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CELEBRATING THE YEAR FOR CARE FOR CREATION

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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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: JANUARY 6, 2019

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Mass Intentions: (January 5, – January 11, 2019)

Saturday, January 5: 5:00 p.m.

Intentions of Jackie Hunt *Req. Agnes Caruana*

Tuesday, January 8: 8:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Mass - Aymara Toro Young

Care for Creation – January 2019

As we commence the year of Care for Creation, the month of January is dedicated to the Reflection on the Water as we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord.

We will specially focus practicing concrete ways to care for Water. May God continue to bless and guide us during this year of Care for Creation.



The Feast of St. Brother Andre, CSC

On the First **Saturday, January 5, 2019**, we will be celebrating the Feast of St. Brother Andre, the first Saint of the Congregation of Holy Cross. St. Brother Andre is known as the Miracle Worker of Montreal, as he promoted the devotion of St. Joseph with the healing oils. We will have the

Sacrament of the Sick after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Potluck dinner and fellowship to follow. All are welcome.



Marian Pilgrimages – 2019

1. Mexico & Ecuador

Join us for a Pilgrimage to Mexico and Ecuador **on May 02 – May 15, 2019** with Fr. Wilson Andrade, CSC. We will visit the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and many churches.

2. Portugal, Spain and France

Join us for Europe Pilgrimage on Sept 16 to Sept 29, 2019 with Fr. Wilson Andrade, CSC. We will visit the shrines of Our Lady in Fatima and in Lourdes and many churches. Information sheets are available: at www.qstours.com

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. Envelopes are at the back of the church.



The Feast of Blessed Basil Moreau – January 20, 2019



Come and celebrate with us the feast day of Blessed Basil Moreau, CSC, founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, on **Sunday, January 20, 2019**, with:

5:00 p.m. – Festive Mass

6:00 p.m. – Presentation on the life of Fr. Moreau and Veneration of the Relic of Blessed Basil Moreau

A formal reception (cost: \$10) will be held in the Hall after the liturgy. All are welcome to attend

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:

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

2) 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 or theresa.spohn@icloud.com. As always your generosity is greatly appreciated.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: JANUARY 6, 2019
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Epiphany of the Lord



Reflections by Rev. Wilson Andrade, CSC

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The term epiphany comes from the Greek term *epiphaneia*, which means “*manifestation, striking appearance.*” For us it is to say that God manifested or appeared in Jesus Christ. This feast is powerfully symbolized in the ‘*arrival of the three wise men who offered gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.*’ That is to proclaim that the child born to Mary in Bethlehem is the ‘*long awaited Messiah and King.*’ We know and experience Creation, especially our surrounding nature, as an Epiphany of God. Creation reveals God’s presence. A great mystic of our times, Gerard Hopkins, said that *the world is charged with God* and Teilhard de Chardin saw *creation as the Divine milieu.* Then we realize that we are created *in the image and likeness of God*, so we reveal God’s presence.

We belong to God and we are an *epiphaneia* – a striking image of God. The Scriptures, especially St. John, often refers to each one of us as God’s Children. We belong to God and truly are the family of God. Do we live like God’s Children? That question each one of us has to answer before God. So let’s live as the children of God, accepting everyone as our brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

Today, God becoming one like us in Jesus Christ helps us to deepen our awareness of God’s presence. Just as Christ fully revealed God’s presence, we *are called to reveal and proclaim the presence of Christ to all as baptized Christians.* May the feast of the Epiphany deepen our awareness of God’s presence in this world. May we become God’s instruments of love, peace and joy to everyone in this world.

O’ Come, Let us adore Christ our Lord

With Grateful Hearts

I would like to thank everyone who helped us to celebrate Christmas and New Year Liturgies. Thanks to everyone who contributed to make our Advent Season and Christmas Season more meaningful and celebratory. The simple beauty of our liturgical environment and community prayer is the result of the rich personal gifts and talents of many in our Parish. This year I invite you to make conscious efforts in our reflection and actions to work towards the Care for Creation. We shall be effective and authentic stewards of the beautiful creation of God. I would like to thank our Pastoral Staff, the members of St. Ann Parish and Native People’s Mission who help us build up a lively spirit-filled Christian Community. Thank you so much.

May God bless you with peace and happiness in the New Year.



Development and Peace Coffee Sunday



**Development
and Peace**
CARITAS CANADA

Today Sunday,
January 6 after 10:30
mass our Development
and Peace Group will

have Fair Trade Products (tea, coffee, cocoa and chocolate) for sale at the back of the church. You are also encouraged to become a D&P member, a great way to educate yourself about social justice issues.

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 to the St. Ann Office.

Those who would like to continue to donate through Envelopes, can now receive them at the entrance.

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