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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 School416-393-5273Annunciation School416-393-5299St. Isaac Jogues School416-393-5315Senator O'Connor College School416-393-5505

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OUR PARISH TOTAL TO DATE: \$38,653.38

Next ShareLife Sunday—April 12, 2015
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Statement from Cardinal Thomas Collins Re: Ontario Health & Physical Education Curriculum

"As Catholics, we understand that parents are the primary educators of their children, and that especially in the teaching of family life issues, the parental role is vital.

For more than 30 years, Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools have provided a family life curriculum consistent with our faith. The goal is to present a Catholic view of human life, sexuality, marriage and family, complementing the efforts of parents to teach their children at home.

While Catholic schools have a responsibility to follow the curriculum set out by the Ministry of Education, they have always sought to do so in a way that conveys, respects and models Catholic Christian principles to our students. They will continue this tradition.

A group of Catholic educators will provide resources that support Catholic teachers so that the new curriculum is implemented in a way that is consistent with our Catholic teachings and appropriate within the context of a Catholic classroom."

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE 2015

Sunday, March 29th PALM SUNDAY

Masses: 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil Mass—March 28th), 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM, & 7:00 PM

Monday, March 30th

Masses at 8:00 AM & 12:30 PM

Penance Service & Individual Confessions at 7:00 PM

Tuesday, March 31th & Wednesday, April 1st

Masses at 8:00 AM & 12:30 PM

Thursday, April 2nd 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, April 3rd 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, April 4th HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil Mass—8:00 PM (No 9:00 AM & 5:00 PM Masses & No Confession) Parish Office Closed

Sunday, April 5th EASTER SUNDAY

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

Monday, April 6th 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.

INSIDE Annunciation Church:

During this Lenten season, let us remind ourselves of the importance of individual prayer and reflection as we prepare ourselves for Easter.

(Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

#534— What is prayer?

Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God, or the petition of good things from him in accord with his will. It is always the gift of God who comes to encounter man. Christian prayer is the personal and living relationship of the children of God with their Father who is infinitely good, with his Son Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit who dwells in their hearts.

#562—How is Christian prayer Marian?

Because of her singular cooperation in the action of the Holy Spirit, the Church loves to pray to Mary and with Mary, the perfect "pray-er", and to "magnify" and invoke the Lord with her. Mary in effect shows us the "Way" who is her Son, the one and only Mediator.

LENTEN CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS

How do I communicate the faith I live to someone who has no clue about it? What are the essentials to share with those who might become believers if someone told them about Jesus? These essentials are so-called "Kerygma" - the term originating from the Greek word "keryssein" meaning "to proclaim". We read in the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians: "For since, in the wisdom of God, the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of proclamation to save those who believe" (1 Corinthians 1:21). This is similar to the New Evangelization, to which we are called by subsequent Pontiffs, and most recently by Pope Francis. This year's Lenten Talks are based the Four Principles of Spiritual Life: God's Love, Separation by sin, God's provision and personal reception of Jesus Christ. These simple steps unlock relevant answers to our lives and welcome us again to be evangelized and to evangelize.

Date and Time: Wednesday March 18th and 25th from 7:30-9:00PM in the Parish Hall.

Topics include:

- Why bad things happen to good people?
- Does Christian forgiveness pay for itself?

ALL ARE WELCOME!

A REMINDER TO CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: FOURTH CONFIRMATION SESSIONS



Monday's Fourth Session: March 9th at 7:00PM

Tuesday's Fourth Session: March 10th at 7:00PM

Please only attend on the day you have chosen. Please remember to bring your Letter to the Pastor, Letter to the Sponsor and completed Volunteer Hours.

PAULINE BOOKS & MEDIA FAIR

You are warmly invited to come to the Pauline Book & Media Fair that will be held at our Church **this weekend** before and after all Masses. There will be an extensive selection of Catholic Bibles, books, CDs and DVDs for all ages. You are certain to find something inspiring for yourself or others.

SENIORS CLUB

Our next meeting will be on March 17th at 10:00AM. A Taoist Tai Chi demonstration by Jane Sigen is on the program. Come out, enjoy, participate. This will be followed by a Sing-a-long of Irish Melodies (time permitting) with coffee and cake to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Please wear something GREEN and comfortable shoes and clothing.

UPCOMING MEETING

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Thursday, March 12th at 7:00PM in the St. Pius X room.

Prepare for Easter with a Good Confession

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

FOLLOWED BY INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

Monday, March 30th, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

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

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