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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

Due to the Provincial lockdown in the City of Toronto, as of Monday, November 23, weekday and Sunday masses at Annunciation Parish are cancelled until further notice.

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

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PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady of Wisdom School	416-393-5273
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"Jesus touched the man with leprosy and he was cured"

SEASON OF LENT



Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. During Lent, the liturgy prepares catechumens to celebrate the Paschal Mystery by the various stages of Christian Initiation. It also prepares the faithful for Easter as they recall their Baptism and do penance in preparation for the greatest Feast of the year.

Lent has two major purposes: it recalls or prepares Baptism, and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's Word, of more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Lenten instructions stress these baptismal and penitential themes.

During Lent, it is important to teach the social consequences of sin as well as the fact that the heart of the virtue of penance is hatred of sin as an offence against God.

The Church encourages penitential practices that are external and social, reflecting the circumstances of individuals and communities, as we pray and do penance for sinners.

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 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.

NEWEST CATHOLIC MEMBERS



The following child was recently welcomed into our worshipping community through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Martin Esteban de Los Santos

Please keep the child and the parents in your prayers.

SUNDAY MASS ONLINE



Annunciation Parish will record Sunday Mass online. Join us by visiting the parish website at www.bvmtoronto.com

Please **DO NOT** enter the church if you have been in contact with a COVID-19 positive individual over the past two weeks OR if you have a cold and any of COVID-19 symptoms, which include:

Fever, Chills, Sore Throat, Shortness of Breath, Loss of Taste or Smell, Sneezing or Coughing, and Diarrhea.

**ASH WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE
AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES**

Cardinal Collins has instructed parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto to hold Ash Wednesday Holy Communion Services and the distribution of Ashes.

The services at Annunciation Parish will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week.

Dr. Peter Lin reminds us that this is a very dangerous time for the spread of the COVID-19 virus and that the elderly, those with pre-existing conditions (high blood pressure, diabetes, etc.), sick, or those who are vulnerable are strongly advised to stay at home.

Those who still wish to attend this service must register on-line through the parish website.

The church doors will be closed at the beginning of each service and only 8 parishioners will be in the church at one time. Masks must be worn, social distancing observed, and all guidelines followed. Please visit www.bvmtoronto.com for more information.

2020 TAX RECEIPTS ARE IN PROCESS



This year the Archdiocese of Toronto will be mailing the tax receipt on behalf of the parish. They will begin printing and mailing in mid of February and parishioners can start expecting to receive it by the end of February.

If you've moved and haven't updated us within the last week, your tax receipt was most likely will be mail to your old address. We will forward it to your new address if it comes back to the office.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CONFIRMATION SESSION

A reminder to Grade 7 confirmation candidates:

First Virtual Confirmation Session:

Thursday, February 18th at 7PM

The link to the meeting has been sent to the parents/ students who completed the registration form and enrolled in the program this year. Please check your email or junk folder. If you do not receive it, please contact the office.

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>

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- Type in **www.formed.org** on your browser.
- Sign up as "I belong to a parish or organization"
- Find your parish—type in: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, 3 Combermere Drive, Toronto.
- Once you find our parish name, click and next.
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PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



Please remember in your prayers all those parishioners who have gone to their rest in Christ, particularly those we remember who died recently: **Edito Martellino**

HAVE YOU MOVED?



If you have moved, please inform the Parish Office of your new contact information either by email at

parish@bvmtoronto.com or fill out a Change of Address form at the parish website www.bvmtoronto.com

It is important that the parish have your current information for donation receipt purposes, as well to ensure our database is up-to-date.

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