

# 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.

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## PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady of Wisdom School	416-393-5273
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TORONTO, ONTARIO.

*"This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him."*

**10 Things to Remember for Lent**

- Remember the formula.** For Lent, the Church gives us almost a slogan—Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving—as the three things we need to work on during the Lenten season.
- It's a time of prayer.** Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.
- It's a time to fast.** With the fasts of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, meatless Fridays, and our personal disciplines interspersed, Lent is the only time many Catholics these days actually fast. Fasting is actually a form of penance, which helps us turn away from sin and toward Christ.
- It's a time to work on discipline.** The 40 days of Lent are also a good, set time to work on personal discipline in general. Instead of giving something up, it can be doing something positive. "I'm going to exercise more. I'm going to pray more. I'm going to be nicer to my family, friends and coworkers."
- It's about dying to yourself.** The more serious side of Lenten discipline is that it's about more than self-control. The suffering and death of Christ are foremost on our minds during Lent, and we join in these mysteries by suffering, dying with Christ and being resurrected in a purified form.
- Don't do too much.** It's tempting to make Lent some ambitious period of personal reinvention, but it's best to keep it simple and focused. There's a reason the Church works on these mysteries year after year. We spend our entire lives growing closer to God. Don't try to cram it all in one Lent. That's a recipe for failure.
- Lent reminds us of our weakness.** Lent shows us our weakness. This can be painful, but recognizing how helpless we are makes us seek God's help with renewed urgency and sincerity.

- Be patient with yourself.** When we're confronted with our own weakness during Lent, the temptation is to get angry and frustrated. God is calling us to be patient and to see ourselves as he does, with unconditional love.
- Reach out in charity.** As we experience weakness and suffering during Lent, we should be renewed in our compassion for those who are hungry, suffering or otherwise in need. The third part of the Lenten formula is almsgiving. It's about reaching out to others and helping them without question as a way of sharing the experience of God's unconditional love.
- Learn to love like Christ.** Giving of ourselves in the midst of our suffering and self-denial brings us closer to loving like Christ, who suffered and poured Himself out unconditionally on the cross for all of us. Lent is a journey through the desert to the foot of the cross on Good Friday, as we seek Him out, ask His help, join in His suffering, and learn to love like Him.

- Source *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*

**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!



*I am  
with you always*

## ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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 yellow 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!

### COME AND SEE WEEKEND Friday, March 23 at 6:30PM to Sunday, March 25 at 1:30PM

Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Register online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca). Registrants 17 years old require parental consent.

For more information, please contact (the Parish Priest) or the Office of Vocations at: 416-968-0997; email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS Friday, March 2nd 2018, at 1:00 PM.

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.

### 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.*

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

#### Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 27th at 7:30PM



#### NEWEST CATHOLIC MEMBERS...

The following children were recently welcomed into our worshipping community through the Sacrament of Baptism: *Elliot Acio Espenido, Adriana Isabel Lamanna, Victoria Esmeralda*

*Nieves-Ortiz, Sebastian Jacob Tabag*

Please keep these children and their parents in your prayers.

### CONFIRMATION RETREAT REMINDER Saturday, March 3 at 9:00AM to 1:00PM

A reminder to confirmation candidates: there is a Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, March 3 at 9:00AM to 1:00PM in the Parish Hall.

### 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

## Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions *February 25th to March 3rd*



*In loving memory of our father, Jeremias Oliveira.  
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*In loving memory of our mom, Lily Choi.  
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