# 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 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 HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

**Universal:** ~ Families in Difficulty ~ That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

**Evangelization**: ~ *Persecuted Christians* ~ That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the church.

#### **SHARELIFE**

#### Working wonders for those in our community...

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Sunday March 13, 2016 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously. You can work wonders!

# WORLD DAY OF PRAYER MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>

The World Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Friday in March. It is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically and recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of the times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, our country and our community. This day is celebrated in approximately 165 countries around the word.

#### HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE 2016

# Sunday, March 20th PALM SUNDAY

Masses: 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil Mass—March 19th), 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM, & 7:00 PM

#### Monday, March 21st

Masses at 8:00 AM & 12:30 PM

Penance Service & Individual Confessions at 7:00 PM

#### Tuesday, March 22nd & Wednesday, March 23rd

Masses at 8:00 AM & 12:30 PM

# Thursday, March 24th HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper—8:00 PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight
Parish Office Hours: 8:30 AM—12:00 Noon

# Friday, March 25th GOOD FRIDAY

Celebration of the Lord's Passion—1:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion—3:00 PM Stations of the Cross—7:00 PM Parish Office Closed

#### Saturday, March 26th HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil Mass—8:00 PM Parish Office Closed

# Sunday, March 27th EASTER SUNDAY

Masses at 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM (No 7:00PM Mass)

#### Monday, March 28th EASTER MONDAY

Mass at 9:00AM ONLY Parish Office Closed

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

# EVERY FRIDAY AT ANNUNCIATION PARISH @ 7:00PM



Join us as we walk with Jesus from death to new life. Make this traditional Lenten prayer part of your personal Lenten program.

# ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### SENIOR MEN'S HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

Young men, grades 10, 11 and 12, are invited for a retreat on Saturday, March 12, 2016—9:00AM to 5:00PM at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough)

Registration deadline is Friday, March 4, 2016.

#### **DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH EVENTS**

#### **Calling All Girls Event**

Mother and Daughters in High School and University are invited to a special event on Friday March 18th from 7:00PM to 10:00PM at Markland Wood Golf Club (245 Markland Dr., Toronto).

#### **Catholic Women's Conference**

Saturday, March 19th from 8:30AM to 5:00PM at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre (44300 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga).

For more information about these two inspirational events, please visit: www.dynamicwomenfaith.com.

#### **BUILDING FUND COLLECTION**

This weekend, we take up the monthly Building Fund Collection. Thank you for your continuous support.



# Memorial Lamps & Special Intention

February 28th—March 6th

Our lamps are lit:

In loving memory of Jeremias Oliveira. You are always in our hearts. Requested by: the Oliveira family.

In gratitude for the life of Judy Tersigni.
Judy lived her life in peace, serenity and love.
Her dedication to her family and to her church reflect the mercy and compassion of Jesus.

May she rest in peace. Requested by: Gerry and Irene Devlin.

In loving memory of my husband Robert Purdy.
Remembered with love.
Requested by: Kay Purdy.

# A REMINDER TO CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: THIRD CONFIRMATION SESSIONS



#### **Grade 8s Third Session:**

February 29th and March 1st at 7:00PM.

#### **Grade 7s Third Session:**

March 7th and 8th at 7:00PM.

All sessions take place in the Parish Hall. Please attend only on the day you have chosen (Monday or Tuesday).

#### PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



We pray for the all those parishioners who have gone to their rest in Christ, particularly those who died recently: *Judy Tersigni*.

#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER—ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Annunciation Catholic Women's League is inviting all parishioners to the World Day of Prayer Service on Friday, March 4th at 2:00PM at Parkwoods United Church (85 Parkwoods Village Drive).
Refreshments to follow.

#### **NO FLOWERS PLEASE!**

Please note that during Lent, there are no flowers or decorations displayed in the Church. We kindly ask you to not place flowers in the Church (i.e., by the foot of the statues).

#### **CONFESSIONS FOR EASTER**

#### **LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE:**

Monday, March 21st at 7:00PM Followed by Individual Confessions. There will be many priests available to hear confessions on this evening.

#### **DAY OF CONFESSION:**

Monday, March 7th 8:30AM—10AM, 2PM—4PM, & 6PM—8PM A priest will be available to hear confessions during these times.

#### FRIDAY ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

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