

ST. ANN PARISH

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Holy Eucharist

Daily Mass

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.
(Entrance: Parking Lot Side door)

Fridays (Adoration) 6:00 p.m.
(Holy Eucharist) 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Native Peoples' Mass 12:30 p.m.

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

Pastoral Staff

Pastor Fr. Wilson Andrade CSC

In Residence

Fr. Roshan Loy D'Souza, CSC

Finance Anne Francis

Pastoral Assistant

Maria Fernandes

Baptism Fe Santos

RCIA Rolly Cabas

Development & Peace

Catherine Barry

Food Bank

Carlos & Colette Carreiro

Music Ronald Vengie Fabre

Custodian Ed Keenan

Caretaker Rosalie Tolentino

Celebration of Sacraments

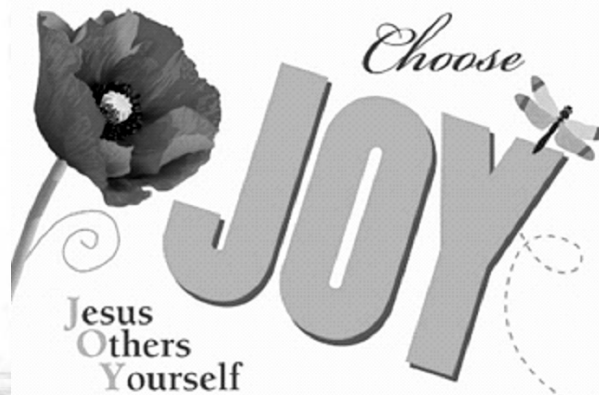
Baptism: preparation required
(please contact office)

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

Matrimony: (couple contacts
office one year in advance)

CALL TO HOLINESS

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



"Abide in me as I
abide in you... and
you will bear much
fruit and become my
disciples... I have
loved you, abide in
my love. I have spoken
to you, that my joy
may be in you, and
that your joy may be
full"

John 15: 7-11

Saturdays

9:00 - 11:00 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

9:15 a.m.: **Divine Mercy & Rosary**
10:30 a.m. Mass: **Children's Liturgy**
1st Sundays
11:30 a.m.: Development and Peace Group
Fair Trade - Coffee Sunday
4th Sundays
3:00 p.m.: **Rosary Makers Program**

Parish Ministries

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

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT: DECEMBER 13, 2020
CELEBRATING THE CALL TO HOLINESS**

St. Ann Church, Toronto

Due to the provincial restrictions effective from Monday, Nov. 23, 2020:

- The Church is open for **private prayer** only
- Only 10 people are allowed in the building at a time
- All public masses are cancelled until further notice.

Online Daily Eucharist

Weekday Masses will be posted on the website at 7:00 am

Please check Websites: <https://www.stanntoronto.com/>

Or <https://www.hcfm-canada.com/>

Personal Prayer: The Church is Open On

Sunday to Friday from 9:00 am to 10:00 am

St. Ann Food Bank on Saturdays

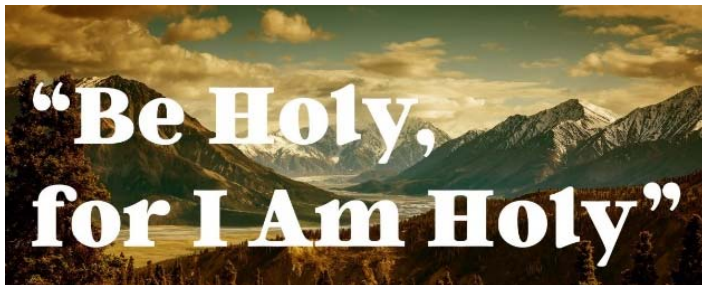
Foodbank Hours: 9:00 am to 10:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation or Personal conversation

Please call the office and make an appointment to meet Fr. Wilson Andrade at 416 577 2973 or send an email to stannparishtoronto@gmail.com



The Call to Holiness



Thank you for everyone who help us in our parish activities throughout this year. As we all struggle to cope with many difficulties in our life, we continue to hope and trust in God's healing presence. As we conclude this liturgical year which we celebrated on the theme: Year of Joy (2019 -2020).

We would like to dedicate the new Liturgical year of 2020 – 2021 as the **Year of Call to Holiness**. Holiness is closely linked to joyfulness and blessedness. During this year of call to Holiness, may be a time for each one of us to listen to God speaking to us in the Scriptures or in the silence of our hearts, to renew our baptismal promises and to actively participate in the Sacraments of the Church and lastly by our Sacred service to others, we can bring God's holiness and proclaim it to the whole world.

