



Church of the Annunciation
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January 31, 2021 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Annunciation Mass Schedule & Intentions

**IN-PERSON MASS SUS-
PENDE**: Via Facebook
 live on our page,
["Annunciation Church
PR"](https://www.facebook.com/AnnunciationChurchPR/), there are daily prayer
 opportunities and weekend
 Masses.

Mon Feb 1
 Children & Families of
 Giselda Bidese

Tue Feb 2
 Deceased members of
 the Falvo Family+

Wed Feb 3

Thurs Feb 4

Fri Feb 5
 Esperanza Martinez+

Sat Feb 6 @ 5:00 pm

Sun Feb 7 @ 10:00 am
 OUR PARISHIONERS

Parish Activities

Exposition & International Rosary: First Friday of the
 month @ 7:00 pm Mass followed by Exposition and Rosary.

Rosary: Saturday @ 10:15 am.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Every Wednesday
 evening @ 6:30 pm before Mass.

Catholic Women's League: CWL Membership Dues for 2021:
 Dues are \$36.00 and can be paid to Irene Zak or left in the Col-
 lection Basket in an envelope labeled "CWL".

Please check out our national website: cwl.ca and provincial:
bcyukoncwl.com.

Confessions: Every Tues, Wed and Thurs, before Mass Sat, at
 4:30pm or by appointment.

Baptism : Call the office for appt. with Fr. Terry.

Matrimony: Please contact Fr. Terry at least 6 months in ad-
 vance.



Alleluia, Alleluia. The
 people who sat in dark-
 ness have seen a great
 light, and for those who
 sat in the region and
 shadow of death, light
 has dawned. **Alleluia.**

ANNUNCIATION PARISH					
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS					
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31					
				2020	2019
				(6 months)	(6 months)
RECEIPTS					
General collections				\$ 49,771	\$ 75,063
Special collections				2,086	1,875
Building fund collections				7,781	8,767
Diocesan Appeal rebate				5,603	-
Parish ministries and programs				3,115	1,931
Religious supplies and candle receipts				1,333	2,230
Donations				2,570	3,086
TOTAL RECEIPTS				72,259	92,952
DISBURSEMENTS					
Cathedraticum				9,099	12,880
Office supplies and printing				795	654
Operations and maintenance				29,191	18,387
Parish ministries and program expenses				2,338	1,200
Rectory expenses				2,945	3,919
Special collections				2,386	3,999
Wages and related cost				29,584	32,690
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS				76,339	73,730
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS AFTER DISBURSEMENTS				\$ (4,079)	\$ 19,223

FLIGHT 2021: All Aboard! We are prepared to take off into the New Year. Please make sure your Positive Attitude and Gratitude are secured and locked in the upright position. All self-destruct devices: pity, anger, selfishness, and resentment should be turned off at this time. All negativity hurt and discouragement should be put away. Should you lose your Positive Attitude under pressure during this flight, Reach Up & Pull Down a Prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith. Once your Faith is activated, you can assist other passengers who are of little Faith. There will be NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight. GOD, our Captain, has cleared us for take-off. Destination – GREATNESS!! Wishing you a New Year filled with new HOPE, new JOY, and new BEGINNINGS!! Stay Blessed! and Welcome to 2021!! "We isolate now, so that when we gather again, no one is missing."

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK: FEBRUARY 11: As the church marks World Day of the Sick on February 11, the Catholic Health Association of BC encourages everyone to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. The theme of this year's 29th World Day of Prayer for the Sick, "You have but one teacher and you are all brothers" (Mt 23:8), calls for "a trust-based relationship to guide care for the sick." Jesus asks us to "stop and listen, to establish a direct and personal relationship with others, to feel empathy and compassion, and to let their suffering become our own as we seek to serve them." Pray with us on this day. To learn more about this day or to read the Pope's full message, visit www.chabc.bc.ca/world-day-of-the-sick

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH: From the Apostolic Letter “Patris Corde” “With a Father’s Heart “Beloved Father” The greatness of Saint Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and the father of Jesus. As such, he "put himself at the service of the entire saving design", as St. John Chrysostom states. Saint Paul VI observes that his fatherhood was expressed concretely "in having made his life a service, a sacrifice, to the mystery of the Incarnation and to the redeeming mission that is united in it; in having used legal authority, which was his responsibility to the holy Family, to give it total gift of himself, of his life, of his work; in having converted his human vocation to domestic love into the superhuman oblation of himself, of his heart and of every capacity, in the love placed at the service of the germinated Messiah in his home" For this role in the history of salvation, Saint Joseph is a father who has always been loved by the Christian people, as shown by the fact that many churches have been dedicated to him throughout the world; that many religious institutes, confraternities and ecclesial groups are inspired by its spirituality and bear its name; and that in his honor various sacred representations have been held for centuries. Many Saints and Saints were his devoted enthusiasts, including Teresa of Avila, who adopted him as a lawyer and intercessor, recommending himself a lot to him and receiving all the graces he asked for; encouraged by her own experience, the Saint persuaded others to be devoted to him. In each prayer manual there is some prayer in St. Joseph. Particular invocations are addressed to him every Wednesday and especially during the whole month of March, traditionally dedicated to him. The people's trust in Saint Joseph is summed up in the expression "Ite ad Ioseph", which refers to the time of famine in Egypt when people asked pharaoh for bread and he replied: "Go to Joseph; do what he will tell you"(Gen 41:55). They were Joseph son of Jacob, who was sold out of envy by his brothers (cf. Gen 37:11-28) and who – according to biblical narrative – later became vice-king of Egypt (cf. Gen 41:41-44). As a descendant of David (cf. Mt 1:16.20), from whose root Jesus was to germinate according to the promise made to David by the prophet Nathan (cf. 2 Sam 7), and as the husband of Mary of Nazareth, Saint Joseph is the hinge that unites the Old and New Testaments.

