

# ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

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*Feast of the Holy Family*

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*"His parents found him in the temple,  
sitting among the teachers."*



**PRAY WITH THE SAINTS**

**Thursday, January 2nd** is the Memorial of St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors

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.

**NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS**



As 2024 fast approaches, the priests and staff of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish wish you and your families a blessed and joyful New Year!

We hope you enjoy this holiday season with your loved ones and look forward to seeing everyone back in the New Year! Happy New Year 2025!



**JUBILEE YEAR 2025  
"PILGRIMS OF HOPE"**

The Catholic Church worldwide will be celebrating a special Jubilee Year in 2025. The Jubilee Year includes many celebrations within the city of Rome and also local initiatives in dioceses around the world. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee will be "Pilgrims of Hope". In the words of Pope Francis: *"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."*

The opening Mass for the Year of Jubilee in our Archdiocese will take place on Sunday, December 29th at 5:00PM at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, preside over by His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo. All are welcome to attend.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



During the Octave (eight days) of Christmas we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

This feast day honors Jesus, the Blessed Mother, and Saint Joseph as the holiest of families, and therefore a model for all Christians families. They were holy because they placed God at the center of their family life, they loved and sacrificed for one another, and they radiated that love to others in the redemptive mission of the Word Incarnate.

The Feast teaches us about Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—and about each one of us and our own families.

*"O God, who were pleased to give us  
the shining example of the Holy Family,  
graciously grant that we may imitate them  
in practicing the virtues of family life  
and in the bonds of charity,  
and so, in the joy of your house,  
delight one day in eternal rewards.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives  
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen."*

**WORLD DAY OF PEACE**

January 1st

The World Day of Peace was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968 who asked that "every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come." Each year has a specific theme, chosen by the Holy Father.

**NEWEST CATHOLIC MEMBERS**



The following children were recently welcomed into our worshipping community through the Sacrament of Baptism:

**Violet Haughian and Enimurewa Iyi-Kuyoro**

Please keep these children and their parents in your prayers.

## ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



### WITH MANY THANKS!

We would like to graciously thank all those who helped make our Christmas celebrations so beautiful: Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors, Cantors and Musicians, Choirs, Ushers, Parish Staff, Maintenance Staff, and so many others. May God bless you all for your generosity and dedication!

### 2024 DONATIONS

To ensure your donation is included in the 2024 donation tax receipt, cash or cheque must be received 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.



### *New Year's Mass Schedule*

#### 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

#### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Parish office will be closed until Wednesday, January 1st, 2025. Regular office hours will resume on Thursday, January 2nd, 2025.



### Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions

December 28—January 4

In loving memory of **Mario Morra**.  
Beloved husband, father and nonno.

You are loved and greatly missed.

Requested by Lorenza Morra, Rocco & Lydia,  
Maria & Carmine, Pasquale & Carm,  
grandchildren Marco, Mateo, Mario & Gianna.

In loving memory of **Alex Parker**.

our dear brother, husband and father, whom we especially miss during the holidays, as God called him home two years ago on Christmas Day. We think and speak of you often, waiting to see you in our dreams, yet knowing you watch and guide us from above.

Always in our hearts - your loving family.

In loving memory of **Charles and Ulan Ahow**.  
May you have eternal rest in our Lord's house.

You may be gone but not forgotten.

Forever in our hearts.

Requested by Mary and family.

### BUILDING FUND COLLECTION



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

### FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS



Friday, January 3rd is the First Friday of the month. Masses will be celebrated at 8:00AM and 12:30PM.

The church will be open all morning for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and personal prayer. Our period of adoration ends with Benediction at 12:15PM in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Come and spend time in the presence of the Lord.

**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.**

**Have Mercy on us!**







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