

# 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.

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## ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH, TORONTO, ONTARIO

*"The people of Nineveh turned from their evil ways."*

### PRAY WITH THE SAINTS



**Wednesday, January 24th** is the Memorial of St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor

**Thursday, January 25th** is the Feast of St. Paul Apostle

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

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.

### SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD January 21st

The "Sunday of the Word of God" is observed on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time and was established by the Holy Father on September 30th, 2019, through his Motu proprio Apostolic Letter, "Aperuit illis."

This year, January 20th/21st, 2024 will be designated as "Sunday of the Word of God" and is to be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God. We recall the importance given by the Second Vatican Council to rediscovering Sacred Scripture for the life of the Church. In his apostolic letter, the Holy Father tells us that the celebration has "ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity."

You are invited to acknowledge the importance of the Word of God in our faith journey and to consider ways to mark this weekend with an appreciation for the richness of the ongoing dialogue between the Lord and his people. You can access the Apostolic Letter "Aperuit illis" from Pope Francis by visiting [https://bit.ly/Aperuit\\_illis](https://bit.ly/Aperuit_illis)

### HAVE YOU MOVED?



If you have moved, please inform the parish office of your new contact information either by phone, email or drop by the parish office and fill out a Change in Address form.

It is important that the parish have your current information for donation receipt purposes, as well to ensure our database is up-to-date.

WEEK of  
**PRAYER**  
for CHRISTIAN UNITY



**PRAYER OF CHRISTIAN UNITY**  
**January 18th-25th**

*"You shall love the Lord your God  
and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27)*

January 18th-25th, 2024, marks the annual celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU). This year's theme inspires all of us to pray and work together for the unity willed by Christ for the Church. The Office for Promoting Christian Unity and Religious Relations with Judaism, along with the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches jointly organizes a special prayer service to celebrate the WPCU. You are invited to join Archbishop Francis Leo and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity on Sunday, January 21st, 2024, at 4 p.m. at St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral (455 Ferrier St., Markham, ON L3R 5Z2)

### MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2024 CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage)

### REFLECTING ON ARCHBISHOP LEO'S PASTORAL LETTER ON SEEKING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

On January 1, 2024, the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, the Most Rev. Francis Leo released a Pastoral Letter: "Seeking the Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things." The letter is directed to the People of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto and offers a deep theological, spiritual and pastoral meditation as we begin a new year. To read the full pastoral letter, please visit: <https://bit.ly/Pastoral-Letter>



## ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFIRMATION MINISTRY POSITIONS

A reminder to Confirmation Candidates that weekly attendance at your chosen Mass and ministry is a **mandatory** part of the preparation to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year.

Please contact the [bvmconfirmation@gmail.com](mailto:bvmconfirmation@gmail.com) or the parish office with any questions.

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### UNCLAIMED 2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



There are still a number of unclaimed 2024 Sunday Envelope boxes in the parish office. If yours is among them, please contact the parish office or the staff after the Mass.

- **If you picked up envelopes last year but did not use your 2023 box**, kindly update the office so we can reallocate the number for another parishioner this year. Donations can still be made using the pink visitor envelopes, available at each entrance to the church.
- **Please refrain from using past years' envelope boxes**. Boxes that were neither used nor picked up are repurposed and assigned to other parishioners. If your envelope box number is unavailable, we are more than happy to assign you a new box.
- When making donations using your assigned envelope or visitor envelope, please write your full information along with the donation amount for accurate record-keeping.

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



## Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions

January 21—January 27

In loving memory of  
**Seamus O'Neill**

Who passed away one year ago. His memory is our keepsake with which we'll never part.

God has him in his keeping, we have him in our hearts. Sadly missed but never forgotten.

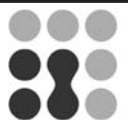
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