

## Holy Eucharist

Daily Mass	
Monday-Thursday	8:00 a.m.
Friday (Adoration)	6:00 p.m.
(Holy Eucharist)	7:00 p.m.
Saturday Vigil	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
	6:00 p.m.
Native Peoples' Mass	12:30 p.m.
Bridgepoint Hospital	2:30 p.m.

# The Parish Community of St. Ann

## Served by the Holy Cross Fathers

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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)

### Celebration of Sacraments

**Baptism:** preparation required (please contact office)

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 4:15-4:45 p.m. or by appointment

**Matrimony:** (couple contacts office one year in advance)

### Pastoral Staff

<b>Pastor</b>	Fr. Wilson Andrade CSC
<b>Secretary</b>	Aymara Toro
<b>Finance</b>	Anne Francis
<b>Pastoral Assistant</b>	Maria Fernandes
<b>Baptism</b>	Fe Santos
<b>RCIA</b>	Rolly Cabas
<b>Development &amp; Peace</b>	Catherine Barry



### Food Bank

Carlos & Colette Carreiro

### Music

Ronald Vengie Fabre

### Custodian

Ed Keenan

### Caretaker

Rosalie Tolentino

### Cook

Cristina Acosta

**"Many Ministries for one mission of Jesus Christ" (Cf. 1 Cor. 12)**

### Saturdays

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.: **Food Bank**  
 4:15 p.m.: **Novena to St. Bro. Andre**  
 4:30 p.m.: **Novena to St. Ann**  
 6:00 p.m.: 1st Saturdays - **Healing Service**  
 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.: **Holy Family Prayer Group**

### Sundays

9 - 10:00 a.m.: **Tai Chi Group**  
 9:15 a.m.: **Divine Mercy & Rosary**  
 10:30 a.m. Mass: **Children's Liturgy**  
 11:30 a.m.: 1st Sunday **Coffee Sunday**  
**Tuesdays:**  
 1:00 p.m.: **Seniors' Group**

### Parish Ministries

Pastoral Council  
 Finance Council  
 Liturgy/Faith Formation  
 Altar Servers  
 Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers  
 Collection Counters  
 Hospitality committee  
 Development and Peace  
 Refugee Resettlement Group  
 Holy Family Prayer Group  
 Holy Cross Youth Group  
 Handmaids of the Lord  
 Couples Ministry  
 Music Ministry

### OFFICE HOURS

#### Sunday – Tuesday:

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday & Thursday:

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Friday & Saturday:** Closed

# THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: JANUARY 27, 2019 CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF CARE FOR CREATION

## Mass Intentions (January 25 – 31, 2019)

**Sunday, January 27:** 6:00 p.m.  
+ **Anthony Fernandes** *Req. Maria Fernandes*

## Valentine's Day Party - February 16, 2019



The Youth of St. Ann Parish will be hosting a Valentine's Day dinner and dance at St. Ann Parish hall on **Saturday, February 16, 2019** at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available at \$15 per ticket. Join us for a fun-filled evening.

## Marriage Sunday – February 10, 2019

As part of Marriage Sunday 2019 celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2019. If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2019, they are invited to join in this special celebration. The Mass will take place at 4 p.m. on **Sunday, February 10** at St. Clare of Assisi Parish (150 St. Francis Ave., Woodbridge). A reception will follow Mass. All are welcome to attend – couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register online or by phone for Registration contact: [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) or by calling (416) 934-3400, x 523.

## Become a Rosary Maker

The Holy Cross Family Ministries – Canada at St. Ann Parish will be hosting a group of Rosary Makers Training event on **January 27, 2019 at 3:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. If you would like to be a Rosary maker, Please fill out the Registration Form. We are planning to make 50,000 rosaries that will be distributed to many churches, hospitals, schools and missions in the world. Thank you for helping us to spread God's message of love in the families.

## Handmaids of the Lord - Sunday Breakfast



Today **Sunday, January 27**, the Handmaids of the Lord will be hosting their first Breakfast Sunday of the year. Please come down to the hall after the 10:30 a.m. mass and join us for a freshly made pancake breakfast and fellowship.

## Raise a Roof Jamaica – 2019

This March 2019, a group of 14 local teens, joined by Fr. Wilson and 5 other adult project leaders, will be headed to Kingston, Jamaica. Thank you for your support and pray for success of the project.



## 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.

## 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:

**Gift Cards:** If you have gift cards you are not using or would like to make a gift card donation please do so on **Sunday January 27, 2019**. Cards from grocery stores, discount fashion stores and ones that sell household items would be appreciated. **Please put the gift cards in the regular collection.**

**Housing:** Thank you to Donna and Patrick of our parish who have graciously offered to provide temporary housing for our family. But we will need permanent housing for our family by in the spring. If you or anyone you know can assist this family in finding or renting suitable permanent lodgings please contact us as soon as possible.

**In-Kind Donations:** Furniture, household goods, clothing, and various sundry items (i.e. cleaning supplies, pantry supplies and toiletries) are needed. If you have any items you could donate we would be happy to store them until our family arrives.

