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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.

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"The tax collector went home justified; not so the Pharisee ."

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS

Friday, October 28th is *Feast of St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles*

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.

CONFIRMATION VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

This weekend is the last opportunity for students enrolled in the Confirmation program to sign up for their volunteer positions after mass in the foyer. Those who have not yet signed up for positions by the end of this weekend must e-mail the Confirmation Coordinator at:

bvmconfirmation@gmail.com.

What is hope?

Hope is the power by which we firmly and constantly long for what we were placed on earth to do: to praise God and to serve him; and for our true happiness, which is finding our fulfillment in God; and for our final home: in God. Hope is trusting in what God has promised us in creation, in the prophets, but especially in Jesus Christ, even though we do nor yet see it. God's Holy Spirit is given to us so that we can patiently hope for the Truth.

What is charity?

Charity is the power by which we, who have been loved first by God, can give ourselves to God so as to be united with him and can accept our neighbor for God's sake as unconditionally and sincerely as we accept ourselves. Jesus places love above all laws, without however abolishing the latter. Therefore St. Augustine rightly says, "Love, and do what you will." Which is not at all as easy as it sounds. That is why charity, love, is the greatest virtue, the energy that inspires all the other virtues and fills them with divine life.

Why are faith, hope and charity virtues?

Faith, hope and charity, too, are genuine powers — bestowed by God, of course — that a person can develop and consolidate with the grace of God so as to obtain "the abundant life".

- Source: Youcat

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF HURRICANE MATTHEW — HAITI EMERGENCY

The Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting financial contributions for humanitarian relief following the devastation caused by Hurricane Matthew in Haiti on October 4, 2016. In the face of widespread damage, flooding and landslides, more than 1.4 million people are in need of assistance, with 750,00 people identified as in serious need. More than 1,000 people have been reported dead so far, while the risk of cholera and other disease is growing. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) have launched a joint emergency appeal to all Catholics and all Canadians, asking them to be in solidarity with those affected by Hurricane Matthew.

In partnership with *Caritas Haiti* and USA sister organization Catholic Relief Services, funds will:

- Provide supplies for those who lost everything and to reduce the risk of spreading preventable disease
- Provide basic supplied to those whose homes were destroyed
- Help distribute food, sanitation and supply kits
- Aid in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture to conduct an inventory of agricultural losses.

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 our parish, making cheques payable to: Annunciation Parish — Haiti Emergency

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 Haiti

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED



Please remember in your prayers all those parishioners who have gone to their rest in Christ, particularly we remember those who have died recently:

Leo Lavasseur



ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE COME AND SEE WEEKEND NOVEMBER 4TH TO 6TH AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY

Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest.

Please contact the Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997; or email: vocations@archtoronto.org

CALLING ALL CHOIR MEMBERS

We have always had an outstanding music program at Annunciation Parish. **New members are most welcome!** No prior musical training required. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in joining one of our choirs.

The **Children's Choir** rehearses on Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:30PM

The **Adult Choir** rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:00PM

The **Evening Choir** rehearses on Sundays at 6:00-7:00PM.

THIRD ANNUAL MASS ATTENDANCE HEAD COUNT

Archdiocese of Toronto

This year, parishes are asked to conduct a parishioner attendance count on the weekends of October 15/16 and October 22/23. The count includes all Sunday Vigil and Sunday Masses, and Holy Communion visits to house bound parishioners or those in retirement or care facilities.

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!



SCHOOL MASS ANNOUNCEMENT



There is a school mass on **Monday, October 24th** at **1:15AM** for the
Annunciation, Our Lady of Wisdom and St.
Isaac Jogues students. We hope to see you
come celebrate the Eucharist with us!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Refugee Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 25 at 6:45-8:00PM in the St. Pius X room.

OCTOBER IS WORLD MISSION MONTH

Today, for *World Mission Sunday,* along with Catholics throughout the world, we are called to offer our prayers and generous financial support, through the Propagation of the Faith, for the worldwide mission of Jesus. Your gift on *World Mission Sunday* helps:

- People in remote villages, towns and cities through the witness and work of missionaries and local priests.
- Children, the elderly, refugees, the sick and orphans through the service of Religious Sisters and Brothers.
- To bring the Gospel to the poorest of our human family
- Catechists proclaim the message of hope and peace that only Christ can give.

Please offer prayer for the work of the Church in the missions today — the Pacific Islands, Latin America, Africa and Asia. And please be as generous as you can today, for *World Mission Sunday*.

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION



This weekend we will be taking up our monthly Building Fund Collection. Thank you for your continuous generosity.

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