

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 50 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
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament	12:15PM
Mass	12:30pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	9:30AM (at other times by appointment)
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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 a 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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"The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ."

PALM SUNDAY



Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified.

Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will often receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the re-enactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect.

Palm branches are widely recognized symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday.

Source: catholic.org



SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN 2024

***ShareLife: Welcome Jesus into your hearts
by sharing your blessings today***

Today is Palm Sunday, a time in our Lenten journey when we are reminded of the importance of welcoming Jesus in our hearts. In the spirit of His teachings and example, let us extend our hands to those who need our help the most.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for living the Gospel by opening your hearts and sharing your blessings.

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FRIDAY ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT
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**PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR
THE HOLY LAND ON GOOD FRIDAY**

The annual Good Friday Collection was first taken at Pope Paul VI's request fifty years ago. It is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world to assist the Church in the Holy Land. The monies collected support its pastoral, educational, and social works and help to maintain the Holy Places so important for the faith of Christians everywhere. For the sake of our brothers and sisters enduring hardships, please give generously during your parish's Good Friday celebrations on March 29, 2024. If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute by Interact e-transfer to terresainte@bellnet.ca or online at Commissariat.ca - receipts will be issued. On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, to whom the Holy See has entrusted this ministry for nearly 700 years, I sincerely thank you for your support.

Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM

Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

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



**Memorial Lamps
& Special Intentions**

March 23—March 30

In loving memory of

Joseph and Olga DeSouza

May the Lord grant them peace
& eternal rest in God's kingdom.

Both of you will be in our hearts forever.

Requested by your loving children,
grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In loving memory of

Eudine Wilson-Whiteman

May eternal rest be granted to you. You remain
alive in our hearts.

From your son, Benedict Jr. Torres
and the Wider Family.



ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is the week which precedes the great Feast of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday: it includes the last days of Lent and the beginning of Easter Triduum. During Holy Week, the church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last day of his life on Earth, beginning with his messianic entrance into Jerusalem.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED



The parish office will be closed from Thursday, April 28th until Monday, April 1st. The office will re-open on Tuesday, April 2nd.

Holy Week and Easter Sunday Mass Schedule

Thursday, March 28th

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper—8:00 PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight
No Morning or Afternoon Mass

Friday, March 29th

GOOD FRIDAY

Celebration of the Lord's Passion
12:00 noon and 3:00 PM
Stations of the Cross—7:00 PM

Saturday, March 30th

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil Mass—8:00 PM
No Morning Mass

Sunday, March 31st

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 noon
(No 7:00PM Mass)

Monday, April 1th

EASTER MONDAY

Mass at 9:00AM ONLY

CHURCH PARKING



To maintain safety, reduce parking congestion and maximize access for all who come to worship, **please park only in designated areas and do not double park.**

By parking your vehicle in non-designated areas, you risk being ticketed. Additionally, please be aware of 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.

ALTAR SERVERS HOLY WEEK PRACTICE

A reminder to all altar servers who signed up for Holy Week, please attend the following:

Holy Thursday Training

Thursday, March 28th at 6:30PM

Good Friday Training

Friday, March 29th at 10:00AM

Holy Saturday Training

Saturday, March 30th at 11:00AM

USE OF INCENSE AT HOLY WEEK MASSES



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

Incense **will be used** at 8:00PM Mass on Holy Thursday and 8:00PM Mass on Holy Saturday. Incense will **not** be used at 12:00PM and 3:00PM on Good Friday and all Masses on Easter Sunday.

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.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE

As of this month, we will be moving our website to the Archdiocesan website. The new website link is: annunciationto.archtoronto.org

We will be working on updating the new website in this coming month. Thank you for your patience!





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