

# ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

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## PASTORAL TEAM

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Josephine Balbidades *Bookkeeper*

May the  
Spirit of God  
Lead You Through  
the New Year





## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, January 3rd

5:00 pm: People of the Parish

### Sunday, January 4th—The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am: † James Morales

10:00 am: † Anthony Pinto

12:00 pm: † Celia David

7:00 pm: Intentions of Anne-Marie

### Monday, January 5th

8:00 am: Intentions of Fr. Prasanth George, CMI

12:30 pm: Birthday—Eddie Li Yan

### Tuesday, January 6th

8:00 am: Intentions of Fr. James Cyfko

12:30 pm: Thanksgiving—Basil Jr & Antoinette Benedict

### Wednesday, January 7th—St. Andre Bessette

8:00 am: Donor's Intention

12:30 pm: Intentions of Pamela Panan

### Thursday, January 8th

8:00 am: † Matilda & Nicholas Emanuel

12:30 pm: Intentions of Rowena & Carlo Rebano

### Friday, January 9th

8:00 am: Donor's Intention

12:30 pm: Donor's Intention

### Saturday, January 10th

9:00 am: † Patrick Barry Lord

5:00 pm: † Deacon Bill Daly

### Sunday, January 11th—The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 am: People of the Parish

10:00 am: † Edgardo Cruz & Rogelio Christopher Chang

12:00 pm: Donor's Intention

7:00 pm: Donor's Intention



## WITH MANY THANKS!

We would like to graciously thank all those who helped make our Christmas and New Years celebrations so beautiful: Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors, Cantors and Musicians, Choirs, Ushers, Parish Staff, Maintenance Staff, and so many others. A special thanks to our Christmas Flower, Decoration and cleaning crew for the extra special touch in the Parish Hall, church entrances, foyer, and Altar area. May God bless you all for your generosity and dedication!

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany that brings the Christmas season to a close. Scripture testifies that God set a star in the sky to proclaim the birth of his Son. The Wise Men or Kings who followed that star to the stable of Bethlehem represent all the nations of the world. With them, we come to worship Jesus, our new-born King!

### FRIARS STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2026

November 3, 2025, to January 12, 2026

**Theme:** *"The gifts he gave were for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ."* (cf. Eph 4:13)

High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to submit a 450-500-word essay and should consult the resources of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 at <https://bit.ly/WPCU2026>.

Entries can be submitted at: <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>. For further information, please contact [ecumenicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org](mailto:ecumenicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org) or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527.



### Marriage Sunday Mass Celebration

February 8, 2026 at 2:30PM

Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2026. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8, 2026 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto). Married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend with reserved seating available for couples celebrating one of the above anniversaries in 2026. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage)

**DO YOU HAVE WEDDING PHOTOS YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE?** Please email them to us by January 31st, 2026 to [annunciationto@archtoronto.org](mailto:annunciationto@archtoronto.org) so we can include them in a slideshow at our parish Marriage Sunday social the weekend of February 7/8, 2026.

## UNCLAIMED 2026 SUNDAY ENVELOPES



There are still a number of unclaimed 2026 Sunday Envelope boxes in the parish office. If yours is among them, please visit us during office hours or from the staff during Sunday morning Masses. ***Please discard your past years envelopes.***

- **Please discard and do not use your past years' envelope boxes.** Boxes that were neither used nor picked up are repurposed and assigned to other parishioners. If you are using your past year envelope that is not belong to you anymore we are not able to record your donation properly. If you wish to pick up a new envelope box, please contact the parish office.
- **If you picked up envelopes last year but did not use your 2025 box of envelopes,** kindly update the office so we can reallocate the number for another parishioner this year. Donations can still be made using the pink visitor envelopes, available at each entrance to the church.
- **Please write your full information along with the donation amount** when making donations using your assigned envelope or visitor envelope for accurate record-keeping.
- **Have you moved or changed phone number? Update your information to the parish office as soon as possible** either by phone, email to [annunciationto@archtoronto.org](mailto:annunciationto@archtoronto.org) or by visiting the parish office. It is important that your donation receipt are mailed to the correct address in the coming months.

## PRAY FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Sunday, January 18, 2026 at 4:00pm

January 18-25, 2026, marks the annual celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU). In this annual celebration we are reminded that the unity of the Church is both a gift of the Holy Spirit and a task for all Christians.

Join Bishop John A. Boissonneau and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church.

**Venue:** Runnymede United Church, 432 Runnymede Rd, Toronto, ON M6S 2Y8

**Theme:** "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4)

## THE SUNDAY PASTORAL TEAM

The Friday and Sunday Pastoral Teams are looking for new members to join them as they visit our sick and housebound parishioners. They go out on Fridays or Sunday mornings after the 10AM Mass, and bring our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament to parishioners who are unable to attend mass. It is a fulfilling ministry that brings the members and our parishioners great joy. If you have a couple of hours to spare once or twice a month, they would love to hear from you. Please leave your contact information at the parish office.

## CONFIRMATION SESSIONS RESUME



A reminder to registered Confirmation candidates: Confirmation Sessions will resume next week.

### 2nd Confirmation Session:

Monday, January 12th OR Tuesday, January 13th from 7:00pm until 9:00pm.

All sessions will take place in the Parish Hall.  
Please attend only on the day you have chosen.

## FIRST RECONCILIATION SESSIONS BEGIN



A reminder to registered First Holy Communion/Reconciliation candidates: First Reconciliation sessions will begin next week.

### 1st First Reconciliation Session:

Saturday, January 10th OR Sunday, January 11th from 2:00pm until 3:00pm.

All sessions will take place in the Parish Hall.  
Please attend only on the day you have chosen.



## Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions

January 3 — January 9

In loving memory of  
**James Morales**

So deeply loved, missed and eternally cherished.  
Forever in our hearts, Gemma (Dennis), Budwin,  
Robert, Sally and your nieces/nephews

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In loving memory of

**my parents Mr and Mrs S. F. George Tsang,  
brother Arthur Yiu Wing Tsang, sister  
Anna Tsang and Helper Ah Yue.**

Requested by Mr Y. L. Tsang and his wife Tammy  
Tam, Agnes Tsang and her husband Bryan Lee,  
Alan Tsang and his wife Jasmine Kwan

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