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Feast of the Holy Family

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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TORONTO, ONTARIO.

"The child grew, filled with wisdom."

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS

Monday, January 1st is the *Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God*

Tuesday, January 2nd is the *Memorial of St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen Bishops, Doctors*

Join us in prayer in communion with these great saints and all the saints in Heaven.



THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Evangelization: ~ Religious Minorities in Asia ~ That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

WORLD DAY OF PEACE JANUARY 1

The World Day of Peace was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968 who asked that *"every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come."* Each year has a specific theme, chosen by the Holy Father.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Did you know that Annunciation parishioners provide nourishing, home cooked meals for the Good Shepherd Centre? If you are willing to make a frozen casserole dish, please contact the parish office. We will provide aluminum pans and recipes to follow. Just deliver your frozen dish to the parish office and we will store it until pick-up.

MASS CARDS AND MORE

You may arrange to have a mass celebrated for a living and deceased person or for a special intention by visiting the parish office. The stipend is \$10.00.

Please note Annunciation Parish does not provide announced masses

New Year Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 30th

Daily Mass at 9:00am

(Parish Office Closed)

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 30th — Mass at 5:00pm

(No Confessions & Parish Office Closed)

Sunday, December 31st — Mass at 8:00am,
9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm

New Year's Eve to Sunday, December 31st

Mass at 5:00pm & 7:00pm

New Year's Day to Monday, January 1st

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass at 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm

(Parish Office Closed)

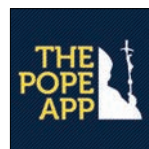
FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING AWARD

It is time once again for the Friars' Student Writing Award. Students aged 14-18 are invited to write a five hundred-word essay on the Scripture passage **Exodus 15:1-21** and should respond to the question: ***Just as the Israelites sought deliverance from enslavement, in contemporary society the dignity of all people is threatened by new enslavements to poverty, violence, injustice and addictions. In what ways can Christians of all denominations work together to stave off these assaults to human dignity? Explain.***

First prize is an iPad Pro (128GB).

Deadline for entries is **Monday January 8, 2018**

For more information call: (416) 934-3400 ext. 344



QUOTE FROM POPE FRANCIS

"Go out to meet Jesus, spend time with him in prayer and entrust your whole life to his merciful love."

"All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of our God."

Source: Ordo Liturgical Calendar for Pastoral Liturgy



ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING MEETINGS

CWL Executive Meeting

Thursday, January 4 at 1:00PM-3:00PM in the St. Pius X Room.

CWL APPRECIATION



Our CWL Council wishes to say a sincere thank you to all those wonderful people who baked and/or bought at our pre Christmas Bake Sale. The sale was a great success and, once more, we realize what a generous group of parishioners we have.

God bless you on and all!

CONFIRMATION SESSIONS BEGIN

A reminder to Grade 7 confirmation candidates: Confirmation Sessions will begin in January.

Grade 7 First Session:

Monday, January 8th & Thursday, January 11th at 7:00PM

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETING Wednesday January 17th at 7:30PM

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 three preparatory meetings. A reminder that the first preparatory meeting to be held in Parish Hall on Wednesday January 17th at 7:30PM.

HAVE YOU MOVED?



If you have moved, please inform the Parish Office of your new contact information either by emailing us at parish@bvmtoronto.com or drop by the Parish Office and fill out a Change in Address form. It is important that the parish have your current information for income tax purposes, as well to ensure our database is up-to-date.

2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

A reminder: 2018 Sunday Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up at the Welcome Desk or in the Parish Office. If you are not yet using envelopes, we encourage you to register and pick up a box before or after Mass. Envelop users are the major supporters of Annunciation Parish. We depend on your generosity. Thank You!

All donations received up to and including December 31st, 2017 will be included in your 2017 tax receipt.

IS GOD CALLING YOU

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Mary treasured all that God had done for her, and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God's gifts and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or permanent deacon, *contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org*

GIFTS OF SECURITIES

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For more information, please contact the Archdiocese of Toronto at (416) 934-3411 or email development@archtoronto.org.



Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions

*December 31st to
January 6th*

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