

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,
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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

Fridays	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 manda-
tory.

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 Arch-
diocese.


CARE of the SICK and HOMEBOUND

Visitation and/or Communion for the sick and/or home-
bound is available upon request.

PARISH SCHOOLS

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Our Lady of Wisdom School	416-393-5273
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CONTACT US!

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 18th

5:00 pm: † Agnes & Bernard Carroll

Sunday, April 19th

8:00 am: Intentions of Fr. Florentino Ferrer

10:00 am: † Clare Valerie Kavanagh

12:00 pm: Intentions of Eric & Dajon Durant

7:00 pm: Donor's Intention

Monday, April 20th

8:00 am: Intentions of Huynh Khiem

12:30 pm: Healing—Guadalupe Bitangga

Tuesday, April 21st

8:00 am: Intentions of Terrence Vioria

12:30 pm: † Irvin Hawkes

Wednesday, April 22nd

8:00 am: † Joel Garcia

12:30 pm: Intentions of Ian Cruickshank

Thursday, April 23rd

8:00 am: Intentions of Fernand Chuson

12:30 pm: † Chi Kong Chan

Friday, April 24th

8:00 am: Intentions of Cameron Royer

12:30 pm: Intentions of Fr. Prasanth & Fr. James

Saturday, April 25th

9:00 am: † Benjamin Bautista

5:00 pm: Intentions of Rose Oliver

Sunday, April 26th

8:00 am: † Rogelio Christopher Chang & Edgardo Cruz

10:00 am: † Marissa Villanueva

12:00 pm: † John William DaCosta

7:00 pm: † Angelo Asuncion



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

April 25/26 & May 2/3

Children of our parish community will be receiving their First Holy Communion at specific Sunday Masses over the next two weekends on April 25/26 and May 2/3. We look forward for the children to be able to receive Jesus through the Eucharist.

A reminder to parents and children to arrive 25 minutes before their chosen Mass, and join us in the foyer after mass to pick up your certificate.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your invaluable contributions and the profound impact you've made. We are deeply grateful for your 'Yes' to serve our parish community with a ready heart and willing spirit.

'Here am I. Send me!' ISAIAH 6:8

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

April 19 to April 25

This is a time of appreciation and celebration of every volunteer and the positive impact each of their contributions make to our parish communities. Our volunteers do more than contribute; they inspire our entire community to answer the call and put faith into action. This year's theme, "Ignite Volunteerism" is reflected in Isaiah 6:8 "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?'" "Here am I," I said; "send me!" By answering God's call, our volunteers do more than meet a need—they ignite a spirit of service that reflects His love.

Every day across the Archdiocese of Toronto, parishioners generously give their time and talent. Collectively, these efforts are amplified and resonate throughout our parish communities, creating ripples and sparking waves of positive change. These waves of change exemplify the power of faith and the extensive impact of collective dedication to doing good deeds.

We recognize that each of our parish volunteers are at the heart of the Archdiocesan call to stewardship and are instrumental in all that we do. We thank each one of you, from the tireless work of Volunteer Screening, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Choirs, Cantors and Musicians, Collection Counters, Altar Servers, Friday and Sunday Pastoral Care Ministry, Ministry Leaders, First Holy Communion and Confirmation Catechists, and so many other volunteers.

CALLING ALL HIGH-SCHOOLERS

Saturday, April 25

We invite all high school aged parishioners to hangout in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, April 25, from 6:30PM to 8:30PM**. It will be a chance to reconnect, play games, and pray together. You can also ask Fr. James ANYTHING, so come with your questions! Free YUMMY food will be provided. Please sign up via QR code so we can ensure there will be enough goodies for everyone.



Third Sunday of



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GIFTS ✨



A First Holy Communion is a cherished moment in a child's faith life. Celebrate this special occasion with a thoughtful keepsake.

Rosaries, prayer books, bookmarks, bracelets and holy cards are available in the Religious Articles Room. Open Sundays, except during Mass.



ANNUNCIATION SENIORS MTG & TRIP TO NIAGARA

Tuesday, April 21st

Dear fellow Seniors 55 years and up, our next meeting is on Tuesday April 21st at 10:00 am. An Associate of the Alzheimer's Society will speak at this meeting. We are also arranging a trip to Niagara Falls and Niagara on the Lake on Tuesday May 12th. If anyone would like to join, the cost is \$50.00 per head. The bus will leave shortly after the 8am Mass that day. Looking forward to seeing all of you on April 21st!

SPECIAL JUBILEE YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS

Following the conclusion of the Ordinary Jubilee Year of 2025, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV established a special Jubilee Year of St. Francis, from 10 January 2026 to 10 January 2027 to commemorate 800 years of his birth into eternal life.

We pray that this will be a time of abounding blessings in which "we are all called to become saints in the contemporary world, following the example of the *Seraphic Patriarch*."

A number of sacred places of worship are either named after St. Francis of Assisi or are currently minister by Franciscans. We encourage Catholics to visit these pilgrimage churches for pious meditation:

Northern Region:

- St. Francis Centre, Orangeville
- St. Francis of Assisi Mission, Washago
- St. Peter's Parish, Woodbridge

Central Region:

- Immaculate Conception, Toronto
- St. Bonaventure, Toronto
- St. Francis of Assisi, Toronto

Western Region:

- Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Toronto
- St. Francis of Assisi, Mississauga
- St. Jane Frances, North York
- St. Philip Neri, North York



Through ShareLife, you helped Tara rebuild her life

Tara's childhood was anything but safe. Conflict and fear filled her days, and as she grew older, home became unbearable. She waited, hoping things would change, but she had to leave once she became a teenager. Because of your warm heart, Tara found safety at Covenant House Toronto, a Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife. After a short stay in the crisis shelter, she moved into the Rights of Passage (ROP) program, determined to rebuild her life.

You gave Tara the strength to take charge of her future—adding her name to waitlists for affordable housing and taking steps to stand on her own. In the meantime, she balanced multiple part-time jobs while staying in school, saving every dollar she could. With your caring support, she connected with a counsellor to begin working through the challenges that had forced her to leave home. Today, she's living independently and building the future she once thought was out of reach.

ShareLife Sunday special collections are taking place next weekend on April 26. Our parish goal is \$96,000 Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

MONTH OF THE MARY



The tradition of dedicating the month of May to Mary, came about in the 13th century. Some say because it was created to replace various pagan cults. The actual reason is the fact that this month is the time when spring is at the height of its beauty. Spring is also connected with nature renewing itself. In her way, Mary gave new life to the world when she gave birth to our saviour Jesus Christ.

For the month of May, we will be reciting the rosary in the church **30 minutes before all Weekend Masses**. We hope you will join us!

SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Reflection leading up to Pentecost

When: Wednesdays April 29-May 20, from 7-8PM
Where: Parish Hall
Cost: Free, just bring a note pad and pencil
Presenter: Sr. Joan Lewis c.n.d

Come reflect with us! "The gifts we receive from the Holy Spirit are not for private purpose; rather, they are for the good of the world at large."

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