

ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

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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
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Senator O'Connor College School	416-393-5505

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*"I baptize with water;
but there is one among you whom you do not
recognize, the one who is coming after me,
whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."*



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 the 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)

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS



Wednesday, December 20th is the Feast of St. Vincent Romano, priest.

Thursday, December 21st is the Feast of St. Peter Canisius, Patron Saint of Catholic Press.

Saturday, December 23rd is Feast of St. John of Kanty, priest.

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.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Please remember the Saint Vincent de Paul Society during this time of year. Please take a donation envelope in the coming weeks. Donations for St. Vincent de Paul may be placed in the collection basket during mass, in the offering boxes on the tables in the church or in the St. Vincent de Paul boxes. Thank you for your support!



CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

This Weekend

This is a friendly reminder that the Altar Servers Ministry will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Good Shepherd Ministries this weekend. Please donate to the people in need. On behalf of the Good Shepherd Ministries, thank you for your generosity!

Urgently needed items:

Canned Fish	Tea	Canned Meat
Ground & Instant Coffee	Cookies and crackers	Canned Vegetables
Canned Soups / Stews	Pasta and Sauces	Rice
Peanut Butter	Jam	Sugar
Pancake Mix	Oatmeal	Canned Fruits

Note: No fresh or frozen foods please!

***Advent increases our hope,
a hope which does not disappoint.
The Lord never lets us down.***

- Pope Francis



Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions

December 17—December 23

In loving memory of
Stanley R. Zupan.

Dearly missed and always in our thoughts.
Requested by The Zupan Family.

In loving memory of our dear brother, husband and father, **Alex Parker**, who passed away into God's Heavenly kingdom on the day of our Saviour's birth, in 2022. May he rest in peace, confident that his family will persevere with renewed strength and hope in the New Year.
Requested by Mary.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION

This weekend

This weekend we take up our monthly Building Fund Collection. Thank you for your continuous support!

2024 SUNDAY MISSALS

Sunday Missals for 2024 are available this weekend and next weekend after all Masses in the Parish Hall. All other weekends, they are available in the CWL Religious Article Booth or from the Parish Office during office hours. Missals are \$5.00 each.

FINAL WEEKEND OF THE SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR COLLECTION FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES

This is the final weekend which the Annunciation Parish Catholic Women's League will be collecting socks and underwear for the Good Shepherd Ministry. Please bring your donations to the Religious Articles Booth when it is open this Sunday at 8:30 AM until 12:30 PM. Do not leave items outside of the booth door during the week. Thank you.

CHURCH PARKING DURING CHRISTMAS

To maintain safety, reduce parking congestion and maximize access for all who come to worship, **please park only in designated areas**. By parking your vehicle in non-designated areas, you risk being ticketed. Additionally, please be aware on where you are parking as fire engines are not able to pass through the blocked fire route.

A limited number of handicap spots are available for those with **valid permits**. Thank you.

USE OF INCENSE AT CHRISTMAS MASSES

A courtesy message to parishioners who are sensitive to burning incense:

Incense will be used at the 8:00PM and 10:00PM Christmas Eve Masses.

Incense will not be used at the 6:00PM Mass on Christmas Eve, and the 8:00AM, 10:00AM and 12:00 PM Masses on Christmas Day.



Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 23

Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM

Sunday, December 24th

Weekend Masses at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM
& 12:00 Noon

Christmas Eve Mass Celebrations

Sunday, December 24th

6:00 PM, 8:00 PM, 10:00 PM

Christmas Day Mass Celebrations

Monday, December 25th

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon

Tuesday, December 26th - Saturday, December 30th

Daily Mass at 9:00 AM only

Saturday, December 30th

Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM

Sunday, December 31st

Weekend Masses at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM
& 12:00 Noon

New Year's Eve on Sunday, December 31st

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Masses at 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM



New Year Day on Monday, January 1st, 2024

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Masses at 10:00 AM & 12:00 Noon

The Parish Office will be closed from

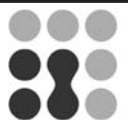
Saturday, December 23rd, 2023 to

Monday, January 1st, 2024.

Regular Office Hours will resume on

Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024.





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