

# ST. ANN PARISH

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## Holy Eucharist

### Daily Mass

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.  
(Use the 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.

Bridgepoint Hospital 2:30 p.m.

## OFFICE HOURS

### Sunday – Thursday:

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### Friday & Saturday:

Closed

## Pastoral Staff

Pastor Fr. Wilson Andrade CSC

### In Residence

Fr. Roshan 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

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)

# THE CALL TO HOLINESS



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DIVERSITY**  
"Moved by the  
Good News of  
Jesus Christ...  
We value our  
diversity"

(St. Ann Parish  
Mission  
Statement)

## "BE HOLY FOR I AM HOLY" (1 Peter 1:16)

### Saturdays

9:00 - 10:30 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

9:15 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

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## Third Sunday of Advent: December 12, 2021 CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF PRAYER

### Holy Cross Family Ministries – Canada

Holy Cross Family Ministries – Canada would like to support our work of promoting Family Prayer and Rosary Makers. In the last 3 years, we have distributed 77,500 handmade rosaries in 24 mission countries.

### 9 days- Advent Evening Adoration and Mass

We will have 9 Evening Masses before Christmas day, **from December 16<sup>th</sup> to December 24<sup>th</sup>**. You are most welcome to offer mass for your special intentions. Let us pray together and promote family prayer.



### Christmas Flowers

This year if you would like to offer a Christmas flower (Poinsettia), to decorate our Altar, you are most welcome to do so. You can offer them as memorial of a loved one in your family. Please bring them to the Church on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December 2021.



### Christmas Ornaments

Help us to decorate the church by purchasing a Christmas ornament and placing it, on our Christmas tree. Christmas ornaments are available for purchase for at \$2.00 and will be sold at the front entrance. We use this money to help the poor during the winter.

### Sunday Missal Available

We would like to thank Heritage Funeral Home for donating us the Sunday Missal. You can now purchase the 2021-2022 Sunday Missal. The Calendars will be donated by Rosar-Morrison Funeral Home. They are available at the entrance of the church.



### National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples

The Canadian Catholic Aboriginal Council has released a prayer of thanksgiving for families for the **National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples**. The Aboriginal Council and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops have promoted the annual National Day of Prayer since 2002. It is celebrated on **December 12**, the memorial of Our Lady of Guadalupe, whom Pope Pius XII proclaimed patroness of the Americas in 1946. The devotion dates to 1531 when the Blessed Mother appeared as an Aztec princess to a humble Aboriginal peasant, Saint Juan Diego, at a place called the Hill of Tepeyac, which eventually became part of Villa de Guadalupe, a suburb of Mexico City. With the Native Peoples' Mission, we continue to pray and promote healing with the Indigenous peoples of Canada. All of us need to engage in healthy dialogue to become aware of the process of truth and reconciliation. Please do check the website of the Archdiocese of Toronto for the latest updates on the Healing Process.

### Parish Administration: Update Your Contact Information

Are you new to St. Ann parish? Please use envelopes for offertory from the entrance of the church and write down your name and full address so we can give you a tax receipt at the end of the year. Your registration also helps us with the Parish Administration and support you in our pastoral ministry. You can also enroll through our Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) program by following the instructions and completing the form enclosed within our PAG brochure.

If you or any member in your household changed address or contact information during this past year, please return it by no later than December 20, as it helps us keep updated records, ensuring the efficient delivery of parish services and tax receipts.

**Third Sunday of Advent: December 12, 2021  
CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF PRAYER**

**YEAR OF PRAYER 2021 – 2022: “Lord, teach us to Pray” Matt. 6:9-13  
DECEMBER 2021 – FAMILY PRAYER**

Let us dedicate the Month of December for the Family Prayer. We thank God for all the blessings that we receive in our personal, family and community life. We celebrate our Year of the Prayer, we pray for the grace, motivation and inspiration from the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, together with Sts. Ann and Joachim who is our Patron and grandparents of Jesus. Let us make every effort to pray for our family and pray as a family.

May God bless our families, bringing healing, love, and peace. Amen.



**CHRISTMAS WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: 2021 – 2022**

**Friday, Dec. 24**

7:00 p.m.: Family Mass

11:30 p.m.: Christmas Carols

12:00 a.m.: Midnight Mass

**Saturday, Dec. 25**

10:30 a.m.: Christmas

5 pm: NO MASS

**Sunday, Dec. 26**

10: 30 a.m. – Holy Family Mass

12:30 noon – Native Mass

6:00 p.m. – Evening Mass



**NEW YEAR: 2022 – MASS SCHEDULE**

**Friday, Dec. 31, 2021,**

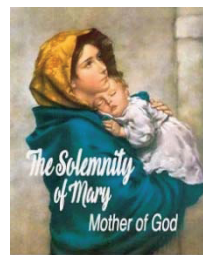
7:00 p.m.: Family Mass

11:00 p.m.: Thanksgiving

**Saturday Jan. 01, 2022**

10:30 a.m.: Thanksgiving

5 pm: NO MASS



**Sunday, Jan. 02, 2022**

10: 30 a.m. Epiphany

12:30 noon - Native Mass

6:00 p.m. – Evening Mass

**“Rejoice in the Lord!”**



**By Rev. Wilson Andrade, CSC**

The Third Sunday in Advent is called the *Gaudete* Sunday, where we are called to *Rejoice* because “The Kingdom of God is near.” *Gaudete* (means Rejoice) taken from the Latin translation of Phil 4: 4-5, sets a tone of joyful expectation of the Lord’s Birth and Second Coming. During this time our expectations become intense as we use the “O” Antiphons as often we sing the beautiful liturgical hymns like “*O come, O Come Emmanuel.*”

The readings help us to reflect on the beauty of the season as Prophet Isaiah invites us to reflect on this **theme of Rejoice** as he says: “*God will rejoice over you and renew you in his love.*” The psalmist proclaims that “*we will draw water from the wells of salvation.*” This prophesy has come true because Jesus was born and lived on the earth “*bringing goodness to the poor and salvation to all people.*”

The Gospel narratives are full of stories of healings and miracles. This prophesy is confirmed by the powerful presence of John the Baptist, who even rejoiced and “*leaped for joy*” in the womb, upon the arrival of the Messiah. We are called to believe that our Lord is always with us and “**is already at the door.**” So let’s open the stubborn doors of our hearts and rigid minds to see and rejoice in the Lord.

We are invited in the liturgy to gather in faith and sing songs of Rejoicing. All the moments of our life - in the presence of the community or alone in our rooms, - let’s sing aloud – shouting or in silence – *O’ Come, O’ Come Emmanuel.....* carolling away our earthly cares, as we are filled with the beauty of heaven on earth. ***Lord, help me to Rejoice in you always. Amen.***

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