

# ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

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## Parish Staff:

Clarissa Adityani  
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Tuesday	10:00am to 12:00noon, 1:00pm to 4:00pm
Wednesday	Office Closed
Thursday	10:00am to 12:00noon, 1:00pm to 8:00pm
Friday	10:00am to 12:00noon, 1:00pm to 4:00pm
Saturday, Sunday, Public Holiday	Office 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)

## 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 crowds asked, "What should we do?"*

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as **Gaudete Sunday**. Gaudete is a Latin word which means rejoice. We light the rose colored candle on our wreath as a sign of joy. We rejoice because the birthday of our Savior 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 your 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*)

CHURCH PARKING



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.

2024 DONATIONS

To ensure your donation is included in the 2024 donation tax receipt, cash or cheque must be received at the parish office by **Sunday, December 29th, 2024**. Any cheques issued and received after this date will be applied to your 2025 donation. If you have changed your address or phone number, please update us of your new information.



*"Advent is a time to recognize the emptiness that needs to be filled in our lives, a time to smooth the rough edges of pride, and to make room for Jesus who comes."*

- Pope Francis (@Pontifex)



CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

*Day of Confession*  
**Monday, December 16th**  
8:30AM—10:00AM  
2:00PM—4:00PM  
6:00PM—8:00PM

*A priest will be available to hear confessions*



*Christmas and New Year*  
**Mass Schedule**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Tuesday, December 24th**

Mass at 6:00PM, 8:00PM & 10:00PM

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Wednesday, December 25th**

Mass at 8:00AM, 10:00AM & 12:00PM

**CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY MASSES**

**Thursday, December 26th**

**Friday, December 27th**

Daily Mass at 9:00AM ONLY

**Saturday, December 28th**

Mass at 9:00AM

*No Confession*

**FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY**

**Saturday, December 28th**

Vigil Mass at 5:00PM

**Sunday, December 29th**

Mass at 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00PM and 7:00PM

**NEW YEAR'S WEEKDAY MASS**

**Monday, December 30th**

Daily Mass at 9:00AM ONLY

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

**Tuesday, December 31st**

*No Morning Mass*

Mass at 5:00PM & 7:00PM

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**Wednesday, January 1st, 2025**

Mass at 10:00AM & 12:00PM

## ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



### BLESSING FOR A CHRISTMAS CRIB

God and Father of us all, bless us as we prepare this crib and let it be reminder of the Lord Jesus who was born of the Virgin Mary in the City of David. Grant that we may always serve you in faith as did the angels, praise you for your saving deeds as the shepherds, and surround you with the warmth of our love as did the animals in the stable. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen!

### HOW TO GO TO CONFESSION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation for Adult and Youth Cards are available for pick-up in front of the Confession Booth.

- Before going to Confession, examine your conscience by reflecting on your sins.
- Begin your Confession by saying "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Bless me Father for I have sinned. It has been [length of time] since my last Confession. These are my sins..."
- The priest will suggest something for you to do or pray after Confession (called penance), as a response to God's mercy.
- The priest will then ask you to pray the *Act of Contrition* (see below) out loud, demonstrating your sorrow for your sins.
- The priest will extend his hands in your direction and pray the Prayer of Absolution. You respond "Amen"
- The priest will likely say "God has freed you from your sins. God in peace." You can respond; "Thanks be to God."

### ACT OF CONTRITION

*My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.  
In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,  
I have sinned against you whom I should love above all  
things. I firmly intend, with the help of your grace,  
to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever  
leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and  
died for us. In his name, O my God, have mercy.  
Amen.*

### 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: **Claire Long**

### FOOD DRIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

*December 14th/15th*



The Altar Server Ministry will be hosting a Food Drive on December 14th/15th. Please bring your non-perishable food items to the foyer before or after all Masses this weekend. On behalf of the Good Shepherd Ministries, thank you for your generous support!

#### Urgently needed items:

**Note:** Please no fresh or frozen food

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

### ANNUNCIATION SENIORS CLUB

*Tuesday, December 17th*

The Annunciation Seniors Club will be held on Tuesday, December 17th at 10:00AM in the Parish hall. We will have our Christmas party with Carol singing including a luncheon plus dessert with tea/coffee. Looking forward to seeing all of 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 Masses on Christmas Eve.

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





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