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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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*"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life
for one's friends."*



SHARELIFE PARISH CAMPAIGN
Sixth Sunday of Easter: May 6th

Living the Gospel by caring for the elderly...

Ever since Erika had a stroke, her diminished mobility kept her from enjoying many activities. When LA Centre for Active Living planned a trip to the Garlic Festival, Erika worried her disabilities would get in the way. To Erika's delight, the ShareLife-funded agency ensured the trip was fully accessible for her. Having the most fun she's had in years, she felt like her disabilities disappeared. Last year, ShareLife-supported agencies provided care to over 6,300 seniors.

OUR PARISH TOTAL TO DATE:

73,844.81

May 27th is the next ShareLife Sunday.

Please give generously.

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER— MAY 6TH

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" - JOHN 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

**THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS
IN TODAY'S WORLD**

"Rejoice and Be Glad" (Mt 5:12), Jesus tells those persecuted or humiliated for his sake. The Lord asks everything of us, and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created. He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence. The call to holiness is present in various ways from the very first pages of the Bible. We see it expressed in the Lord's words to Abraham: *"Walk before me, and be blameless"* (Gen 17:1).



**THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR
THE MONTH OF MAY**

Evangelization: *The Mission of the Laity* ~ That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

**THE POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS COLLECTION
May 6th**

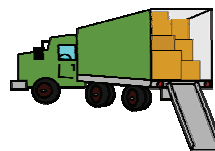
The Pope's Pastoral Works collection was established by the bishops of Canada in 1970. The Papal Charities allow the Pope to contribute to various charitable causes around the world, particularly toward aiding the victims of war, famine and natural disasters. By contributing to the Pope's Pastoral Works, the faithful of Canada gives a universal dimension to their charity.

"Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society. This demands that we be docile and attentive to the cry of the poor and to come to their aid. The old question always returns: 'How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods, and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?' (1 Jn 3.17)."

- Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 187

REQUESTING A REFERENCE LETTER

If you would like to have a Pastoral Reference Letter, please note: a pastoral reference letter may only be issued to parishioners of Annunciation Parish known personally to the Pastor. Please introduce yourself to the Pastor six months in advance by booking an appointment through the parish office.



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.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE SUNDAY May 12/13

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul will be collecting used clothes and household linens, to support the needy of our residential programs. The truck will be open on **Saturday, May 12th from 4:30PM to 6:00PM** and on **Sunday, May 13th from 7:30AM to 2:00PM** as well as from **6:30PM to 8:00PM**.

Volunteers will be there to assist with loading before and after each Mass. Please bring your donations and help others in your community.

Thank you for your clothing, shoes and linen donations **only!**



UPCOMING MEETING

Altar Server Committee Meeting

Monday, May 7th at 7:00PM in the St. Pius X Room.

Refugee Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 8th at 7:00PM in the St. Cecilia Room.

PROVINCIAL ELECTION—MEET THE CANDIDATES

Thursday, May 17th from 7:00PM-8:30PM

At St. Bonaventure parish hall, 1300 Leslie Street, (just south of Lawrence on the west side of Leslie) on Thursday, May 17th from 7:00-8:30PM there will be an opportunity to meet candidates from all parties seeking election to provincial office representing Don Valley East, West and North. Candidates will be invited to share their views on a variety of topics of interest for Catholic voters. Following the question and answer session, an opportunity will be provided to meet the candidates and ask questions individually.

MOTHER'S GROUP MEETING

Thursday May 10th at 7:00PM in the St. Pius X Room

Join us for refreshments and conversation. We would love to meet you!



MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND TEA Saturday May 12th at 5:00PM in the Parish Hall

Join the Annunciation Mother's Group in celebration of all the amazing mothers in our parish community on Saturday May 12th in the Parish Hall, following the 5:00PM Mass. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.



CWL FASHION SHOW Thursday, May 17th at 2:00PM in the Parish Hall

As many of you are aware, CWL had to cancel our April Fashion Show due to the flooding in the Parish Hall. However, our Council will not let a "little" rain cramp our STYLE! We have rescheduled this pleasuring event to Thursday May 17th. Alia & Tan Jay will supply the clothes and our CWL council will supply the models. We invite you to join us and bring a friend. We guarantee an enjoyable afternoon. Refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$12.00 per person and are available in the Religious Articles Booth before and after Sunday Mass and at the door on May 17th.

2018 THEME FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION:

May 6-11, 2018

"RENEWING THE PROMISE"

The celebration of Catholic Education Week is an ideal moment to emphasize the tremendous efforts of the six school boards and 500 publicly funded Catholic schools present in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

The 2018 theme for Catholic Education Week is "*Renewing the Promise*", inspired by the scripture passage in Act 2:39 which recounts: "*For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.*" We must work alongside our educators to ensure that students attending publicly funded Catholic schools are nurtured with the gift of faith for years to come.

Thank you for all the community foes to strengthen and nurture Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Please continue to pray for the close to 300,000 students attending publicly funded Catholic schools in our archdiocese as well as all those who faithfully guide them each day.

- Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

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