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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

ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH,
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"Thus it is written, that the Christ is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day."

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS

Tuesday, April 17th is the Memorial of *St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin Protectress of Canada.*



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



SHARELIFE PARISH CAMPAIGN
Third Sunday of Easter: April 15th
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Scarred by an abusive childhood, Andrew became addicted to hard drugs as an early teen. His next 20 years were spent in-and-out of jail and the hospital. He finally came to St. Michael's Homes, a ShareLife-funded agency that offers a residential program for those struggling with substance abuse. Now sober and equipped with coping skills, Andrew is happy and building a new life. By supporting ShareLife, you're helping people like Andrew get their lives back on track.

OUR PARISH TOTAL TO DATE:

\$38,662.00

Thank you for your generosity.

*The second ShareLife Sunday is on:
April 22, 2018*

Please give generously.

THANK YOU TO ST. ISAAC JOGUES SCHOOL

A BIG thank you to St. Isaac Jogues school for your contribution and raising **\$281.60** for the parish ShareLife Campaign.

GOD AND THE SACRED LITURGY

What is the most profound origin of the liturgy?

The most profound origin of the liturgy is God, in whom there is an eternal, heavenly banquet of love—the joy of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Because God is love, He would like to let us participate in the feast of His joy and to grant us His blessings.

**THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD
(REJOICE AND BE GLAD) - POPE FRANCIS**

On Monday (April 9th) Pope Francis issued an exhortation to us all about the call to and the importance of holiness in our lives in today's world. Here is one very short extract from it:

"I like to contemplate the holiness present in the patience of God's people: in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile. In their daily perseverance I see the holiness of the Church militant. Very often it is a holiness found in our next-door neighbours, those who, living in our midst, reflect God's presence. We might call them "the middle class of holiness" .

This important document, which each one of us should read, can be found online at:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exultate.html

THE IMPORTANCE OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The importance of Eucharistic Adoration is shown in the fact that the Church has a ritual that regulates it: the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction. This is an extension of the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which occurs in every Mass: *"Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb."* Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church. The Rite concludes with the ordained minister blessing the faithful with the Blessed Sacrament.

What is the essence of every liturgy?

Liturgy is always the first place communion of fellowship with Jesus Christ. Jesus reveals his passage from death to life and celebrates it with us. The most important liturgy in the world was the Paschal liturgy that Jesus celebrated with his disciples in the Upper Room on the night before his death. For Jesus' death and Resurrection is the proof that someone can die and nevertheless gain life. This is the genuine substance of every Christian liturgy.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUNCIATION SENIORS SOCIAL

Tuesday, April 17th at 10AM in the Parish Hall

A representative from TransCare Community Support will make a presentation which will be of interest to everybody. This has been highly recommended...you won't want to miss it. Our usual coffee, cookies and chit-chat will follow.

Note: This would be the last opportunity to register for the upcoming trip to Niagara Falls on May 15th.

Looking forward to seeing you!

CWL FASHION SHOW

Thursday, April 19th at 1:30PM in the Parish Hall



The Spring has sprung! And it is time for our Annual Spring Fashion Show! The ladies of the CWL will model the Spring Fashions of Alia and Tan Jay. Light luncheon will be served. We invite you to join us, bring a friend and have a

fun afternoon. Pertinent information detailed below. Tickets priced at \$12.00 per person will be available in the Religious Articles Booth before and after Sunday Masses.

There will also be tickets sold at the door on the 19th of April.

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: Marcie Westover and Vincenzo Delli Benedetti.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Do you want to start the new year helping others but unsure how? 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.

UPCOMING MEETING

Women's Spirituality

Tuesday, April 17th at 1:00PM-4:00PM in the St. Pius X Room.

RCIA Meeting

Tuesday, April 17th at 7:00PM-8:30PM in the St. Pius X Room.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REMINDER



A reminder to the parents whose children are receiving their *First Holy Communion* this month.

The card must be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to the Parish

Welcome Desk at least 30 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass that the child is scheduled to receive his/her First Holy Communion.

Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions



April 8th to April 14th

*In loving memory of
Hing Kwok Chung, Shui Fong Chung,
Yu Hok, Yie Tjie Yuk Lan,
Elizabeth Chuong and Yat Lam Lo.*

April 15th to April 21st

*In loving memory of my parents Mr. S.F Tsang
George, my brother Arthur Tsang,
sister Anna Tsang and
her best friend Lau Yu and Wong Wong.
Requested by Y.L Tsang and Alan Agnes.*



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