

# ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

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## Parish Priests:

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## Parish Staff:

Clarissa Adityani  
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS - DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTION

Due to the lockdown and at the direction of the Archdiocese, the parish office is CLOSED to the public until further notice.

The parish office is still accessible by phone 416-445-1760 or email at [parish@bvmtoronto.com](mailto:parish@bvmtoronto.com)

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## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday	Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday	8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00noon, 5:00pm, 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
Mass	12:30pm

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday by appointment only

## 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 is required. Parents of children to be baptized should be registered members of our Parish Community. Attendance at an online Baptismal 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.

## 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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH,  
TORONTO, ONTARIO

*"Among you stands one whom you do not know."*

### PRAY WITH THE SAINTS

**Monday, December 14** is the Memorial of  
*St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor*



### 2021 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



The 2021 Sunday Offering Envelopes are now available. If you wish to pick-up your envelope box or you prefer it to be mailed, please contact the parish office at 416-445-1760 or at [parish@bvmtoronto.com](mailto:parish@bvmtoronto.com)

### IS YOUR OFFERTORY ENVELOPE NUMBER 1800 AND ABOVE?

This year due to reorganization, a small group of parishioners, whose envelope number is 1800 and above, will be assigned a new number for 2021. Please contact the parish office and we will give you a new envelope box.

### MARRIAGE SUNDAY

Cardinal Collins has designated the weekend of February 13/14, 2021 as Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto. To celebrate the tremendous contributions of married couples who continue to strengthen our faith community, our parish is participating in a program to offer a personalized, special blessing certificate signed by Cardinal Thomas Collins to married couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2021.

**To request a special blessing certificate for milestone wedding anniversaries in 2021, please visit <https://bit.ly/2021MS-SpecialBlessing>.**

The Office of Formation for Discipleship will be processing the orders – **the deadline to order is January 17, 2021**; we will be assisting in distributing the special blessing certificate to you.

### NEWEST CATHOLIC MEMBERS



The following children were recently welcomed into our worshipping community through the Sacrament of Baptism:

**Adriyel Zoe Rosales, Zyrelle Grace Aranas, and Vianna Maxine Portilla**

Please keep these children and their parents in your prayers.

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Gaudete Sunday



#### The 3rd Candle (Rose): The Candle of Joy

The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as **Gaudete Sunday**. *Gaudete* is a Latin word which means *rejoice*. We light the rose coloured candle on our wreath as a sign of joy. We rejoice because the birthday of our Saviour is near.

*"Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again, rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."* (Philippians 4:4-7)

### SUNDAY MASS ONLINE



Annunciation Parish will record Sunday Mass online. Join us by visiting the parish website at [www.bvmtoronto.com](http://www.bvmtoronto.com)

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*"Advent is a time to recognize the emptiness that needs to be filled in our lives, a time to smooth the rough edges of pride, and to make room for Jesus who comes."*

*- Pope Francis (@Pontifex)*

## ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POPE DECLARES YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH, OFFERING SPECIAL INDULGENCES

Pope Francis on Tuesday issued a decree launching a special year dedicated to St. Joseph coinciding the anniversary of his declaration as Patron of the Catholic Church, hailing him as a model of fatherhood and a key intercessor in modern times.

Published December 8, on the 150th anniversary of *Quemadmodum Deus* by Pope Pius IX which declared St. Joseph patron of the Catholic Church, the decree formally instituted a year for St. Joseph, which will run until December 8, 2021.

The decree outlined several instances in which faithful will be able to obtain a plenary indulgence in relation to the Year of St. Joseph, provided they meet the usual conditions of going to confession, receiving the Eucharist, and praying for the intentions of the pope.

According to the document, a plenary indulgence will be available under these conditions:

- To those who meditate of the Our Father prayer for at least 30 minutes or take part in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph.
- To those who perform a corporal or spiritual work of mercy.
- To families or engaged couples who recite the rosary together.
- To those who entrust their daily work to St. Joseph and those who ask St. Joseph to intercede for the unemployed.
- To those who recite a prayer to St. Joseph (the litanies of St. Joseph in Latin rite, or Akathistos to St. Joseph in the Byzantine rite, or any other prayer to St. Joseph) for the relief of Christians persecuted both inside and outside of the Church.
- To faithful who recite "any legitimately approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph," with an encouragement to do so on the March 19 and May 1 feasts of St. Joseph, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the Byzantine celebration of St. Joseph's Sunday, and on the 19th of every month and on every Wednesday, which has been dedicated to St. Joseph in the Latin rite.
- To the elderly, sick, dying and those legitimately unable to leave the house, who recite an act of piety to St. Joseph under his title of Comfort of the Sick and Patron of a happy death, provided they offer their discomfort to God and fulfill the conditions for the indulgence "as soon as possible".

### PRE-AUTHORIZE GIVING PLAN (PAG)

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG) to assist you in your support of the work of the parish through your regular parish offerings.

The work of our parish is made possible through the giving hearts of our parishioners. In response to the pandemic, changing lifestyles and demands on time and energy, the Archdiocese of Toronto seeks, through the Pre-Authorized Giving Plan to assist you in your giving.

#### *Advantages for the donor:*

- Convenience. Your offering is received automatically every month.
- Continual support of your parish when you are away.

#### *Advantages for the Parish:*

- Allows the parish to plan better through regular and dependable flow of contributions.
- Reduction of paperwork and bookkeeping.

If you wish to contribute through the Pre-Authorize Giving Plan (PAG), please contact the parish office at [parish@bvmtoronto.com](mailto:parish@bvmtoronto.com)

### FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING CONTEST

It is time once again for the Friars' Student Writing Award. Students aged 14-18 are invited to write a five-hundred-word essay for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated from January 18 to 25, 2021. This year's essay theme is, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit" (cf. John 15:5-9).

Deadline for entry is February 15, 2021. Please see the poster for more contest details:

<https://bit.ly/FriarsWritingContest>

### HAVE YOU MOVED?



If you have moved, please inform the Parish Office of your new contact information by email at [parish@bvmtoronto.com](mailto:parish@bvmtoronto.com) or by phone at 416-445-1760.

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