

# ST. ANN PARISH

Home of Native Peoples' Mission

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*Oh Come  
Let us Adore Him*

## Nativity of the Lord: December 25, 2022



Monday, Dec 26 at 8 a.m. **No Mass**  
*Feast of St. Stephen*

Tuesday, Dec 27 at 8 a.m. Mass  
*Feast of St. John*

Wednesday, Dec 28 at 8 a.m.  
*The Feast of Holy Innocent*

Thursday, Dec 29 at 8 a.m. Mass

Friday, Dec 30 at 06 p.m. Holy Hour, 07 p.m. Mass,  
*The Holy family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*

Saturday, Dec 31 at 5 p.m. Thanksgiving Holy  
Hour at 06 p.m. Mass  
*Year-end thanksgiving – Galicia, &  
Missionary work of the church*

Sunday, Jan 1 at 10.30 a.m. Mass *For the  
parishioners of St. Ann*  
*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

Sunday, Jan 1 at 12.30 p.m. *Native people's Mass*

Sunday, Jan 1 at 6 p.m. **NO Mass**

### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2023:

Offertory envelope boxes will be available by end of November. If you had a box in 2022 you will find the same number assigned to you with your name and address on it. If you had not used a box in 2022 and would like to use one in 2023, please talk to the ushers at the back of the church. Alternatively, you also have a choice of contributing through Pre-authorized Giving Plan (direct debit) monthly. For more detail, please contact the parish office either by phone or email.



### KNOW YOUR FAITH SERIES 14 ANSWER:

#### The Ten Commandments

1. I am the LORD your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me.

2. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the LORD'S Day.
4. Honour your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
9. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbour's goods.

**Question for this week (15):** What are the 2 greatest commandments?

### SHARE LIFE: The Nativity of the Lord Let us say yes to living the Gospel

*NEW: Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until the end of 2022, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$1 million.*

“Our faith community has always responded heroically to the needs around us, particularly through our enthusiastic support of ShareLife. We can help alleviate the suffering of those whose lives have been upended by the pandemic. Let us say yes to Jesus' call to live the Gospel by providing for those in need.” – Cardinal Thomas Collins

You can give online through our parish website or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate). Thank you for helping end hunger by donating generously to ShareLife today.

### SERRA'S 'VOCATION SEEDS'

“They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.” If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)  
[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

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### GREEN CORNER

**Pope Francis writes: “We are speaking of an attitude of the heart, one which approaches life with serene attentiveness, which is capable of being fully present to someone without thinking of what comes next, which accepts each moment as a gift from God to be lived to the full. Jesus taught us this attitude when he invited us to contemplate the lilies of the field and the birds of the air, LS #226. An Attitude of Gratitude: An attitude of the heart!** Giving thanks to God is one of the ways that we can appreciate the many gifts that we have received in our lives; the gifts of our faith and the freedom to practise our faith, our families, friends, homes, the food we eat, the clean water that we drink, and our beautiful planet Earth, our home, our only home! At your Christmas meal and throughout the Christmas season, as we gather with family and friends, and as we travel out into our community, let us offer words of appreciation and thanks to all whom we meet. And let us remember to thank God our Creator for the gift of Jesus who came into the world to be God’s Presence among us! May the joy and peace of Christmas fill your heart and your life! Merry Christmas!

### CHRISTMAS: GOD’S LOVE LETTER TO THE PEOPLE

Dear parishioners, as we celebrate the joy of Christ's birth, I invite you to reflect with me, on the love that God has for us. The whole Bible is a love story. It begins with God and his love for the world, and out of his love, he creates the world. And through history, we humans have messed up our relationship with God because of our selfishness and wanting self-glory. But God did not abandon when humanity fell. He sends the leaders, priests, kings and prophets. It seems that God’s messengers were not enough to redeem the world. It seems that we have fallen so deep that God sends his son to be with us, to be one among us. Like any other love story, this story includes surprise, excitement, and growth in a relationship with another. Jesus, as God the Son,

“emptied himself,” he was imitating the Father’s self-emptying. The lover gives everything to the other without counting the cost. So we should be joyful that we too are part of this love story. We are given the opportunity to share that love, that counts no cost. So dear brothers and sisters, let us celebrate the love that is born for us. May the child who came to share the love, bless you all. Fr. Francis.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS

On behalf of the Parish community of St. Ann and the Native people’s Mission, we would like to wish all of you a Blessed and grace-filled Christmas Celebration. We would like to thank each one of you who make St. Ann Parish a place of prayer and celebration of life and faith. We thank all the ministers and volunteers who help us with your time and talents.



### THANK YOU



The staff at the parish would like to thank you all for your donations towards the purchase of Christmas Ornaments and Christmas flowers. Your generosity helped us to make our liturgical celebration more beautiful and meaningful for everyone who came to the church. Thank you for your contributions.

### NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

#### **Saturday, Dec 31**

at 5 p.m. Thanksgiving Holy Hour

at **6 p.m. Mass**

#### **Sunday, January 01**

at **10:30 a.m. Mass**

at **12:30 p.m. Mass**

at 6 p.m. **NO Mass**



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