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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday	10:00am-12:00pm, 1:00pm-8:00pm
Tuesday	10:00am-12:00pm, 1:00pm-4:00pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday-Friday	10:00am-12:00pm, 1:00pm-4:00pm
Saturday, Sunday, Public Holiday	Closed

The Church opens 35 minutes before each Mass

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	9:30AM
	(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.

CARE of the SICK

Visitation and/or Communion for the sick upon request.

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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"Jesus fasted forty days, and was put to the test."

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.



ANNOUNCING THE 2023 SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN

As we approach our first ShareLife Sunday collection on March 26, we ask you to reflect on the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

The parable challenges us: if a brother or sister reaches out for help, will we treat them like our neighbour or keep them at arm's length? Through your kind generosity to ShareLife, you reach out to others at the side of the road. Your act of love will make a tangible difference in the life of others.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT



Join us as we walk with Jesus from death to new life. Make this traditional Lenten prayer part of your personal Lenten program.

Every Friday at Annunciation Parish at
7:00PM

COME AND SEE—WEEKEND RETREAT

Saturday, March 17th (6:30pm) until Sunday, March 19 (2:30pm) at St. Augustine's Seminary: Inviting single Catholic men 18 years of age or older to a time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest.

Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee

TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

Two devastating earthquakes and hundreds of violent aftershocks in Turkey and Syria have caused great destruction in both countries, and creating even worse conditions for millions of Syrians already displaced by the ongoing civil war.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations and channel funds through Catholic partners (including Caritas Canada, Aid to the Church in Need, CNEWA, and Jesuits International) to support relief efforts underway.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office - 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: Annunciation Parish - Turkey and Syria Earthquake - Humanitarian Relief

Please continue to pray for those who have died and for those displaced because of this tragic disaster in both Turkey and Syria.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME Sunday, March 12th, 2023



Please remember to turn your clocks forward one hour before heading off to bed on Saturday, March 11th.



ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU FROM GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRY

The Good Shepherd Ministry would like to thank the Mother's Group and all parishioners for the generous collection and contributions of 45 boxes of food items to Good Shepherd's Christmas Food Drive. Your efforts will help provide more than 240,000 meals this year to people who would otherwise go hungry. Your support is a tremendous help. Thank you to everyone who made this gift possible.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

The Grade 2 students of our parish will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the following dates:

Our Lady of Wisdom: Monday, February 27th at 7:00PM

St. Isaac Jogues: Tuesday, February 28th at 7:00PM

Annunciation: Wednesday, March 1st at 7:00PM

Children attending other schools: are to come to First Reconciliation on any of the dates and times listed above (February 27th, February 28th or March 1st), whichever evening is most convenient for the children and their family.

CWL REFLECTION OF SPIRITUAL READING

The Catholic Women's League is sponsoring a "Reflection of Spiritual Reading" group, starting Tuesday, March 14th at 1:00PM in the Pius X room. This event will be open to ten people, but priority will be given to members of the CWL.

If you are interested, please contact Helen Lewis, at hklewis_123@hotmail.com

CONFIRMATION SESSIONS 3

A reminder to registered Confirmation candidates:



3rd Confirmation Session:

Monday, March 6th and Wednesday, March 8th at 7:00PM-9:15PM

All sessions will take place in the Parish Hall. Please attend only on the day you have chosen.

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION



This weekend we will be taking up our monthly Building Fund Collection. Thank you for your continuous generosity.

CONFESSIONAL BOOTH

Starting, Saturday, March 5th, the confessional booth will be used for confession in place of St. Pius X room. Confession is on Saturday at 9:30AM.

2023 SUNDAY MISSALS



Sunday Missals for 2023 are available for purchase during office hours or from the staff during Sunday morning Masses. Missals are \$5.00 each.

2022 DONATION TAX RECEIPTS ARE ON THE WAY!



Tax receipts for 2022 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!



"Fasting will be the spiritual training ground where we joyfully renounce the superfluous things that weigh us down, grow in interior freedom and return to the truth about ourselves." -Pope Francis



Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions

February 26—March 4

In loving memory of our parents,
Jose & Felicitas Dimatera
May the Lord grant them peace and eternal rest in
God's kingdom. Both of you will always be
in our heart forever.

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Dennis & Erwin; Warren & his family;
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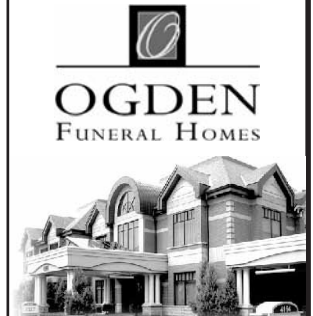
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