

# ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

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## Parish Priests:

Fr. Jude Coyle

Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan

Fr. Xavier Raj Sam Michael

## Parish Staff:

Clarissa Adityani

## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS - DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTION**

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)  
Monday-Friday 10AM-12PM and 1PM-3PM

## **Please book your seat for Mass online at [bvmtoronto.com](http://bvmtoronto.com)**

**The Church opens 30 minutes before each Mass.  
Please arrive at least 10 minutes before the Mass begins.  
Church doors close when Mass begins.**

## **SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday

Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday

8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00noon, 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 8:00am and at other times by appointment

## **BAPTISMS**

Parents themselves should pick up and return a completed Baptism Information Form to the parish office at least 6 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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TORONTO, ONTARIO

*"The crowds asked, "What should we do?"*

**PRAY WITH THE SAINTS**



**Monday, December 13th** is the  
Memorial of St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

**Tuesday, December 14th** is the  
Memorial of St. John of the Cross, Priest and  
Doctor

Join us in prayer in communion with these great saints  
at the 8:00AM and 12:30PM Masses on weekdays, and  
9:00AM Mass on Saturday.

**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)

**FRIAR'S STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2022**

It is time once again for the Friars' Student Writing  
Award. Students aged 13-19 are invited to submit a 450-  
500-word essay for the Week of Prayer for Christian  
Unity, celebrated from January 18 to 25, 2022.

This year, the theme and the resources for the Week of  
Prayer for Christian Unity 2022 have been prepared by  
the Middle East Council of Churches based in Beirut,  
Lebanon. The theme of the contest is: "We saw the star in  
the East, and we came to worship him" (Mt.2:2). The  
deadline for the writing contest is Monday, February 14,  
2022 at 2 p.m.

**BUILDING FUND COLLECTION**  
**December 11/ December 12**



The Building Fund Collection will be taken up  
this weekend, December 11 and December 12.  
We thank you for your support and your  
generosity.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**  
**IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**  
**December 12**

The Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council, founded by  
the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishop (CCCCB) in  
1998, proposes that the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
(December 12) be a National Day of Prayer in Solidarity  
with Indigenous Peoples. All are invited to join their  
Indigenous sisters and brothers in a special way this day  
through prayer and acts of solidarity.

**2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**  
**December 11/12**

This is the last weekend for the 2022 Sunday Offertory  
Envelopes to be available for pick up from the inside  
door of the parish hall after Mass. Please keep two-meter  
distance from your neighbour when collecting your  
envelopes.

- \* Due to the pandemic, many of the 2020 and 2021  
envelope boxes have not been picked up, therefore  
the parish decided to reorganized envelopes boxes of  
1201-1800. If your envelope box is affected, please  
contact the parish office and we will assign you a  
new box for 2022.
- \* For those who are using donation envelopes and  
recently moved, please update your information by  
filling out the "Change of Address Form" on the  
parish website or contact the parish office. *We want  
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register and contact the parish office via email or phone.  
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parish!

**MASS CARDS**

You may arrange to have a Mass celebrated for a living  
and deceased person or for a special intention by  
contacting the parish office. The stipend is \$10.00.  
Please note Annunciation Parish does not provide  
Announced Masses.

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

## ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Christmas and New Year's Mass & Registration Schedule*

Spaces are limited and booking a seat online at the parish website is necessary.

**WALK-INS WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE AT  
CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASSES**

**ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE BOOKED A SEAT  
IN ADVANCE MAY ATTEND**

**Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

Day of Confession: 8:30am-10am and 6pm-8pm

Registration for Christmas Masses opens on  
Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 10AM

**Christmas Eve—Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

Mass at 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm,  
10:00pm

*(no 9:00am Mass, office opens until noon by appointment only)*

**Christmas Day—Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

Mass at 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm

**Feast of the Holy Family—Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

Mass at 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

**Christmas Weekday Masses**

**Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup> until**

**Thursday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

Daily Mass at 9:00am ONLY

*(Parish Office Closed)*

Registration for the Masses below opens on  
Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10AM

**New Year's Eve—Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

Mass at 5:00pm and 7:00pm

*(no 9:00am Mass, Parish Office Closed)*

**New Year's Day—Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

Mass at 10:00am and 12:00pm

*(Parish Office Closed)*

**Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022—**

Mass at 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

**Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022—**

Mass at 9:00am ONLY

*(Parish Office Closed)*

### INACTIVE EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

As the Christmas season approaches, we are trying to anticipate tight scheduling for Eucharistic Ministers, given that there will be services on each day of both weekends with Christmas/New Year's falling on a Saturday. A dedicated team of ministers has carried us through many months during the pandemic but they can't be expected to staff every Mass. There will be gaps to fill. If you are comfortable in returning to serve on this occasion and have been fully vaccinated - please let me (Tom Peets) know. [maroonac@hotmail.com](mailto:maroonac@hotmail.com)/416-444-3507/647-668-3507 (cell and text)

### MASS REGISTRATION

We thank you for registering for Sunday Mass. If you are unable to attend the Mass, please cancel your registration online, this allow other parishioner to register and attend the Mass. Instructions to cancel is available in the parish website or the parish office can also help with cancellation during office hours.

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- 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 next. You will be prompted to the next page to create an account. Enter your name and email address.
- You will receive an email verification. Follow the link in the email, then you may begin to browse the site.

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