

# 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 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 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.

**SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL** Call 416-657-2989 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

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*"Jesus was tempted by Satan;  
and the Angels waited on him.*

**SEASON OF LENT**

***What is the significance of the 40 weekdays before Easter?***

The 40 days of Lent, which precedes Easter is based on two Biblical accounts: the 40 years of wilderness wandering by the Israelites and our Lord's 40 days in the wilderness at which point He was tempted by Satan.

Each year the Church observes Lent where we, like Israel and our Lord, are tested. We participate in abstinence, times of fasting, confession and acts of mercy to strengthen our faith and devotional disciplines. The goal of every Christian is to leave Lent a stronger and more vital person of faith than when we entered.

***What is the difference between Lenten fasting and Lenten abstinence?***

Lenten abstinence refers to abstaining from eating meat and Lenten fasting means limiting all food on a particular day.

***Do we fast or abstain on Sundays during Lent?***

No, because every Sunday is a little Resurrection since Jesus rose on the first day of the Week.

***Why is Lent 40 days long?***

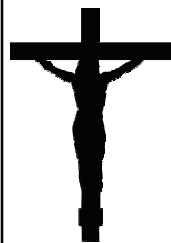
Lent is 40 days long because Moses stayed on the mountain for forty days with the Lord (Exodus 24:18), Elijah traveled forty days to Horeb to encounter the Lord (Kings 19:8) and Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness praying and fasting (Matthew 4:2)

***When does Lent end?***

Lent officially ends on Holy Thursday. That is when the "Triduum", great three Days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday occur leading to Easter. Easter is not only a day but an Octave (eight day) celebration leading to a Season of the Church, Easter Season, which ends on Pentecost.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**



The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation.

The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, then the individual moves to the next station until all 14 are complete.

The Stations of the Cross are commonly found in churches as a series of 14 small icons or images. They can also appear in church yards arranged along paths. The stations are most commonly prayed during Lent on Wednesdays and Fridays, and especially on Good Friday, the day of the year upon which the events actually occurred.

**PRAY WITH THE SAINTS**

**Wednesday, February 21st ...**

*is the Feast of St. Peter Damian, bishop.*

**Friday, February 23rd...**

*is the Feast of St. Polycarp, bishop & martyr.*

**CALL FOR CONSCIENCE CAMPAIGN**

Cardinal Collins and bishops across Ontario are asking for an email address from every Catholic family in their community, with a goal of 100,000 email addresses collected by the end of February 2018. This information will be used locally by Cardinal Collins and trusted faith partners to communicate periodically (approximately 6-8 times each year) on issues of particular importance for the Catholic community.

The first campaign of 2018 is the Call of Conscience, inviting our elected Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) and those seeking office this June to increase funding/access to palliative care, to protect health care workers wishing to abstain from any involvement in euthanasia/assisted suicide. The work builds on a similar campaign in 2017.

Please visit:

<http://bit.ly/SignUpSundayRegistration>

to register yourself for this initiative.

Thank you for living a faith that acts!

## ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FINANCIAL REPORT 2017

A copy of Annunciation Parish's financial statement for the year 2017 is inserted in this weekend's bulletin.

### FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY

**Monday, February 19th** is Family Day. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM only.

There will be no 8:00 AM and 12:30PM Mass.

The parish office will be closed. "Happy Family Day!"

### SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

The Grade 2 students of our parish will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the following dates:

**Annunciation School:**

Tuesday, February 20 at 7:00 PM.

**Our Lady of Wisdom School:**

Wednesday, February 21st at 7:00 PM.

**St. Isaac Jogues School:**

Thursday, February 22 at 7:00 PM.

**Public/Sunday School Children:**

are to come to First Confession on any of the dates and time listed above (Tuesday, February 20th—Thursday, February 22) at whichever evening is more convenient for the children and their family.

### PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please remember in your prayers all those parishioners who have gone to their rest in Christ, particularly those we remember who died recently: *Carmen Caguiat* and *Albert James Doherty*.

### ANNUNCIATION SENIORS GROUP

Our monthly meeting and social is on Tuesday, February 20th, 2018 at 10:00 AM, in the Parish Hall. There will be a special entertainment provided by the DCAT Chorus. Come, listen and enjoy!

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT EVERY FRIDAY AT 7:00 PM



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

### REFUGEE COMMITTEE REQUEST

Our sponsored Syrian Christian refugee family of four adults will arrive in Canada on March 12.

Please help us give them a good start by donating new or used (in good condition) household items (example: furniture, kitchen items, linens and etc.) and we will arrange to collect them from you.

***Please do not bring the items to the church.***

See the poster on the bulletin board for more details.

Email us at: [refugee.committee2018@gmail.com](mailto:refugee.committee2018@gmail.com) or call Heather (416-948-3653) or Clare (416-444-6075) to let us know how you can help. Thank you!

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC) is presenting The World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 2nd 2018, at 1:00 PM. The service will be held at St. Andrew's Anglican Church, 2333 Victoria Park Avenue at Terraview Boulevard (south of the 401). All are welcome. Refreshments will be served following the service.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

*Thursday, February 22nd at 7pm*

### Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions

*February 18 to February 25*

In loving memory of Paul Tremble, husband, father, grandfather and a friend to many.

Sadly missed and loved by all, always in our thoughts and prayers.

Requested by Helen Tremble and family, Michael and Joanne.

In loving memory of Judy Tersigni.

So deeply loved and missed.

Always in our hearts and prayers. Rest in peace.

Requested by husband Joe Tersigni and family.

Jesus kaawaan at patawarin mo po ang kaluluwa ni Crispina Mendoza. God bless my Nanay's soul.

May her soul rest in peace with you in heaven.

Amen.

With love, requested by, her adopted daughter Estela Mendoza.

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