

ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

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

Please book your seat for Mass online at 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

by appointment only—see parish website bvmtoronto.com

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

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

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"Today this Scripture has been fulfilled."

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS



Monday, January 24th is the Memorial of St. Francis de Sales, Doctor

Tuesday, January 25th is the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Wednesday, January 26th is the Memorial of St. Timothy and St. Titus, Bishops

Friday, January 28th is the Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, 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.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world on January 18-25. This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires.

The importance of unity among Christians and the responsibility of the people of each parish to work for this unity should be emphasized throughout the week.

This year's theme is, "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him" (Mt. 2:2).

In this annual celebration we are reminded that the unity of the Church is both a gift of Holy Spirit and a task for all Christians. "Change of heart and holiness of life, along with public and private prayer for the unity of Christians, should be regarded as the soul of the whole ecumenical movement, and merits the name, 'spiritual ecumenism'." (Unitatis redinegratio, 8).

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.

SUNDAY THE WORD OF GOD
January 23

In the Apostolic Letter *Aperuit illis*, Pope Francis instituted the Sunday of the Word of God, which celebrated on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

"Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enable us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world."

-Pope Francis, *Aperuit illis*, 2

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 www.archtoronto.org/synodality

2021 DONATION TAX RECEIPTS ARE ON THE WAY!



Tax receipts for 2021 donations have been mailed out. You may have received or you will receive them in the near future.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your continuous support of our parish!

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: **Elias Vasques**



Memorial Lamps
& Special Intentions

January 23 — January 29

Our lamp(s) are lit:

In loving memory of my parents,
Felicitas and Jose Dimatera
and all the faithful departed.

Requested by Glenda Dimatera
and Maria Theresa Dimatera

ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



RE-OPENING OUR CHURCH DOORS FOR MASSES

Following the Public Health restriction to combat COVID-19, mask is mandatory to wear upon entering the church and everyone not living in the same household has to sit 2 metres apart. Public Health also requires us to keep a record of those who attended Mass and Sacramental ceremonies. Therefore, parishioners who wish to attend Weekday and/or Sunday Mass **must register online** through the parish website at www.bvmtoronto.com.

Weekday Mass Registration
opens every Friday at 10:00 AM
Sunday Mass Registration
opens every Monday at 10:00 AM

Important Notes:

- Due to capacity restrictions, please book for **only one Mass** for each day that you wish to attend.
- Families from the same household will sit together, but each family member is required to have his/her own ticket.
- **If you are unable to attend, please cancel your reservation online or contact the parish office during office hours to allow other parishioners to register and attend Mass.**
- Every reasonable precaution has been and will continue to be taken by the parish to protect your health and safety. However, there can be no guarantees of complete protection as there will always be risks of contracting viral infection through large gatherings.
- 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 any of the COVID-19 symptoms.
- Masks or face coverings are mandatory.
- There will only be one entrance into the church. Follow the signs marking the proper entrance.
- Come 15 minutes early before Mass starts. **The church door close when Mass begins.**
- Follow the direction provided by the ushers for seating.
- Sanitize your hands upon entry.
- Maintain physical distancing at all time (2m/6ft) away from others.

OMICRON – COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

Due to the contagious nature and rapid spread of the Omicron Covid-19 virus and to keep our parish community safe the following restrictions will come into effect from **Monday, January 17th**:

- First Confessions, First Holy Communions, Confirmation, and Infant Baptisms will be postponed until the beginning of March.
- Those wishing to attend Weekday or Sunday Masses must register (book a seat). Seats for masses may be booked online at the parish website: bvmtoronto.com, or by phoning the parish office at the designated times.
Walking in will not be possible.
- Confessions will be on Wednesday evenings by appointment only. To book an appointment to speak with a priest or to go to confession, please go to the parish website: bvmtoronto.com

Thank you for your cooperation as we work to keep everyone in our parish community safe.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2022

As part of Marriage Sunday 2022 celebrations, Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2022. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 13 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto).

Due to social distancing measures, cathedral attendance is limited to pre-registered couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries and a maximum of one (1) guest per celebrant couple. Registration is now open. Given the limited attendance at the cathedral, we encourage milestone celebrants to register early. Those who are not able to register may join the celebration via livestream Mass here: www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m. Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage to register and to access resources for parishes and couples.





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