

The Parish Community of St. Ann

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CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF MINISTRY

UNITY IN DIVERSITY: "Moved by the Good News of Jesus Christ... We value our diversity" (Mission Statement)

Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Fr. Wilson Andrade CSC

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 23, 2018

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF CARE FOR CREATION

Mass Intentions

(December 21 – December 28, 2018)

Saturday, December 22: 5:00 p.m.

+ **Pushpam George** *Req. Shibu Kannampuzha*

Sunday, December 23: 6:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving for Victoria Montifar

Req. Victoria Montifar

Wednesday, December 26: 8:00 a.m.

+ **Irene Hart** *Req. Yvonne John*



Care for Creation – December 2018

As we commence the year of Care for Creation, the month of December is dedicated to the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will specially focus practicing concrete ways to care for mother earth. May God continue to bless and guide us during this year of Care for Creation.

Christmas Donations to the poor

There are a number of items at the entrance of the Church. Donations made from these items will be used to help the poor with food and clothing during the winter season:

- ♥ 2019 Calendar: \$1.00
- ♥ New Missals: \$ 5.00
- ♥ Christmas Ornaments: \$ 2.00

Envelops will be distributed to buy the flowers and liturgical items to make a beautiful Christmas Crib and decorate the Altar.



Children's Christmas Pageant

Rehearsals for the children's Christmas Pageant have started in December after the 10:30am mass. If you have any questions or would like to sign up please feel free to contact Melody or Nancy McMullan or send an email to melody.mcmullan@ryerson.ca

Raise a Roof Jamaica – 2019

Next March 2019, a group of 14 local teens, joined by Fr. Wilson and 5 other adult project leaders, will be headed to Kingston, Jamaica to build houses for families in need. To fund this project, we are challenged with raising funds to cover the travel and material cost. Consider donating towards this cause. Envelops are at the back of the church.



Merry Christmas

During the Vigil Mass for the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we complete the circle of preparation for the birth of our Saviour. We now focus on the Center of the Circle where a **white candle** is ready to be lit on Christmas day – **a symbol of Christ** – The True Light of the world. So let the Light of Christ flow into us and let's put God at the center of our lives. On behalf of the Parish Community of St. Ann and Native People's Mission, we would like to wish all of you a Blessed and grace-filled Christmas Celebration. As we celebrate the Year of Care for Creation, we pray and ask for God's light to shine upon us. May the birth of Christ help us to deepen our love, strengthen our faith and reassure our hope in God, bringing peace and joy to the world.

St. Ann's Resettlement Committee's Giving Campaign

Our Syrian family of four, two parents, a boy 13 and a girl 10, are expected to arrive in Toronto this winter and we need your help to prepare for their arrival. You can be instrumental in helping a family fleeing war and uncertainty, by assisting us in the following ways:

Housing: Our family will need somewhere to live when they arrive. We are looking for permanent housing. With Toronto's vacancy rate at 1.5% and high rents finding suitable accommodation is proving to be a challenge. If you or anyone you knows can assist this family in finding or renting suitable lodgings please contact us as soon as possible.

In-Kind Donations: After fleeing war and violence and subsequently living in Lebanon where employment is uncertain at best, our family will be arriving from Beirut without the essentials necessary to make a home. They will be in need of furniture, household goods, clothing, and various sundry items (such as cleaning supplies, pantry supplies and toiletries). If you have any items you could donate we would be happy to store them until our family arrives.

If you have a recommendation about housing or an in-kind donation please contact Theresa at [416-700-3358](tel:416-700-3358) or theresa.spohn@icloud.com. As always your generosity is greatly appreciated

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“Christ, the Saviour is born”

By Rev. Wilson Andrade, CSC

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent we light the last Candle in the Advent Wreath as we complete the circle of preparation for the birth of our Saviour. As we complete the circle we now focus on the Center of the Circle where a **white candle** is ready to be lit on the Christmas day – **a symbol of Christ** – The True Light of the world. The True Light of Christ comes from the Center to the four corners of the world. So let’s put God at the center of our lives, let the Light of Christ flow into us and dispel the darkness of our lives.

This promise has been foretold by the ancient prophecy of Isaiah who gives the sign of God-with-us (Emmanuel) **“a virgin shall bear a son.”** This is what we celebrate in Jesus Christ born of Blessed Virgin Mary, who for us becomes the means of our Salvation, since it was Jesus through his life, death and resurrection **“saved the people from their sins.”** We celebrate the Birth of Jesus, because he saved us from sin and death, gave us hope of resurrection of life.

Christmas is time to celebrate Jesus Christ. His Birth itself is the great joy, fulfillment of the ancient prophecy, a divine promise, and a human redemption. So the **“Good news and great joy to all the world: Today is born our saviour, Christ the Lord”**. How do we receive this Good News? How do we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Saviour? **This sacred time** is not a passing event of a secular culture filling us with temporary joys shining lights on a bogus tree, or empty promises of marketing tags, or expensive gifts without true love. Rather this is the time to celebrate the True Light comes from Christ, Fulfilment of Divine promise of hope and receiving the True Gift from God – **The Birth of Our Saviour and Our Lord.**

So Lets Celebrate **Emmanuel** – God-with-us.

O Come Divine Messiah – fill us with your **Light**, your **Joy** and your **Love**. Amen.



Holy Cross Family Ministries: Festival of Families

“Family that Prays together, stays together.” Ven. Patrick Peyton, CSC

Join us to celebrate Family Prayer on **Saturday, December 29, 2018** hosted by the Holy Cross Family Ministries.

4:00 p.m. – Marian Procession and Rosary

5:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist, followed by Dinner & Dance

Celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

All are welcome to attend. Please register with the Holy Cross Family Ministries- Canada. Please, continue to support our ministries of the Holy Cross Family Ministries.

ADVENT SEASON MASS SCHEDULE - 2018

<u>Monday, Dec. 24</u>	<u>Tuesday, Dec. 25</u>	<u>Saturday, Dec. 29</u>	<u>Monday, Dec. 31, 2018</u>
7:00 p.m.: Family Mass	10:30 a.m.: Christmas Mass	5:00 p.m.: Feast of the Holy Family Mass	5:00 p.m.: Family Mass
11:30 p.m.: Christmas Carols		6:00 p.m.: Family Potluck Fellowship	11:00 p.m.: Midnight mass
12:00 a.m.: Midnight Mass			Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019
			10:30 a.m.: Thanksgiving Mass

Envelopes for 2019



Envelopes for 2019 are now available at the back of the church. If you would like to contribute through PAG, please fill out and submit the respective form. Those who would like to continue to donate through Envelopes, can now receive them at the entrance.

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