# The Parish Community of St. Ann

# Served by the Holy Cross Fathers

120 First Ave. Toronto, ON M4M 1X1 (Corner Gerrard East & Degrassi St). Phone: 416-466-2127 Fax: 416-778-6545 Email: stannparishtoronto@gmail.com • Website: www.stanntoronto.com

> Native Peoples' Mission: 416-466-2127 Website: https://nativepeoplesmission.archtoronto.org

# THE YEAR OF JOY

## **Pastoral Staff**

Secretary: Aymara Toro

Pastor: Fr. Wilson Andrade CSCFinance: Anne FrancisPastoral Assistant: Maria Fernandes



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 05, 2020** CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF JOY

#### Mass Intentions (December 29, 2019 – January 08, 2020)

Tuesday, December 31: 5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Mass: Dante and Catherine Tuesday, December 31: 5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Mass: Leila Piosa Saturday, January 04: 5:00 p.m. + Joyce D'Mello Req. by Jessica D'Mello and Family Wednesday, January 08: 8:00 a.m. + Michael O'Shea Req. by the Family

#### The Feast of St. Brother Andre, CSC

On the First **Saturday**, **January 4**, **2020**, 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.

#### Year of Joy: 2020 – Baptism Pope Francis said: "*in Baptism we put our signature to become saints.*" During this year of Joy and in January 2020, we shall dedicate to all the baptised Christians and all people of God that Joy of Christ may radiate in our families, Church, and the world. We encourage you to remember your own date of baptism, and remember those helped in your faith, so God may guide us to keep our Baptismal promises.

# **Rosary Makers Training Program**

The Holy Cross Family Ministries at St. Ann Parish are hosting our next group of Rosary Makers' Training event **on January 26, 2019** in the Parish Hall. If you would like to become a Rosary Maker, please fill out the Registration Form. For more information contact:

Fr. Wilson Andrade, CSC at 416 466 2127 or email: <u>familyministry.canada@gmail.com</u> or Website: <u>www.hcfm-canada.com</u>

## **IMPORTANCE OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**Presenter:** Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archhisp of Toronto **Place:** Blessed Trinity Parish Hall, 3220 Bayview Avenue, Toronto **Time:** 7:00 pm Contact: <u>ahctoronto@gmail.com</u> This year Pope Francis will inaugurate "Word of God Sunday"—the third Sunday of Ordinary Time.

This will be a time to focus on and celebrate the Sacred Scriptures. Accordingly, our own Cardinal Collins will be speaking about the importance of the Word of God, the Bible in the life and ministry of the believer. Cardinal Collins has his PhD in Sacred Scripture, and notably, in the Book of Revelation. As well, he regularly broadcasts *Lectio Divina* sessions on the Bible. His engaging style and love for Jesus and the Church will be most evident as he shares with us his insights on the central place the Bible has for Catholics today.

With Grateful Hearts: We would like to Thank each and every one of you who make St. Ann parish a place of prayer and celebration of life and faith. We thank all the ministers who help us with your time and talents.

| Pastoral Council            | Pastoral Staff Members     | Holy Family Prayer Group         |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Finance Council             | Food Bank                  | Handmaids of the Lord            |
| Liturgy/Faith Formation     | Development and Peace      | Couples Ministry and Girl Guides |
| Lectors                     | Collection Counters        | Novena Devotions Group           |
| Eucharistic Ministers       | Volunteer Screening Group  | Grief Ministry and AA group      |
| Music Ministry              | Holy Cross Youth Group     | Bridgepoint Hospital Ministry    |
| Children's Choir            | Hospitality committee      | St. Ann Rosary Makers            |
| Children's Liturgy Ministry | Church Décor               | Holy Cross Family Ministries     |
| Altar Servers               | Refugee Resettlement Group | Pilgrimages and Mission Work     |



# **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: JANUARY 05, 2020 CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF JOY**

## "We are God's Family"



**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 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. Great mystics of our times have said that the *world is charged with God* (Gerard Hopkins) and saw *creation as the Divine milieu* (Teilhard de Chardin). 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. In the Scriptures, especially, St. John often refers to each one of us as God's Children. We belong to God and truly 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. As Christ fully revealed God's presence, we, baptized Christians, *are called to reveal and proclaim the presence of Christ to all*. May the feast of the Epiphany deepen our awareness of God's presence in this world. We may become God's instruments of love, peace and joy to everyone in this world. O' Come Let us adore Christ our Lord

In the Huron Christmas Song: **T'was in the Moon of Wintertime** (written in 1642 by Jean de Brebeuf) the Magi are portrayed as "Chiefs



from afar" who bring Jesus "fox and beaver pelts." What gifts are you bringing to honor Jesus, Our Lord?

## Family Prayer - 2020: "Lord, Teach us to pray"

Holy Cross Family Ministries – Canada would like to invite and thank you for your contributions towards our work of promoting family prayer and Rosary Makers. A recent research done in USA by the Holy Cross Family Ministries shows that 64% of the families do not have family prayer.



We invite you reflect on your prayer life in your homes. Do make an effort to pray as a family and for families. We encourage everyone to have a Bible, a Rosary, and a Family Prayer book in your homes. Development and Peace Coffee Sunday

**Today**, is Development and Peace Coffee Sunday. We will be selling fair trade coffee, tea and chocolate.



Please come after mass, buy the fair trade products and socialize with fellow parishioners and the D&P group members. You are welcome to join us.



## **Envelopes for 2020**

Envelopes for 2020 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. If you have changed your address for 2019, please inform the Parish office. Thank you for your support. The Tax-receipts for 2019 will be issued only for the donations collected before December 31, 2019.

