

# 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

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.

## St. Vincent de Paul Help Line

Please leave a voicemail at 647-499-5594, and someone  
will call you back.

## 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

St. Isaac Jogues School	416-393-5315
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## CONTACT US!

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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, May 16th**

5:00 pm: † Catarina Fernandes

**Sunday, May 17th—The Ascension of the Lord**

8:00 am: † Zachia Morales

10:00 am: Intentions of Gloria Tam

12:00 pm: † Bevan Weldon

7:00 pm: People of the Parish

**Monday, May 18th**

9:00 am: 30th Anniversary: Fernand & Andrea Chuson

**Tuesday, May 19th**

8:00 am: † Julie Cruz-Costales

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

**Wednesday, May 20th**

8:00 am: Intentions of Liliana Royer

12:30 pm: † Aida Rosos

**Thursday, May 21st**

8:00 am: Intentions of Troy Vilorio

12:30 pm: † Orwin Toovey

**Friday, May 22nd**

8:00 am: 50th Anniversary: Froilan & Dina

12:30 pm: Donor's Intentions

**Saturday, May 23rd**

9:00 am: Intentions of Angela Li-Muller

5:00 pm: People of the Parish

**Sunday, May 24th—Pentecost**

8:00 am: † Nathalie Rosales

10:00 am: † Ricardo, Luisa & Agapito Quiniquito

12:00 pm: 62nd Anniversary: Claude & Theresa Li Yan

7:00 pm: Donor's Intentions



**VICTORIA DAY LONG WEEKEND**

Monday, May 18th is Victoria Day. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am only. The parish office is closed. Voicemail messages and email correspondences will be returned in the following work days. Have a wonderful and safe long weekend!

**NEWLY ORDAINED PRIESTS**

On May 9th, His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto ordained four new priests to our Archdiocese. We welcome Rev. Matteo Bertozzi, Rev. Moonjun Alphonse Choi, Rev. Matthew Steven Tuanquin Tulio and Rev. Victor Manuel Valdés. We send our congratulations to the newly ordained priests. Please keep them in your prayers!

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**



The Ascension of the Lord, celebrated 40 days after Easter, marks the completion of Jesus' earthly mission and his inauguration as Lord.

He first united His divine nature with human nature through the Incarnation at the moment of the Annunciation.

Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches that from that moment on, Jesus, the Son of God, experienced three types of knowledge. First, being God, He had beatific knowledge, that is, a direct knowledge of His essence, the Father's essence, and the Holy Spirit's essence. Second, He had the perfection of infused knowledge, that is, a bestowal of all truths given to the angels in Heaven, especially those truths necessary for the completion of His divine mission. Third, He began to acquire learned knowledge, or experiential knowledge. This was the form of knowledge attained through His human nature from the senses and His human reason.

**TEACHING MASS—MOST HOLY TRINITY**

*May 30/31, 2026*

The Holy Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life" (CCC 1324), the sacred gift through which Christ continually nourishes His Church with His presence, grace, and love. In every Mass, we are invited into the saving mystery of Christ's sacrifice, the joy of His Real Presence, and deeper communion with God and one another.

We invite you to join us for a special Teaching Mass, on May 30/31, a great opportunity to deepen our understanding and appreciation of the beauty, meaning, and richness of the Catholic liturgy. Throughout the celebration of the Mass, the prayers, gestures, symbols, and sacred traditions of our worship will be thoughtfully explained, helping us participate more fully and prayerfully in the Eucharist.

Whether you are a lifelong Catholic, new to the faith, or simply seeking to grow spiritually, this is a great opportunity to encounter Christ more deeply through the Church's greatest prayer.



**Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions**



May 16—May 22

In loving memory of our mother  
**Zachia Morales.**

Will always be missed and eternally cherished.

Request by your children

†Jimmy, Gemma (Dennis), Budwin,  
Robert, Sally and your grandchildren.

**MONTH OF THE MARY**

The tradition of dedicating the month of May to Mary, came about in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Some say 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**. Signups to lead the rosary are available at the welcome desk. We hope you will join us!

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

Saturday, May 30 @ 6:30-8:30pm

If you're between 18-25 years of age, and looking for a great group to play games, have discussions, and hang out over dinner, please join our next session on **Saturday, May 30th from 6:30-8:30pm in the Parish hall**. To make sure we get enough snacks and supplies for the games, please RSVP using the QR code!



**TOTUS TUUS CAMP REGISTRATION OPEN!**

We are thrilled to host Totus Tuus and the Missionaries from July 19-24, 2026, and provide a faith filled summer experience for our youth! The theme this year is the Ten Commandments.



Day Program (\$100/child)  
Grades 1-6, Monday to Friday from 9am-2:30pm.  
Evening Program (\$50/child)  
Grades 6-12, Sunday to Thursday from 6-9pm.



Payment is accepted at the welcome desk during weekend Masses, or through the parish office/ office mailbox. Cash or cheque only.

**C O N F I R M A T I O N**

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT & CEREMONY**

A reminder to all Confirmation candidates/families:

**Confirmation Retreat & Rehearsal:**

Saturday, May 23rd from 9am-1pm

**Confirmation Ceremony:**

Sunday, May 24th at 2pm by Bishop Vincent Nguyen. Candidates are to arrive by 1pm, Sponsors by 1:20pm. Reception to follow in the hall.



**The Ascension of the Lord  
World Day of Social Communications  
Through ShareLife, you support  
human connection**

On the 60<sup>th</sup> World Day of Social Communication, we are invited to pause and connect with each other—for the Church, for the world, and for the future we are helping to shape together.

Your support of ShareLife supports human connection across the world, making a difference in the lives of thousands of people in our community and beyond—funding more than 40 agencies, which help children and youth, families in crisis, seniors, immigrants and refugees, people with special needs, international development and missions, and vocations.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate). **Our parish goal is \$96,000 and our total to date is \$36,959.65.**

**HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY**

Saturday, May 23 at 6pm-8:30pm

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 meet monthly on Saturday evenings beginning with the 5pm mass. It is free and open to all youth currently in high school (Grades 9-12) regardless of any religious affiliation!

**Dinner is included! Please register so we can prepare ample refreshments->**



**SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

*Reflection leading up to Pentecost*

**When:** Wednesday May 20 & 27th, from 7-8:30pm

**Where:** Parish Hall

**Cost:** Free, just bring a note pad and pencil

**Presenter:** Sister Joan Lewis c.n.d.

**BUILDING FUND COLLECTION**



Next weekend we will be taking up our monthly Building Fund Collection. Thank you for your generosity.

**CWL MAY MEETING**



The next CWL meeting is Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. Join us in the Parish Hall for the Crowning of Mary, a short meeting, light refreshments and a fund-raiser raffle.

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