Call to Holiness: 2020 December - FAMILY

We begin the celebration of the YEAR of CALL to HOLINESS with the words of Pope Francis: "In the family we come to know God, to grow into men and women of faith, to see ourselves as members of God's greater family, the Church." Pope Francis, Jan. 17, 2015



This month of December, we shall dedicate to all the families and all people of God that we may radiate holiness in our families, Church, Communities and the world. Let this Christmas may be a time for all to share the true holiness, joy and peace of Jesus to all and we may be wrapped in the holiness of God's love.

A Family is God's greatest Masterpiece.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT: DECEMBER 13, 2020 CELEBRATING THE CALL TO HOLINESS

A New Sign of HOPE - St Ann Parish Refugee Resettlement Update

In 2016, with the help of ORAT, (Office of Refugees for the Archdiocese of Toronto) a dedicated group of Parishioners from St. Ann's and St Joseph's parishes started on a journey of learning, patience and hard work. They formed a committee in order to learn how to sponsor a refugee family. We would like to share a brief history and a 2020 update here. February 2016 initial meeting to establish a committee of interested parishioners.



ORAT
Office for Refugees
Archdiocese
of Toronto

May 2016, we met with Luciano Moro from ORAT at the Rectory to give us an informed talk about the expectations of welcoming a refugee family. The rest of 2016 and 2017 were filled with planning, meeting, collecting, attending ORAT training sessions on Processing Times, Settlement Needs, Budgeting and Finances. In March 2017 our committee was informed of 3 possible families who had been approved by International Refugee Committee. We knew our funds were limited so we chose the family of four rather than a larger family. At that point we learned that the family had been living in Syria but fled to Lebanon due to the war in their region of the country. They were also fearful of persecution as Armenian Christians. Our committee then went into overdrive collecting furniture, clothing, household goods and gift cards, donated from generous parishioners. There was a lot of paperwork and deadlines to meet and most of it was handled by Theresa our chairperson.

January 2018 the family had their first interview with Canadian Immigration in Lebanon with hopes of a possible arrival in September however, that date was changed until the end of February 2019. Time flew and finally the official message our family would arrive on Feb 25, 2019 at 4pm. Fr. Wilson and six committee members headed to the airport and after 2 hours the family (we recognized them from their photos) walked out those doors. We were armed with winter gear, which did not impress the children but after quick greetings, luggage and people were loaded into vehicles. The family was driven to their new home. The good Lord and the Sisters of St. Joseph answered our prayers for lodging. We were given a furnished 3-bedroom apartment at a modest rent to help the family get established for their first year.

Now Harout, Maral, Jean and Meghri were here. The next month was even busier with a whirlwind of ORAT meetings for them, setting up of medical and dental appointments, registering children for school and adults for ESL classes. Setting up a bank account, using a bank card and use of the transit systems were also important teaching/learnings.

Slowly life started to take shape for our family here in Toronto with the daily routines of classes and food shopping and cooking. Life was not easy. It didn't take long to learn that life is expensive in Toronto. Our committee was responsible for this family for their first year in Canada. As the year moved on, they became increasingly worried about how they could afford rent in Toronto after their first year.

With good Syrian friends in Laval Quebec, they started planning to move. We learned from Harout and Maral, that there is a large Armenian community in Laval, as well as an Armenian Christian church. They had good friends from Syria who had already been in Laval for a few years and they would help them settle in. As good parents, we bid our "family" adieu. Maral (the Mom) was amazing, negotiating in Arabic on the phone over the rent even getting the landlord to reduce it a bit for them. She singlehandedly packed up the family and hired a vehicle to move them to Laval on a rainy November 27, 2019.

Some committee members had plans to visit the family after they got settled in Laval Quebec, but Covid has not permitted that. We keep in touch via technology. In the last four years life hasn't been easy for the committee members nor for the family. They started again here, in two different provinces, however with support they have managed to settle and care for their family in spite of all the difficulties the pandemic has presented. This week we received a beautiful picture of their newest family member. Harout and Maral welcomed their new baby daughter into their family...their Canadian daughter. Maybe at this time of advent as we wait in hope for Christmas celebration of a baby born long ago and as we pray for a healthier 2021, this new little Canadian baby is a real sign of hope, love and gratitude for us all.

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