

# ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

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Fr. Jude Coyle  
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday	10:00AM to 12:00noon, 1:00PM to 8:00PM
Tuesday	10:00AM to 12:00noon, 1:00PM to 4:00PM
Wednesday	Office Closed
Thursday-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.

## PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady of Wisdom School	416-393-5273
Annunciation School	416-393-5299
St. Isaac Jogues School	416-393-5315
Senator O'Connor College School	416-393-5505

**ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
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*"Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness:  
there he was tempted."*

**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



**PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS' RECOVERY**

*O merciful and loving God,  
fountain of all grace and source of eternal healing,  
be with our Holy Father as he faces this battle with illness.  
Surround him, O Lord, with boundless compassion and  
strengthen his spirit so that he may regain  
the health needed to continue  
to lead your flock with a father's heart.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*



**ANNOUNCING THE 2025 SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN**

As we approach our first ShareLife Sunday collection on March 30th, it is essential that we come together in compassion to meet our Parish Campaign goal, addressing the growing needs in our communities.

By reaching this goal, our agencies will continue to:

- offer walk-in counselling to those facing mental health issues
- help victims of domestic violence
- ensure isolated seniors are not forgotten
- distribute food to families in our community
- form priests and deacons who will minister in our parishes

Your support of ShareLife makes these programs possible, among many others. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate)

**DOMINICAN FRIARS YOUTH INTERFAITH  
VIDEO CONTEST 2025**

*February 5th to April 15th*

Theme: Faith as a Pathway from Division to Unity High school students (aged 13 to 19 years) in the Catholic School Boards within the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual celebration of the United Nations International Human Fraternity Day on February 4 each year.

Students are encouraged to create a three-minute video that captures this year's theme. Please adhere to the guidelines provided on our website and submit your entries via the submission form at <https://bit.ly/DFVCSUBMISSION>. For further information, please contact us at [interreligious@archtoronto.org](mailto:interreligious@archtoronto.org) or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527

## ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE LOOSE CHANGE SUNDAY

*March 15th—March 16th*

On Saturday, March 15th, and Sunday, March 16th, the CWL will be holding their annual "Loose Change Sunday." The funds collected will be distributed among our parish school. We request that these funds be used to send children on trips that they may not otherwise be able to attend, or to provide for other necessary items. Please give generously to the CWL ladies who will be standing at each of our church doors on the dates mentioned above.



### ANNUNCIATION SENIORS CLUB

*Tuesday, March 18th*

Dear fellow seniors, our upcoming meeting will be on Tuesday, March 18th at 10AM in the Parish Hall. There will be a guest speaker. New members are always welcome! We look forward to seeing you!

### JUBILEE 2025: LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

In his homily at each of the Jubilee Regional masses Cardinal Leo strongly encouraged each individual/family to consider a visit/pilgrimage to one or more of the designated Pilgrimage Churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto during this special year of blessings. A listing of these churches and resources for your visit can be found at: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/year-of-prayer/home/pilgrimage-churches/>

In addition, for those wishing to receive a Plenary Indulgence through their visit to a Pilgrimage church, further information can be found at: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/year-of-prayer/home/plenary-indulgence/>

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## Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions

March 8—March 15

In loving memory of  
**Harold Oxley**

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