**Committee Volunteer:** If you would like to become a committee volunteer you are welcome to attend the committee's monthly meetings held on the 3rd Sunday of every month. The next meeting will be on Sunday **February 17, 2019**.

If you have a recommendation about housing, an in-kind donation or wish to be a committee volunteer please contact Theresa at 416-700-3358 or [theresa.spohn@icloud.com](mailto:theresa.spohn@icloud.com).

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### St. Agnes: "The martyrdom" by Saint Ambrose (3<sup>rd</sup> century)

*Saint Agnes was a young girl of only 12 years of age who was martyred in Rome during the latter half of the third century or at the beginning of the fourth century, during the fierce persecution of Diocletian. Pope Damasus honored her tomb, decorating it with sacred poetry. Many of the Fathers of the Church, following St. Ambrose, have written of her with great devotion. This excerpt from a treatise On Virgins by Saint Ambrose is used in the Roman Office of Readings for the liturgical memorial of Saint Agnes on January 21. St. Agnes, whose name in Latin means "lamb," is often depicted in sacred art with the animal that bears her name and which symbolizes all disciples who follow the Shepherd's voice.*

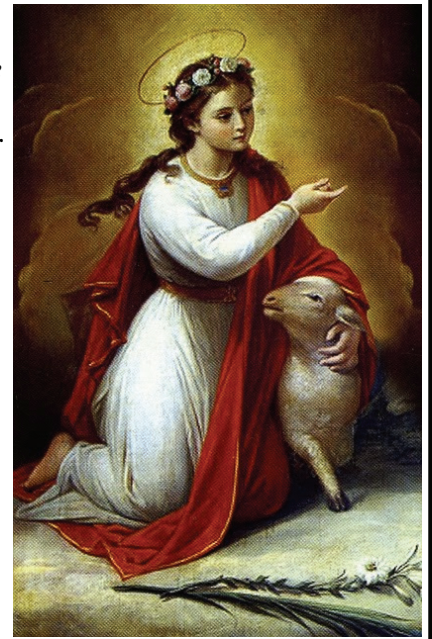
"Today is the birthday of a virgin; let us imitate her purity. It is the birthday of a martyr; let us offer ourselves in sacrifice. It is the birthday of Saint Agnes, who is said to have suffered martyrdom at the age of twelve. The cruelty that did not spare her youth shows all the more clearly the power of faith in finding one so young to bear it witness.

There was little or no room in that small body for a wound.

Though she could scarcely receive the blow, she could rise superior to it. Girls of her age cannot bear even their parents' frowns and, pricked by a needle, weep as for a serious wound. Yet she shows no fear of the blood-stained hands of her executioners. She stands undaunted by heavy, clanking chains. She offers her whole body to be put to the sword by fierce soldiers. She is too young to know of death, yet is ready to face it. Dragged against her will to the altars, she stretches out her hands to the Lord in the midst of the flames, making the triumphant sign of Christ the victor on the altars of sacrilege. She puts her neck and hands in iron chains, but no chain can hold fast her tiny limbs. A new kind of martyrdom! Too young to be punished, yet old enough for a martyr's crown; unfitted for the contest, yet effortless in victory, she shows herself a master in valour despite the handicap of youth. As a bride she would not be hastening to join her husband with the same joy she shows as a virgin on her way to punishment, crowned not with flowers but with holiness of life, adorned not with braided hair but with Christ himself.

In the midst of tears, she sheds no tears herself. The crowds marvel at her recklessness in throwing away her life untasted, as if she had already lived life to the full. All are amazed that one not yet of legal age can give her testimony to God. So she succeeds in convincing others of her testimony about God, though her testimony in human affairs could not yet be accepted. What is beyond the power of nature, they argue, must come from its creator. What menaces there were from the executioner, to frighten her; what promises made, to win her over; what influential people desired her in marriage! She answered: "To hope that any other will please me does wrong to my Spouse. I will be his who first chose me for himself. Executioner, why do you delay? If eyes that I do not want can desire this body, then let it perish". She stood still, she prayed, she offered her neck.

You could see fear in the eyes of the executioner, as if he were the one condemned; his right hand trembled, his face grew pale as he saw the girl's peril, while she had no fear for herself. One victim, but a twin martyrdom, to modesty and to religion; Agnes preserved her virginity, and gained a martyr's crown."



### 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.

The Tax Receipts will be available on February 2/3, 2019. If there is any changes to be made to the address, please let us know by Jan. 30, 2019. Tax Receipts will be issued for donation received on & before Dec. 31, 2018.

### Discernment Program for the Youth of Toronto – 2019

We are blessed to have many young people attending our Sunday liturgies and their active participation in all the programs of St. Ann Parish. With the approval of Toronto Archdiocese Vocations Directors Association, we will be beginning a discernment Program for all the youth of Toronto (ages 18 to 35 years). Our first Session will be on February 03, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Please help us to invite young people to join the program.

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