# ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

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# Give thanks to the Lord for His many Blessings On Thanksgiving





### Saturday, October 11th

5:00 pm: People of the Parish

#### Sunday, October 12th

8:00 am: † Petra Verdida & Rosita Vallido

10:00 am: † Cleta & Vincent Dias 12:00 pm: † Patricia & Manuel DePlata 7:00 pm: † Nicola & Assunta Pileggi

#### Monday, October 13th

9:00 am: Intentions of Brenda Parenteau

#### Tuesday, October 14th

8:00 am: † Jose DeVera

12:30 pm: Thanksgiving - Madtha Family

## Wednesday, October 15th—Memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor

8:00 am: Donor's Intentions 12:30 pm: † Teodulfo DeVera

## Thursday, October 16th—Memorial of St. Marguerite D'Youville, Religious

8:00 am: Donor's Intentions 12:30 pm: Donor's Intentions

## Friday, October 17th—Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr

8:00 am: † Souls in Purgatory 12:30 pm: † Eileen Power

## Saturday, October 18th—Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist

9:00 am: † Jeanne Geron

5:00 pm: Thanksgiving—DeVera Family

#### Sunday, October 19th

8:00 am: People of the Parish

10:00 am: Intentions of Leonard Salinas 12:00 pm: Intentions of Eddie Phillips 7:00 pm: Intentions of Teresa Tommasone

#### MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

October is designated as the Month of the Holy Rosary in the Catholic Church to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary. For the month of October, we will be reciting the rosary in the church <u>30 minutes before all Weekend Masses</u>. We hope you will join us!

#### THANKSGIVING MASS & OFFICE HOURS

**Monday, October 13th** is Thanksgiving Day. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM only. The parish office will be closed.



Monday, October 13th

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we gather to celebrate Thanksgiving, let us take this sacred time to lift our hearts in gratitude to Almighty God, the Giver of every good gift. In this season of harvest, we are reminded of the abundant blessings the Lord has bestowed upon us—our families, our faith community, our health, our land, and the freedom to worship openly in peace.

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, we are called to walk as Pilgrims of Hope and be there as Presence of Hope in our living situations. And on this journey, there is no greater gift to be thankful for than the Holy Eucharist, the source and summit of the Christian life.

It is in the Eucharist that we encounter Jesus most profoundly — broken and given for us, that we may have life in abundance. The very word Eucharist means "thanksgiving." Each time we celebrate the Mass, we participate in the ultimate act of gratitude, offering ourselves to the Father in union with the Son, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

May this Thanksgiving be not only a time of joyful feasting, but also a moment of reflection—a time to remember those who find this season difficult — the lonely, the poor, the sick, the displaced — and let our gratitude move us to action, compassion, and solidarity. In doing so, we live out the Gospel call to love our neighbour and to be instruments of God's mercy in the world.

Let us also give thanks this season not only for the visible blessings of food, family, health, and peace, but also for the mystery of God's presence among us — a presence that feeds our souls, heals our wounds, and strengthens our mission.

May Mary, Mother of Hope and Refuge, accompany us on our pilgrimage, filling our hearts with peace and deepening our gratitude for God's endless mercy and love

May this Thanksgiving draw us back to the altar with renewed hearts, recognizing in the Eucharist the fullness of God's love and the true foundation of our hope.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Thanksgiving.

In Christ,

Fr. Prasanth George CMI

Fr. James Cyfko, and the Parish Team

#### 2026 SUNDAY MISSAL

The 2026 Sunday Missal is now available to purchase at the CWL Religious Article Booth on Sunday from 8:30AM-1PM or from the parish office during office hours. The cost is \$5.00 each.

The CWL Religious Article Booth is closed this Sunday for the Thanksgiving weekend and will re-open next Sunday, October 19th.

#### **CALLING 18-25 AGERS**

Saturday, October 18 at 6:30PM



Join us for a university/college aged hangout in the Parish Hall on **Saturday**, **October 18**, **from 6:30PM to 8:30PM**. It will be a chance to connect with others with similar interests, play games, and pray together. Free YUMMY

food will be provided.

Please sign up via QR code so we can ensure there will be enough goodies for everyone. See you there!

#### THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



A very special thanks to all who joined hands with our Thanksgiving Food Drive for Good Shepherd Ministries

last weekend! Your generous donation and kindness supports the less fortunate and helps us spread warmth and hope to those in need. May your Thanksgiving be filled with joy and gratitude!

## ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO THE ANNUAL MASS ATTENDANCE HEAD COUNT

October 18/19 & October 25/26

This year, parishes are asked to conduct a parishioner attendance count on the weekends of October 18th/19th and October 25th/26th The count includes all Sunday Vigil and Sunday Masses, and Holy Communion visits to house bound parishioners or those in retirement or care facilities.



## Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions

October 11—October 17

For the holy souls of **Greg and Mabel**. **Arthur, Elizabeth, Sandra, Raymond, Nita, Hector**, and all relatives and friends of the Misquitta Family.

Requested by the Misquitta Family

#### FR. PRASANTH INSTALLATION MASS

Sunday, October 19 at 12PM

An Installation Mass is a special liturgical celebration where a newly appointed pastor officially assumes leadership in a parish. It's both a spiritual and symbolic moment in the life of a Catholic community as it marks a new chapter for the parish, and reminds both the priest and the faithful of their shared mission—to grow in faith and holiness together.

Bishop Vincent Nguyen will celebrate Fr. Prasanth's Installation Mass on October 19th at 12PM. On this day, let us offer Fr. Prasanth a sign of our welcome and support. Parish social in the hall after mass!

## CONFIRMATION INFORMATION & REGISTRATION MEETING

Tuesday, November 18th at 7:00PM



In the Spring of 2025, students in Grade 7 or above are invited to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation takes place in your own parish, the parish where you belong and regularly attend Mass. If Annunciation is not your

parish of worship, please contact your own parish for this Sacrament.

Students wanting Confirmation and their parents/guardians must attend the mandatory Information and Registration Meeting on **Tuesday, November 18**th at **7:00PM**.

Please bring a copy of your Baptismal Certificate, and complete the online registration form, for this meeting.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION INFORMATION & REGISTRATION MEETING

Thursday, November 20th at 7:00PM



If you are a member of Annunciation Parish and want your child to make their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in the Spring of 2025, you must attend the Information and Registration Meeting on Thursday, November 20th at 7:00PM.

Please bring a copy of your Baptismal Certificate, and complete the online registration form, for this meeting.

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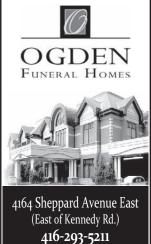
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