

ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday,
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, February 21st

5:00 pm: † May Beland

Sunday, February 22nd—1st Sunday of Lent

8:00 am: † Deacon Sal Badali

10:00 am: People of the Parish

12:00 pm: † Carmen Busuttill

7:00 pm: † Philomena & John Williams

Monday, February 23rd

8:00 am: Donor's Intention

12:30 pm: Donor's Intention

Tuesday, February 24th

8:00 am: Intns. of Helen & Val Fernandes

12:30 pm: Donor's Intention

Wednesday, February 25th

8:00 am: Donor's Intention

12:30 pm: Donor's Intention

Thursday, February 26th

8:00 am: Donor's Intention

12:30 pm: Donor's Intention

Friday, February 27th

8:00 am: Donor's Intention

12:30 pm: Donor's Intention

Saturday, February 28th

9:00 am: Donor's Intention

5:00 pm: † Roderick Joseph McDougall

Sunday, February 29th—2nd Sunday of Lent

8:00 am: † Deacon Sal Badali

10:00 am: † Modesto Lagasca Sr.

12:00 pm: People of the Parish

7:00 pm: Donor's Intention

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.



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 until Good Friday—April 3rd

(The Lector Ministry will be leading us this week!)

SEASON OF LENT



Lent is the 40-day season of preparation for Easter that ends on Holy Thursday, three days before Easter Sunday. During Lent, Catholics recall their baptism and do penance – fasting, prayer, and almsgiving as they commemorate the death and resurrection of 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.

CONFESSIONS FOR LENT

We will be offering additional confession times for the Season of Lent (February 23rd– March 31)! 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

DAY OF CONFESSION

Tuesday, March 24th

A priest will be available to hear your confession from 8:30am to 10am, 11:30am to 12:15pm, and multiple priests (and languages) will be available from 2pm to 4pm.

ANNUNCIATION BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Our parish is looking to start a bereavement ministry! Those interested are asked to register for the Archdiocesan online training and let the office know once you've registered.

This program is designed for new and seasoned parish bereavement ministers. It will explore ways to begin a bereavement ministry in your parish or enhance your present bereavement ministry programs. Registrants are required to participate in all online sessions, complete pre-homework and pass final assessment. There is no cost to attend but register early as capacity is limited.

WHEN: Wednesdays: February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 2026, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

REGISTER: Through QR code or link <https://bit.ly/BMT-Register2026> by February 23, 2026.

CONTACT: formation@archtoronto.org or 437-900-4287



LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY
Saturday, March 14th

Tickets are on sale now! The rally is Saturday, March 14, from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm at the Metro Toronto Convention Center.

The day will feature two simultaneous events—a youth rally (ages 13-18) and an adult rally (which younger children are welcome to attend). It is a day to deepen and renew your faith, with inspiring talks and testimonies, powerful praise and worship, the rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, fellowship, and so much more!

PILGRIMAGE TOUR TO ITALY WITH FR. JAMES
November 2- 13, 2026

In honour of the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi, Fr. James Cyfko will be leading a 12 day pilgrimage tour to Italy. The journey will lead the group from Rome, Siena, Assisi, Loreto, the Vatican, and many more holy and famous sites.

The cost is \$5390 (including tips and taxes) and includes round trip airfare, double occupancy hotels, breakfast and dinner, English speaking guide, and all tips for drivers, restaurants, and hotels.

Please pick up the yellow flyer at the entrances for more information. \$100 off registrations before April 10, 2026!

"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle"
- St. Francis of Assisi

CWL FEBRUARY 2026 MEETING

Thursday, February 26th



The Catholic Women's League will hold their February meeting on Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 1:30 pm in the Parish Hall. All new and current members are warmly invited to attend.



THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF SHARELIFE

I write to you with a grateful heart to thank you for your outstanding response to the 2025 ShareLife Parish Campaign. Together, our Catholic community raised \$15.6 million to care for those who are struggling across our archdiocese. Never before has our Parish Campaign reached this level, and it is a beautiful testament to the faith, care, and commitment of our community.

I am deeply aware that this generosity was offered in a time of real economic strain. Many families are carrying heavier burdens, feeling the rising cost of daily life, and making careful choices about what they can give. That choice matters. It speaks volumes about the kind of Church we are, and the kind of people you are.

As we mark the 50th anniversary of ShareLife, we give thanks for the faith that has sustained this mission for five decades, and we entrust its future once again to God's grace and to the loving care of our community members.

-Frank Cardinal Leo

1st ShareLife Sunday is March 22nd.

ShareLife has set our parish goal for this year's campaign at \$96,000. Thank you for your support!

**2025 DONATION TAX RECEIPTS
ARE ON THE WAY!**

2025 Donation Tax Receipts have been processed and you will receive them in the mail by **the first week of March.**

If you've moved and haven't updated us by December 2025, your tax receipt will most likely be mailed to your old address. We will forward it to your new address if it comes back to the office.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your continuous support of our parish!

**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: **Mary Ryan**

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