

ST. ANN PARISH

Home of Native Peoples' Mission

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

Pastor:

Fr. Francis Salasiar, CSC

In Residence:

Fr. Roshan D'Souza, CSC

Office Hours

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

Finance Anne Francis

Secretary

Pastoral Assistants

Maria Fernandes

Development & Peace

Catherine Barry

Food Bank

Carlos & Colette Carreiro

Music Ronald Vengie Fabre

Caretaker Rosalie Tolentino

Daily Mass

Monday-Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

Thursday No Mass

First Fridays 6:00 p.m. Adoration

7:00 p.m. Mass

Other Fridays 6.30 p.m. Adoration

7:00 p.m. Mass

Weekend Activities

Saturday

9:00 - 10:30 am: **Food Bank**

4:15 pm: **Novena to St. Bro. Andre**

4:30 pm: **Novena to St. Ann**

5:00 pm: **Sunday Vigil mass**

6 pm: **1st Saturdays - Healing Service**

Sunday

9:30 am: **Divine Mercy & Rosary**

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

10:30 am Mass: **Children's Liturgy**

1st Sundays

11:30 am: Development and Peace

Group **Fair Trade - Coffee Sunday**

Native Peoples' Mass

12:30 p.m.

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)

Parish Ministries

Pastoral Council

Finance Council

Liturgy/Faith Formation

Altar Servers

Music Ministry

Lectors

Eucharistic Ministers

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St. Ann Parish Food Bank

Development and Peace

Out of the Cold Program

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1st Sunday of Lent: February 26, 2023



Saturday, February 25 at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, February 26 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann*

Sunday, February 26 at 12:30 p.m. *Native people's Mass*

Sunday, February 26 at 6 p.m. Mass

Monday, February 27 at 8 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, February 28 at 8 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, March 1 at 8 a.m. Mass
Macaria Velasquez – repose of the soul
Martinne Palanca – B'day

Thursday, March 2 at 8 a.m. No Mass

Friday, March 3 at 06.30 p.m Stations of the Cross
07 p.m. Mass,

Saturday, March 4 at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 5 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioner of St Ann*

Sunday, March 5 at 12:30 p.m. *Native People's Mass*

Sunday, March 5 at 6 p.m. Mass

1st Sunday of Lent Year A

Reflection

The readings for the 1st Sunday of Lent get us thinking about sin and temptation.

The first reading recounts the story of how Adam and Eve turned away from God. The psalm is a repentant appeal to the goodness of God. The second reading reminds us that even though we are sinners, we are saved through the obedience of Jesus Christ. And the gospel tells us how Jesus went to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days and resisted the temptations of Satan.

- Our Lenten plans

- Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving
- Temptations
- The misuse of power

Lent: A Season of Grace

Dear Parishioners, we have begun the season of Lent, marking ourselves with the symbol of ashes on our forehead. Even though the season of lent might seem to be a time of mortification, when properly understood, it stands as a time of grace and a holy season. The mother church offers us a time, set apart to reflect on the special, sacrificial love that God has for us.

So, it is also a Time for a Change of Heart. Lent gives us time to consider our response to the Gospel's call to love God and neighbour: the New Law of Christ, written on our hearts by the Spirit at Baptism. Our Lenten prayer is thus one of repentance for sin, which fails to meet the demands of charity. It asks for a change of heart, that God might restore in us the heart of Christ, bestowed at Baptism.

It is also a Time for Renewing our Trust. The resurrection experience of Jesus tells us that in him, we can trust that the Father will raise us in the power of the Spirit from the small deaths we so often seem to undergo during Lent, so that we might joyfully celebrate the fullness of life that is our inheritance through Baptism, at Easter.

So, dear brothers and sisters, I invite you to take this time to feel and experience the love that God has for us. We could experience this in various ways. For instance, being gentle with each other, showing the love of God to others, and being mindful and intentional in our actions. Another important way is to participate in the liturgies of Lent, the stations of the cross, the Eucharist, fasting, and abstinence. I particularly invite you to participate in the tradition of walking the stations of the cross, a popular devotion through the centuries and to reflect on the love that Christ has for us. During the season of Lent. On Fridays during the season of Lent, we will have the stations of the cross at 6.30 p.m. and the Holy

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Eucharist at 7 p.m. Let us be intentional in our observance of this season of lent. May this season of lent be a blessing for you and your family. Happy season of Lent. Fr. Francis CSC.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Weekend of **Feb 11/12**
and **Feb 18/19**

Envelopes (98) \$2540.00
Loose \$ 631.35



Know Your Faith Series 23 answer:

The Four Marks of the Church

1. The church is **One**
2. The church is **HOLY**
3. The church is **CATHOLIC**
4. The church is **APOSTOLIC**

Question for this week (24): What are the Four Sins that Cry Out to Heaven?

Serra's 'Vocation Seeds'

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

email vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

Wellness Tip – Be Electrific

Be Electrific Day is celebrated annually on February 11 (source: National Today). It is a day to honour and celebrate Thomas Alva Edison's birthday, but also a day to discover the electricity within us. 'Electrific' is an abbreviation of Electrification Project, which means to put light where light has not been before.

Carolyn Finch, a professional speaker, body language expert, and speech pathologist invented this day in 1988, to encourage people not only to learn more about electricity but also to explore the

electricity in our bodies. This day encourages us to be greater and to discover new and useful information, and it provides an 'ode to' a great inventor.

How can you be 'electrific'? Beverly Beuermann-King, a resiliency and wellness strategist, has provided some simple ideas:

- Share a smile with those around you
- Do something fun – just because
- Say thank you to your co-workers, to your boss, to your family and friends
- Think of something positive to say to each person that you connect with today
- Get plenty of sleep so that the energy you have bubbles out from you
- Wear something bright to pick you up from the winter blahs

What other ways can you come up with to be 'electrific', not only on February 11 but every day?

Pope Prayers Intentions 2023

The Pope's prayer intention for 2023 represents a wide array of challenges facing humanity and is the result of much prayer and discernment. In **February**, we pray with Pope Francis that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, and fraternity and welcome those towards that most in need. - **Pope Francis**

Sunday Funny

A priest, a minister, and a rabbi want to see who's best at his job. So, each one goes into the woods, finds a bear, and attempts to convert it. Later, they all get together, the priest begins: "When I found the bear, I read to him from the catechism and sprinkled him with holy water. Next week is his first Communion." "I found a bear by the stream," says the minister, "and preached God's holy word. The bear was mesmerized that he let me baptize him." They both look down at the rabbi, who is lying on a gurney in a body cast. "Looking back," he says, "maybe I shouldn't have started with the circumcision."



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