

# ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday:  
10:00 AM—12:00 PM,  
1:00 PM—8:00 PM

Tuesday, Thursday,  
& Friday:  
10:00 AM—12:00 PM,  
1:00 PM—4:00 PM

Wednesday:  
Office Closed

Saturday, Sunday,  
Public Holiday:  
Office Closed

## NEW TO OUR COMMUNITY?

Welcome, we're happy to have you!

To register or get involved, please contact the Parish Office or visit the Welcome Desk in the Foyer after the weekend Masses.

## WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Vigil 5:00 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, & 7:00 PM

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday	8:00 AM & 12:30 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM
Public Holiday	9:00 AM only

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (except holidays)	8:30 AM - 12:15 PM
Benediction	12:15 PM

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays	8:30 AM & 11:30 AM
Saturday	9:30 AM & 4:00 PM (or by appointment)

## ROSARY

Join us for the Rosary Monday to Friday at 7:30 AM in the Family Room. 8:00 AM Weekday Mass to follow.

## BAPTISMS

Parents themselves should pick up and return a completed Baptism Registration Form to the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance of the anticipated baptismal date. An interview with a priest is required. Parents of children to be baptized should be registered members of our Parish. Attendance at a Baptismal Preparation Meeting is mandatory.

## MARRIAGE

Couple 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. Completion of a Marriage Preparation Course is required. If either party has been previously married, permission to proceed must be obtained from the Chancery of the Archdiocese.


## CARE of the SICK and HOMEBOUND

Visitation and/or Communion for the sick and/or homebound is available upon request.

## PARISH SCHOOLS

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

## CONTACT US!

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 13th

5:00 pm: † Villa Corpuz Munoz

### Sunday, December 14th—3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00 am: † Richard, Zachia & James Morales

10:00 am: For those affected by the fires in Hong Kong

12:00 pm: † James Castellino

7:00 pm: People of the Parish

### Monday, December 15th

8:00 am: † Theresa Chee

12:30 pm: † Elizabeth Savage

### Tuesday, December 16th

8:00 am: Thanksgiving—Vina Cardoza

12:30 pm: † Francesco Leo

### Wednesday, December 17th

8:00 am: Donor's Intention

12:30 pm: Donor's Intention

### Thursday, December 18th

8:00 am: Thanksgiving—Vina Cardoza

12:30 pm: Friends and Family of the Oliver Family

### Friday, December 19th

8:00 am: † Elizabeth Marshall

12:30 pm: Thanksgiving—Vina Cardoza

### Saturday, December 20th

9:00 am: † Cleta & Vincent Dias

5:00 pm: People of the Parish

### Sunday, December 21st—4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 am: † Antonio Figueira

10:00 am: Onah Maximus Family

12:00 pm: Wedding Anniversary—Alex & Gretta

7:00 pm: † Ronnie Platon

## 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)



## Christmas and New Year Schedule

### CHRISTMAS EVE

#### Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

Weekday Mass at 9:00am

Vigil Mass at 6:00pm, 9:00pm (incense)  
& Midnight (incense)

Children's Choir Concert at 5:30pm

Adult Choir Concert at 8:30pm

*Parish Office closed*

### CHRISTMAS DAY

#### Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

Mass at 8:00am, 10:00am (incense) & 12:00pm

*Parish Office closed*

#### Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

Weekday Mass at 9:00am

*Parish Office closed*

### Feast of the Holy Family

#### Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup>

Weekday Mass at 9:00am

Confessions at 9:30am & 4:00pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

#### Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>

Mass at 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00 Noon & 7:00pm

#### Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

Weekday Mass at 8:00am & 12:30pm

*Parish Office closed*

#### Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

Weekday Mass at 8:00am & 12:30pm

*Parish Office open 10am - 12pm, 1pm - 4pm*

### New Year's Eve—Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

Weekday Mass at 9:00am

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm & 7:00pm

Adoration after 5:00pm Mass, Benediction 6:45pm

*Parish Office closed*

### New Year's Day—Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

#### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass at 10:00am, 12:00pm

*Parish Office closed*

#### Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

Weekday Mass at 8:00am & 12:30pm

*Parish Office closed*

**HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY***Saturday, December 20th at 6pm*

Our High School Ministry is a space where the teens of our parish community can meet new friends, grow deeper in their faith, and have fun. We begin on December 20 and meet on certain Saturday evenings, beginning with the 5pm Mass, followed by our program from 6-8:30pm. It is free and open to all youth currently in high school (Grades 9-12) regardless of any religious affiliation! Please take a few minutes to complete this mandatory registration form.



**Every \$ you give to ShareLife in 2025 will be doubled!**

New data shows that many food bank visitors are working age and that one in four visitors is children. Through ShareLife's Food Security Grants, parents can provide nourishing meals for their children, and seniors are able to live with dignity. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate).

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Thank you to the volunteers, participants and all those who showed up to make our parish Christmas party such a success! Special thanks to the Music and Altar Server Ministries for organizing and decorating for the party. You truly bring the giving spirit of Christmas to life.

**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: **Anthony Pinto**

**ANNUNCIATION SENIORS CLUB***Tuesday, December 16th at 10am*

The Seniors will be having a Christmas celebration in the Parish hall on December 16th Tuesday at 10:00 am. We welcome Seniors 55 years and up. The committee is looking forward to seeing all of you.

**CWL SOCKS & UNDERWEAR COLLECTION**

Thank you for your wholehearted support for our Parish Socks and Underwear Collection. We gifted Good Shepherd Ministries with 1,042 pair of socks and underwear! Your kindness in giving brought warmth and hope to many in need.

**CHRISTMAS TRIDUUM****in the spirit of "Simbang Gabi"***December 21st, 22nd, and 23rd at 7pm*

Inspired by the Filipino 9 day novena, our parish invites all to join us for Mass and hymns on Sunday December 21st, Monday December 22nd, and Tuesday December 23rd at 7pm. Reception to follow after the last Mass. As we open our hearts in preparation for the Birth of our Lord, we invite you to take part in this beautiful tradition.

**CWL BAKE SALE**

A Big Thank You to our parishioners for your generous support of this year's CWL Bake Sale! Your contributions from "baking to buying" made our Bake Sale a sold-out, sweet success! Donations will be made to various charities.

**ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSION***Tuesday, December 16th*

Join us this Tuesday for confessions! In the evening, we will have many priests available to hear confessions in Tagalog, Mandarin, Cantonese, French, Tamil, and Malayalam.

**8:30am - 10:00am, 11:30am - 12:15pm  
2:00pm - 4:00pm, 7:00pm - 9:00pm**

**HOW TO GO TO CONFESSION**

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

*"So often, our own sins and failings seem to be an obstacle in encountering the love of our Lord, preventing us from taking the steps towards authentic and renewed conversion. Yet Jesus came not to call the righteous, but sinners... And one of his first acts after the Resurrection was to entrust to the Church the power to forgive sins in his name. Thus, in order to undergo an authentic and renewed conversion, and to encounter the Love of God, a focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation – this most powerful encounter with divine mercy – is essential."*

- Thomas Cardinal Collins.

**CONFESSIONS FOR ADVENT**

We will be offering additional confession times for the Season of Advent (December 1st-23rd)! A priest will be available to hear confessions on:

**Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays**  
at 8:30am (after 8am Mass) and  
11:30am (Before 12:30pm Mass)  
**Saturdays** at 9:30am and 4:00pm  
*or by appointment*

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