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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

Secretary Thea Luu

Pastoral Assistants

Maria Fernandes,
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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)

YEAR OF PRAYER



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

"Lord, Teach us to pray" (Matt. 6:9-13)

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER: APRIL 24, 2022 CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF PRAYER

Would you like to learn how to make a Rosary?

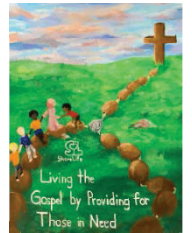
“A family that prays together, stays together” – Venerable Patrick Peyton, CSC

The Holy Cross Family Ministries – Canada at St. Ann Parish would like to restart the Rosary Maker Group. If you would like to be a Rosary maker, please fill out the Registration Form. This year, we are planning to make 25,000 rosaries to distributed to churches, hospitals, schools, and missions in the world. Thank you for helping us spread God’s message of love in the families. Our next Rosary Making Session will be on **April 24, 2022, from 2 pm to 4 pm**, at St. Ann Parish.



Support our Lenten ShareLife Appeal:

Our parish’s ShareLife Campaign is now underway. In this time of Lent, please reflect on the great needs of our brothers and sisters who are helped through your kind support of ShareLife. Last year, ShareLife supporters like you enabled 21,000 people to receive affordable mental health care through family service agencies across the Archdiocese of Toronto, including our community. **Please give generously on ShareLife Sunday, on May 01.**



Divine Mercy Sunday

Pastoral Reflections by Wilson Andrade, CSC

Today we celebrate the Divine Mercy Sunday. The opening prayer addresses the Father as “*God of everlasting Mercy...kindle the faith of the people.*” Mercy is the free-gift of God to us.

The first reading (Acts 5: 12-16), tells us how the early Church grew every day because of the acts of mercy and sacrificial sharing, done with *agápe* love by the early Christians. These acts of mercy were the first preaching of the gospel, through which many came to know God’s plan of salvation.

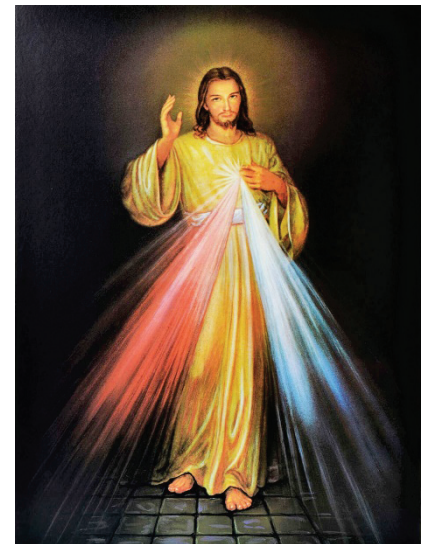
In the second reading (Revelation 1.9-11a,12-13,17-19), John glorifies God for showing us God’s mercy through Jesus Christ. John reminds his readers that ‘all are one with Jesus Christ who shared in the sorrows and joys of life with patient endurance.’

Today’s Gospel vividly reminds us of how Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a sacrament of Divine Mercy.

The gift of encountering Jesus is Peace. Jesus speaks the words of peace to the frustrated and frightened disciples. He does not judge them for hiding behind the closed doors, rather gently says: “*Peace be with you.*” Then Jesus empowers them with the power of the Holy Spirit to forgive the sins.

When Thomas does not believe the account of other disciples, Jesus invites him to touch his wounds saying: “*Do not doubt but believe.*” It is only through faith and mercy that we can overcome our *doubt* (reluctance to believe) and *prejudice* (partiality). Then we can be like Thomas, who moved out of doubts and showed a daring faith in proclaiming the Gospel to the farthest end of the world. From *Doubting Thomas* he became *Daring Thomas*, when he touched the wounded body of Christ. Today we too are called to touch the broken heart of Jesus, feel the marks of nails on the hands and legs of Jesus, as to believe in the Resurrection of Christ – *Christ who suffered for others*. Only then we can say those beautiful words of faith of St. Thomas: “*My Lord and My God.*”

It is only in faith and mercy we can pray: “*Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; for God’s mercy endures forever*” (Ps 118).



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YEAR OF PRAYER - 2022: “Lord, teach us to Pray” Matt. 6:9-13

2022: Month of April: Hope and New Life

During this YEAR OF PRAYER and I invite you to reflect on the Prayer in the light of Hope and New Life as we celebrate the Paschal mystery of our faith: Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, our Lord. As we light the new Paschal Candle, let us renew our Baptismal promises, and let us keep awake and wake up in the Lord, so we can live as brothers and sisters in justice, peace, and love.

“May the Paschal Festivities fill us renewed joy and hope in God of love.”



The Discernment



Discernment is a prayerful process of observing the movements of one’s heart, while, like a detective, being attentive to the sources of those movements. When we use the process of discernment to ask God to reveal His will for our lives, this is called vocational discernment. It is useful to think of a vocation as the primary *relationship* that frames our exclusive gift to God and His Church. It is not the activities inherent to the vocation, which sometimes lead people to rule out a given state of life. Rather, vocational discernment is an act of discovering who God made you to *be*. It is your deepest identity as the once-in-eternity creation you are. We can now safely conclude that God wants us to be happy—the life-giving kind of happiness that is deep and lasting. This begs the question then: what makes us happy? We find temporary enjoyment in worldly pleasures, but where is lasting happiness? Secular research confirms the Church’s teachings on this: It is in self-giving that we come to know the enduring joy God longs us to have. Deep and lasting happiness can be found within our vocation, and it is in that self-gift that we can experience the fulfillment we seek. With this right understanding of happiness in mind, the following points have proven helpful to many through the path of discernment:

First and foremost, an authentic Christian vocation is always rooted in being a disciple of Jesus. Vocation comes from the Latin word *vocare*, meaning “to call.” Our vocation is a calling from God, the author of our souls, so it is He who designed us for it, and He who reveals it. It is in getting to know Jesus and modeling our life after his that we can know God’s will for our lives. Life with Christ grows in prayer, in reading the Word of God, and in receiving the Sacraments. These practices provide the grace needed to pursue our vocation.

Second, awareness of our gifts and weaknesses can show us which vocations are possible for us. God has already endowed us with a certain nature, and the grace of our vocation should build upon it. It is important to listen to our hearts, paying attention to those activities and relationships that give us the most peace and joy, for they may be the promptings of the Holy Spirit showing us ways to creatively respond to God’s call. Discernment is aided considerably by active involvement in the Church—in different parish ministries, in Bible studies, in volunteer work—because trying out various means of service can reveal the gifts of the Spirit within us. Most of sacred scripture is one story after another of humans turning away from God. We need only look at the lives of three early saints, Peter, Paul, and Mary Magdalene, to see that God is not thwarted by human failure.

Discernment is best done in company. One’s pastor, friends, family, and fellow parishioners can be helpful sources of insight. They can see things about us that we can’t see as easily. As the discernment progresses, a spiritual director is often necessary. No one is told exactly what to do with his or her life; and discernment is not a vocation. Our vocation is a gift made in faith. If we knew exactly what God wanted or what would make us most happy, there would be no leaps of faith, no dynamic relationship with Our Lord based on love and trust. Taken from the website: <https://www.vocationstoronto.ca/discernment>

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