

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

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Senator O'Connor College School	416-393-5505

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TORONTO, ONTARIO

*"When they saw that the star had stopped,
they were overwhelmed with joy."*

STAR OF WONDER STAR OF NIGHT



Today, we celebrate **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 newborn King!

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



OUR HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2024

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church.

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charismas within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

In the first part of January, we continue to rejoice and celebrate Christ's coming at Bethlehem and in our hearts. We have the wonderful feasts of Mary, Mother of God, where we honour Mary's highest title, and then we follow the Magi to the crib as they bring their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh on Epiphany. Finally, we reach the culmination of this season with the Baptism of Our Lord by St. John the Baptist. With a touch of sadness we take down our decorations and enter into the liturgical period known as Ordinary Time where we will devote ourselves to the mystery of Christ in its entirety.

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

08 January 2024

On this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Jesus invites us to join him symbolically in the waters of the Jordan River. He challenges us to renew the promises of our own personal baptism. With Him we turn our backs on sin and Satan and give our hearts to our Father in Heaven. This feast day is a wonderful time to reflect on what it means to be Catholic.

FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2024

Deadline 15 January 2024

The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement-Graymoor, the Office for Promoting Christian Unity of the Archdiocese of Toronto, and The Catholic Register are proud to present the 2024 Friars' Student Writing Contest 2024.

"You shall love the Lord your God...

***and your neighbour as yourself."* - Luke 10:27**

Essay Question:

Luke 10:27 is taken from the parable of the Good Samaritan which carries a message of love, compassion, humility, mercy and a culture of encounter for reconciliation and healing.

How are you personally challenged to live this parable? And, in what ways can the churches work together to give witness to this good news in your city?

Conclude your essay with a prayer, expressing hope for love in action, especially for those most wounded and in need of the healing of God from the disciples of Jesus.

Prizes:

1st Place: Samsung Galaxy S23 128GB—Phantom Black

2nd Place: Apple AirPods Pro (2nd Gen)

3rd Place: Sonos One Smart Speaker (2nd Gen)

Contest Rules:

1. The essay shall focus on the theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from the Gospel of Luke 10:27, "You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself." Please read Luke 10:25-37 for a full insight of the parable.
2. The contestants should consult resources of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024 and submit a 450—500 word essay that answers the given focus question.
3. Contestants must be 13-19 years of age, and currently enrolled in an Ontario secondary school or equivalent program.
4. The contest must be submitted on or before **Monday, January 15th, 2024 by 2:00PM EST**. Late entries will not be included in the writing contest.
5. Entries must include the contestant's full name, email address, phone number and the name of their school/school board.

All submissions will be read by a panel including professional journalists and the Director of the Office for Promoting Christian Unity, Archdiocese of Toronto, and judged on overall merit.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSURE OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF ANNUNCIATION PARISH

We have been informed that as of December 31st, 2023 the St. Vincent de Paul Conference of our parish is closed due to lack of members. The three remaining active members will join the neighbouring conferences. The Society thanks parishioners of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish for their generosity over the years.

Donations may continue to be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society through:

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Or

St. Vincent de Paul Conferences at neighbouring parishes:

- * Epiphany of Our Lord Conference
- * Holy Spirit Conference
- * St. Lawrence Conference
- * St. Aiden Conference
- * Precious Blood Conference

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please remember in your prayers all those parishioners who have gone to their rest in Christ, particularly those we remember who died recently:

Mary Margaret Sartor and ***Mario Morra***.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord,
And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them,
May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

If you have not picked up your offertory envelopes for 2024 yet, please visit the parish office during office hours or see a staff after Sunday Mass. If you are not currently registered and wish to use offertory envelopes, please pick up a box and complete the first few envelopes with your name, address, phone number and email address. If you regularly use the visitor envelopes for your Sunday offering, we encourage you to start using a box set in order to accurately process your donations and for income tax receipts. Thank you for your financial support of our parish!

With Many Thanks!

A gracious vote of thanks to all who helped make our celebrations of Christmas and New Year's so beautiful: Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors, Musicians and Choir Members, Altar Servers, Ushers, Maintenance Supervisor, Mother's Group, Parish Staffs and so many others. May God bless you all for your generosity and kindness!

THANK YOU ANNUNCIATION PARISH!

The Altar Server Ministry's Christmas Food Drive and the Catholic Women's League (CWL) of Annunciation Parish's Socks and Underwear Collection for the Good Shepherd Ministries were both a success. Your contributions have made a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve, thanks to your kindness and generosity!

ANNUNCIATION SENIORS SOCIAL GROUP

16 January 2024

The Annunciation Seniors Social Group will be starting the New Year with a presentation by police officer, Joel Roberts, on the topic: "*A Variety of Scams Directed to Seniors*". Unfortunately, this is an ongoing concern for all seniors. We strongly encourage you to come learn about these various scams. The meeting is on Tuesday, January 16th in the Parish Hall. New members are always welcome. Membership fee is \$20.00 for the year. We look forward to seeing you there!

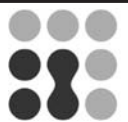


Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions

January 7th—January 13th

In loving memory of my parents
Mr. and Mrs. S. F. George Tsang,
brother ***Arthur Yiu Wang Tsang***,
sister ***Anna Tsang***, and helper, ***Ah Yue***.

Requested by Mr. Y. L. Tsang and his wife, Tammy Tam, Agnes Tsang and her husband, Bryan Lee, Alan Tsang and his wife, Jasmine Kwan.



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