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH: “Fathers are not born, but made”. “A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child.” And then this punch line: “Children today often seem orphans, lacking fathers.” Pope Francis, year of St. Joseph.

There are of course some genuine orphans. But the orphans of whom the Pope spoke are those comprising the growing number of kids whose fathers, although alive and well, simply aren’t doing the job.

Numbers suggest the dimensions of the problem in the U.S. As of 2019, there were roughly 16 million American children—about one out of every four—without a father in the home. And while that can happen for a number of reasons, by far the largest reason is family breakdown and the huge rise births out of wedlock.

The nation was first alerted to that problem in 1965 when Daniel Patrick Moynihan, then an assistant secretary of labor and later a U.S. senator, published *The Negro Family: The Case for National Action*—better known as the Moynihan Report—examining family breakdown among African Americans. Then the rate of out-of-wedlock births among blacks was 25%. Now it is 70%. And now, too, it has shot up among Hispanics (52%) and whites (over 28%).

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: Was held at the noon hour on Jan 21 at the Fellowship Baptist Church. This endeavour was revived around five years ago. Seven pastors took part in this service. You can view it on the [Fellowship Baptist web page](#).

REMOVING THE WORD “ONE” FROM THE ENDING OF THE COLLECT: Following a request from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments which was sent to the Bishops’ Conferences of all English speaking countries, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops agreed to adjust the English-language wording to the conclusion of the Collect (the opening prayer) in the Roman Missal as approved for use in Canada. As of Ash Wednesday, 17 February 2021, the word “one” is to be omitted from the conclusion of the Collect, and likewise of similar prayers in the liturgy (for example, the Blessing of Water at the Easter Vigil). Instead of ending “one God, for ever and ever”, the Collect will now end “God, for ever and ever”. Until now, the word “one” has been used in the conclusion to the Collect in both the earlier and the current English-language translations of the Roman Missal. However, in consultation with the International Commission on English in the Liturgy, the Bishops of English-speaking countries are in the process of deciding when and how each country will implement this change. The reason for it is to avoid possible misunderstandings about the identity of the Son within the Blessed Trinity, or even the misconception that Our Lord Jesus Christ is “one God” among others. With this change, the English will now also be consistent with the Latin text, as well as conform with translations into other European languages including French. The new wording, which amends the English-language translations of n. 54 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, will be incorporated into all future editions of liturgical books approved for use in Canada. As a practical note, there should be no need to strike out or attempt to erase the word “one” in each instance it occurs in the current editions of the liturgical books such as the Roman Missal. The celebrant at liturgical celebrations will simply omit the word where needed. Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops December 2020

ADVICE FROM THE SAINTS ON SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: ***St. Teresa of Avila*** wrote in The Way of Perfection: “When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you.” ***St. Jean Vianney said:*** “If we are deprived of Sacramental Communion, let us replace it, as far as we can, by spiritual communion, which we can make every moment; for we ought to always have a burning desire to receive the good God. Communion is to the soul like blowing a fire that is beginning to go out, but that has still plenty of hot embers; we blow, and the fire burns again.” ***St. Thomas Aquinas*** distinguished the physical and spiritual reception of the Eucharist, and described Spiritual Communion as, “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the most holy sacrament and lovingly embrace him”. ***St. Leonard of Port Maurice said:*** “If you practice the holy exercise of spiritual Communion several times each day, within a month you will see your heart completely changed.” ***Benedict XVI*** recommended making Spiritual Communions in Sacramentum caritatis: “Even in cases where it is not possible to receive sacramental communion, participation at Mass remains necessary, important, meaningful and fruitful. In such circumstances it is beneficial to cultivate a desire for full union with Christ through the practice of spiritual communion, praised by Pope John Paul II and recommended by saints who were masters of the spiritual life”. The Rosary is a long chain that link heaven and earth. One end of it is in our hands and the other is in the hands of the holy Virgin.... the Rosary prayer rises like incense to the feet of the Almighty. St. Therese of Lisieux