

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

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Annunciation School	416-393-5299
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Senator O'Connor College School	416-393-5505

**ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
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*"Jesus was tempted by Satan;
and the Angels waited on him."*

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.

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



"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

FRIDAY ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT
Solidarity in Faith—Solidarity in Sacrifice



SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN 2024

Support our vulnerable youth through ShareLife

In this time of Lent, we ask you to think of our brothers and sisters in need – especially our vulnerable youth who call the streets their home.

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

**DOMINICAN FRIARS YOUTH INTERFAITH
VIDEO CONTEST 2024**

February 5 to April 15, 2024

Dominican Friars Youth Interfaith Video Contest 2024 runs from February 5 to April 15, 2024 with a theme: "This is a time when the world needs more love and compassion than ever." High school students (ages 13–19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the United Nations International Human Fraternity Day on February 4 every year. Students are encouraged to make a three-minute video encapsulating the theme.

They are encouraged to follow the guiding rules provided on the Catholic Register website and submit their entries by filling the details on the submission form at <https://www.catholicregister.org/videocontest>

CONTACT: interreligious@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527

**COME AND SEE WEEKEND RETREAT
ST. AUGUSTINE SEMINARY**

March 15th-17th

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, March 15 at 6:30pm until Sunday, March 17 at 2pm. This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Please note that registration must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee. For more information, please contact us at: vocations@archtoronto.org

ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH LIGHTING REPAIR MASS IS THE CHURCH HALL



Daily Mass at 8 AM and 12:30 PM will be celebrated in the Parish Hall from Tuesday, February 20th until Thursday, February 22nd, as the church will undergo lighting repair. Thank you for your understanding!



FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY

Monday, February 19th is Family Day. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM only. There will be no 8:00AM or 12:30PM Masses. The parish office will be closed.

"Happy Family Day!"

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION



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

NO FLOWERS PLEASE

Please note that during Lent, there are no flowers or decorations displayed in the Church. We kindly ask you to not place flowers in the Church (i.e., by the foot of the statues). Thank you.

MEMORIAL LAMPS & SPECIAL INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary lamps that burn next to the tabernacle may be lit for one week as memorial or special intentions. Prayer requests will be listed on the bulletin. The offering is \$25 per lamp. To reserve a lamp, please contact or visit the parish office for details.

"If, from being created by God in his own image, you do not comprehend the value of your soul, learn it from Jesus Christ who has redeemed you with his own blood."

— St. Alphonsus Liguori



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: **Celestina Ciccarelli**

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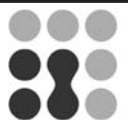
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February 18—February 24

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