

# 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

Collection Counters

St. Ann Parish Food Bank

Development and Peace

Out of the Cold Program

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## 6th Sunday of Easter: May 14, 2023



Saturday, May 13 at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, May 14 at 10.30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann*

Sunday, May 14 at 12.30 p.m. *Native People's Mass*

Sunday, May 14 at 6 p.m. Mass

Monday, May 15 at 8 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, May 16 at 8 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, May 17 at 8 a.m. Mass  
*Leon Victor Aureus – B'day*

Thursday, May 18 at 8 a.m. No Mass

Friday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. Holy Hour, 07 p.m. Mass

Saturday, May 20 at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, May 21 at 10.30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann*

Sunday, May 21 at 12.30 p.m. *Native People's Mass*

Sunday, May 21 at 6 p.m. Mass

### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year A

Reflection  
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*As we approach the end of the Easter season our readings begin to focus on the Holy Spirit that*

*awaits us on Pentecost.* In today's first reading we hear the account of some believers receiving the Holy Spirit after Peter and John laid their hands on them. The Catechism says that "the imposition of hands is rightly recognized by the Catholic tradition as the origin of the sacrament of Confirmation, which in a certain way perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church" (CCC 1288).

So, as we have read the biblical roots of the sacrament of Confirmation, let us reflect on its significance in our own lives 2000 years later. The Second Vatican Council says that through "the

sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed" (Lumen Gentium, 11).

Confirmation makes us obliged to spread the Gospel through "word and deed" because we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We all have a special share of these gifts, which consist of fortitude, wisdom, knowledge, understanding, fear of the Lord, piety and counsel. If for example, we have a greater outpouring of the gift of knowledge, we can use this to help with catechesis ministries in the parish that seek to teach the faith to others. Essentially, Confirmation strengthens our call to be stewards of Christ. Let us use our gifts to spread the Gospel in our parish communities as a way of living out our call of Confirmation and let us do so by turning to the Holy Spirit to guide us.

#### *Summary*

In today's first reading we hear the biblical roots of Confirmation as some believers receive the Holy Spirit after Peter and John lay their hands on them. The Second Vatican Council says that Confirmation, and the receiving of the Holy Spirit, makes us obliged to spread the Gospel through "word and deed." Let us strive to do this in our parish communities as a way of living out our call of Confirmation and let us do so by turning to the Holy Spirit to guide us.

*-Stewardship Bulletin Reflections, Archdiocese of Toronto*

### **Share Life: Share your love on Mother's Day**

On Mother's Day, all moms deserve to be celebrated and supported. Did you know that our parish's ShareLife campaign is helping young women with an unexpected pregnancy? One such mother is Nikki, who was able to continue her education and receive practice assistance through a ShareLife-funded agency called Rose of Sharon.

"If it wasn't for you and for ShareLife, I don't know where we would be today," says Nikki. "We will always and forever be grateful for your support!"

You can give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

## 6th Sunday of Easter: May 14, 2023



### A Prayer for All Mothers

O God the father, Creator of all Life, Lifespring of all Mothers and Fathers, you who chose Mary to be the Mother of your Divine Son, Bless now with your love and protection all Mothers, that they may treasure the lives and spiritual well being of their children.

O God the Son, Jesus our Lord and Redeemer, you who gave us your Mother as our own Mother, bless my own Mother, she who gave me the great gift of life that I may continue to be a loving and grateful child.

O God the Holy Spirit, poured out on Mary and on all followers of Jesus, bless all who have had a mother's influence on my own life, bless all those close to me who are mothers, and especially bless all those who carry life within as expectant mothers.

### Serra's 'Vocation Seeds'

The Lord said, "I will not leave you orphaned." Pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life.

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

### Fr. Francis will be away.

Fr. Francis is leading a pilgrimage to Europe from May 4<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> and he will be travelling from there to India to do the wedding of one of his nieces. He will be back on June 9<sup>th</sup>. If there is any need, please call the parish or if you want to get in touch with him directly, please email him. [fsalasiar@archtoronto.org](mailto:fsalasiar@archtoronto.org)

### Pope's Prayer Intentions 2023

The Pope prayer intention for 2023 represent a wide array of challenges facing humanity and are

the result of much prayer and discernment. In May, we pray with Pope Francis that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

- Pope Francis

### Are you able to host a Ukrainian family?

When hearing reports of the war in Ukraine, and the millions of Ukrainians that have been forced to flee their homeland, many have asked what they can do to help. Over 200,000 Ukrainians have already arrived in Canada through a special visa program created by Immigration Canada. An additional 800,000 have applied to the program and are expected to arrive in the coming months. Many are arriving to Toronto and are without family here in Canada to help them. Among those will be some who are vulnerable to human trafficking, particularly seniors, single women, and women with children. There is an immediate need for families to host for a period of between one and six months some of those who have arrived. If you would like to learn more about hosting a Ukrainian family, please go to [Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis \(archtoronto.org\)](http://Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis (archtoronto.org)) and register for a virtual information session.

### Sunday Funny

Two guys are walking through game park, and they come across a lion that has not eaten for days. The lion starts chasing the two men. They run as fast as they can and the one guy starts getting tired and decides to say a prayer, "Please turn this lion into Christian, Lord." He looks to see if the lion is still chasing, and he sees the lion on its knees. Happy to see his prayer answered, he turns around and heads towards the lion. As he comes closer to the lion, he hears the lion, it is saying a prayer: "Thank you Lord for the food I am about to receive."



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