

# ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday	10:00am-12:00pm, 1:00pm-8:00pm
Tuesday	10:00am-12:00pm, 1:00pm-4:00pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday-Friday	10:00am-12:00pm, 1:00pm-4:00pm
Saturday, Sunday, Public Holiday	Closed

*The Church opens 50 minutes before each Mass*

## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday	Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday	8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00noon, 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 (at other times by appointment)
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## BAPTISMS

Parents themselves should pick up and return a completed Baptism Information Form to the parish office at least 6 months in advance of the anticipated baptismal date. An interview with a parish priest is required. Parents of children to be baptized should be registered members of our Parish Community. Attendance at a Baptismal 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.

## SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Call 647-499-5594 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

**ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
PARISH, TORONTO, ONTARIO**

*“Destroy this temple,  
and in three days I will raise it up.”*

**YEAR OF PRAYER**

On January 21th, 2024, Pope Francis inaugurated a Year of Prayer ahead of the [2025 Jubilee](#), calling on the faithful “to pray more fervently to prepare ourselves to live properly this grace-filled event and to experience the power of hope in God.”

[The Year of Prayer](#), the Holy Father explained, is dedicated “to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world.”

Some of the common Catholic Prayers are The Nicene Creed, The Apostle Creed, The Our Father, The Hail Mary, The Glory Be (The Doxology), The Hail Holy Queen (The Salve Regina), Prayer to St. Michael, and a common grace before meals. To access this prayers, please visit: <https://bit.ly/common-catholic-prayers>

To read more about the Year of Prayer, please visit: <https://bit.ly/year-of-prayer>

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT**



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

**Every Friday at Annunciation Parish at 7:00PM**

**COME AND SEE WEEKEND RETREAT  
ST. AUGUSTINE SEMINARY  
March 15th to March 17th**

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine’s Seminary on Friday, March 15th at 6:30pm until Sunday, March 17th at 2pm. This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary.

Please note that registration must be done online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee).

For more information, please contact us at: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**Third Sunday of**



**THE HOLY FATHER’S INTENTIONS  
FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH**

*For the new martyrs ~ We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various part of the world inflame in Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.*



**SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN 2024**

*You bring love and hope to young mothers  
through ShareLife*

Many young women who are unexpectedly pregnant don’t know where to turn for help. Through your support for ShareLife, our agencies ensure they have the resources they need to keep their education on track, provide their babies a healthy start, and create a bright future.

“I have no words to describe what it means to be a recipient of your generosity,” shares Arielle, a grateful young mother you support through Vita Centre. “I have a better mental state now. I know that my baby is healthy because of it, too.”

ShareLife Sunday is March 17th. ShareLife has set our parish goal for this year’s campaign at \$95,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate)

**DOMINICAN FRIARS YOUTH INTERFAITH  
VIDEO CONTEST 2024**

*February 5th to April 15th*

Dominican Friars Youth Interfaith Video Contest 2024 runs from February 5th to April 15th, 2024 with a theme: “This is a time when the world needs more love and compassion than ever.” High school students (ages 13–19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the United Nations International Human Fraternity Day on February 4 every year. Students are encouraged to make a three-minute video encapsulating the theme. They are encouraged to follow the guiding rules provided on the Catholic Register website and submit their entries by filling the details on the submission form at <https://www.catholicregister.org/videocontest>

CONTACT: [interreligious@archtoronto.org](mailto:interreligious@archtoronto.org) or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527

**FRIDAY ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT**  
**Solidarity in Faith—Solidarity in Sacrifice**

## ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

*Sunday, March 10th*



Please remember to turn your clocks forward one hour before heading off to bed next Saturday, March 9th.

### DAY OF CONFESSIONS

*Monday, March 11th*



We will hold a Day of Confessions on Monday, March 11th in preparation of Easter. There will be a priest available to hear your confession at 8:30AM to 10AM, at 2PM to 4PM, and at 6PM to 8PM.

### CONFIRMATION SESSIONS 3

A reminder to registered Confirmation candidates:



#### **3rd Confirmation Session:**

Monday, March 4th and Wednesday, March 6th at 7:00PM-9:15PM

All sessions will take place in the Parish Hall. Please attend only on the day you have chosen.

### NEWEST CATHOLIC MEMBERS



The following children were recently welcomed into our worshipping community through the Sacrament of Baptism:

**William George Owen-Hicks,  
Uloaku Arinze, Aidan Charles Smith**

Please keep these children and their parents in your prayers.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETING



As parents are the first teachers of their children in matters of faith, the parents of children making their First Holy Communion in Annunciation Parish are expected to attend the three mandatory preparatory meetings. A reminder for parents whose child is registered for this year's sacrament, the second preparatory meeting to be held in Parish Hall on **Tuesday, March 5th at 7:00PM.**

### 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). Thank you.

### PRE-AUTHORIZE GIVING PLAN (PAG)

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG) to assist you in your support of the work of the parish through your regular parish offerings.

The work of our parish is made possible through the giving hearts of our parishioners. In response to the pandemic, changing lifestyles and demands on time and energy, the Archdiocese of Toronto seeks, through the Pre-Authorized Giving Plan to assist you in your giving.

#### *Advantages for the donor:*

- Convenience. Your offering is received automatically every month.
- Continual support of your parish when you are away.

#### *Advantages for the Parish:*

- Allows the parish to plan better through regular and dependable flow of contributions.
- Reduction of paperwork and bookkeeping.

If you wish to contribute through the Pre-Authorize Giving Plan (PAG), please contact the parish office at 416-445-1760 or [parish@bvmtoronto.com](mailto:parish@bvmtoronto.com)



## Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions

March 2—March 9

In loving memory of  
**my parents Mr and Mrs S. F. George Tsang,  
brother Arthur Yiu Wing Tsang, sister Anna  
Tsang and Helper Ah Yue.**

Requested by Mr Y. L. Tsang and his wife Tammy Tam, Agnes Tsang and her husband Bryan Lee, Alan Tsang and his wife Jasmine Kwan





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