candle of Hope.

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

Our hope comes from God.

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday, December 22, 2014**

Daily Masses at 8:00AM & 12:30PM

**Tuesday, December 23, 2014**

Daily Masses at 8:00AM & 12:30PM

**Wednesday, December 24th, 2014**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

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

**Thursday, December 25th, 2014**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

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

**Friday, December 26th, 2014**

Mass at 9:00AM only  
Parish Office Closed

**Saturday, December 27th, 2014**

Daily Mass at 9:00AM  
Confessions at 9:30AM & 4:00PM  
Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00PM  
Office Hours: 11:00AM to 4:30PM

**Sunday, December 28th, 2014**

**Feast of the Holy Family**

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

**Monday, December 29th**

Daily Mass at 9:00AM  
Office Closed

**Tuesday, December 30th 2014**

Daily Mass at 9:00AM  
Office Closed

**NEW YEAR'S EVE : Wednesday, Dec. 31st, 2014**

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

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

**NEW YEAR'S DAY: Thursday, January 1st, 2015**

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

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

**FIRST FRIDAY, January 2nd, 2015**

Daily Mass at 8:00AM followed by Exposition  
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 12:15PM  
Daily Mass at 12:30PM

## INSIDE Annunciation Church:

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

As to date, the Shepherd's Trust Collection total is \$18,131.25. Thank you Annunciation Parishioners for your enormous generosity to our retired priests.

### **CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT CEREMONY**

This weekend, the Confirmation Ceremony takes place at the following masses: Saturday Vigil 5:00PM, Sunday 11:00AM, 12:30PM and 7:00PM. Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

### **CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE *This Weekend***

The Christmas Food Drive takes place this weekend, hosted by the 18-35 Group for the Good Shepherd Ministries. Your non-perishable donations is greatly appreciated. If you are interested to help with the sorting of goods, you are welcomed to join us after the Sunday 7:00pm Mass.

### **FINAL REMINDER: COME AND PICKUP YOUR 2015 OFFERATORY ENVELOPE THIS WEEKEND!**

Please drop by the Parish Hall after Mass if you have not yet picked up your 2015 Offering Envelopes. If you are not yet using envelopes, you're welcomed to register and pick up a box before or after Mass. Thank You!

### **CWL CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE**

The CWL Council's Annual Christmas Bake Sale takes place next weekend, December 6th—7th. The sale will be held before and after the 5:00PM Mass on December 6th. On December 7th, the sale will be held after the 8:00AM Mass and before and after the remaining morning masses. There will be no sale at the 7:00PM Sunday Mass. Proceeds are used to fund our charitable endeavours. Come and lend your support.

### **PARISH SCHOOLS' ADVENT MASS**

Our elementary parish schools (Annunciation, St. Isaac Jogues & Our Lady of Wisdom) gather together to prepare for Advent with Mass on Tuesday, December 2nd, 7:00pm at Annunciation Church.

## *Annunciation Parish* **ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE**

### **Followed by Individual Confessions**

**Monday, December 15th 2014  
7:00 PM**

*There will be many priests available  
to hear confessions on this evening.*

### **DAY OF CONFESSION**

Wednesday, December 10th 2014

Priests are available to hear confessions  
during these times:

8:30AM—10:00AM, 1:00PM—3:00PM,  
6:00PM—8:00PM



## **Memorial Lamps & Special Intention**

30 November— 06 December

*Our lamps are lit:*

*To the memory of Wilfred MacDonald,  
loving husband, father and grandfather. Rest in peace.  
Your loving wife, Patricia.*

*In loving memory of Eddie Keung Sr.  
Requested by your family.*

*In loving memory of Edward McLeod.  
A loving husband, father and grandfather, who went to his  
eternal rest on December 2nd, 1994, 20 years ago.  
God saw you getting tired when a cure was not to be, so He  
puts his arms around you and whispered to me.  
Close to our hearts, you will always stay, loved, and  
remembered everyday.  
Requested by your loving wife, Daphne, daughter, Sharon,  
son, Nigel, daughter-in-law, Milena, and grand children,  
Roman and Ava McLeod.*

*In loving memory of Antonio Furia. We miss you.  
Requested by Yolanda Furia, sons: Bernardino & Gabriele,  
daughters-in-law: Angela & Fotini, and grand children:  
Daniella, Antonio, Gabriele, Nicolas, Mia & Luca.*

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