ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

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"We have come from the East to pay homage to the king."

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS



Saturday, January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Friday, January 7th is the Memorial of St. Andre Bessette, Religious

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.

STAR OF WONDER STAR OF NIGHT



Today, we celebrate the *Feast of the Epiphany* that brings the Christmas season to a close. Scripture testifies that God set a star in the sky to proclaim the birth of his Son. The Wise Men or Kings who followed that star to the stable of Bethlehem represent all the nations of the world. With them, we come to worship Jesus, our new-born King!

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright. Westward leading, still proceeding, guiding us to the perfect Light!

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.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

For true human fraternity ~ We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognize, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Happy New Year

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022!

As 2022 fast approaches, the priests and staff of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish wish you and your families a blessed and joyful New Year!

We hope you enjoy this holiday season with your loved ones and look forward to seeing everyone back in the New Year.



WITH MANY THANKS!

We would like to graciously thank all those who helped make our Christmas and New Year's celebrations so beautiful: Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors, Cantors and Musicians, Ushers, Parish Staff, Maintenance Staff, and so many others. May God bless you all for your generosity and dedication!

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God's will in the world today. This synod is of great importance to the Holy Father and the universal church. It cannot succeed without the participation of the entire people of God.

Please go online and give your input to the Synod Survey which can be found at <u>www.archtoronto.org/synodality</u>

WORLD DAY OF PEACE January 1

The World Day of Peace was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968 who asked that "every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come." Each year has a specific theme, chosen by the Holy Father.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW YEAR FAMILY BLESSING



God in Heaven, look upon our family and keep us close to you. Grant that we may be like Jesus and support, comfort and help one another. Give us

love like Mary's that we may nurture the presence of Jesus in each other and in all your people. Give us faith like Joseph's that we may care for one another and help those in need. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

UNCLAIMED 2022 SUNDAY ENVELOPES

There are still a number of unclaimed 2022 Sunday Envelope boxes in the parish office. If yours is among them, please contact the parish office or one of the ushers after the Mass. Thank you for your continuing support!

If you are not an envelope user and wish to have your own box, please contact the parish office by phone or email.

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 416-445-1760 or parish@bvmtoronto.com

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish has renewed our subscription to the website, *formed.org* for each of our parishioners.

If you previously registered on the site, simply sign in using your email. There is no need to create or remember your password with this updated site.

- 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 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.

To look for other material you can browse to examine content or click on the search sign, found in the top left hand corner, and enter a word or phrase which describes what you are looking for.

Please use your subscription and do let us know whether you find this site useful.

MASS REGISTRATION

We thank you for registering for the 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.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Parish office is closed until January 3, 2022

Monday, January 3rd, 2022 Mass at 9:00am ONLY



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