

# 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

Handmaids of the Lord

St. Ann Rosary Makers

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# 1st Sunday of Advent: December 3, 2023



Saturday, December 2 at 5 p.m. Mass  
*Vivien Marie Barrairo – Special Intention*

Sunday, December 3 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioner of St. Ann St. Francis Xavier (M) Alexandria Sierra +*

Sunday, December 3 at 12:30 p.m.  
*Native People’s Mass – All are welcome*

Sunday, December 3 at 6 p.m. Mass

Monday, December 4 at 8 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, December 5 at 8 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, December 6 at 8 a.m. Mass  
*Jackie Barrairo +*

Thursday, December 7 at 8 a.m. No Mass

Friday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m. Holy Hour, 07 p.m. Mass  
*Chie Ignacio Julian – Special Intention*

Saturday, December 9 at 5 p.m. Mass  
*Loreto Ignacio – Special Intention*

Sunday, December 10 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann Jubbilein Mataga and Reyden Vio Mataga - For safe travel Acosta & Biason Family – Thanksgiving*

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## 1st Sunday of Advent Year B



**This First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year.** The readings during this time of preparation focus on making us aware that it is time to rouse from our sleep and

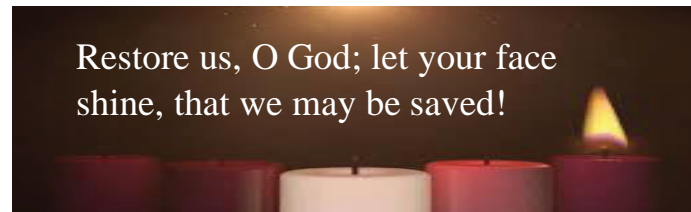
prepare for the Lord’s coming. Jesus says in the Gospel to “keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come.” Advent and Christmas are also often times of lights. Whether it be

lights on an advent wreath, a Christmas tree or festive lights decorating the house. However, above all these lights is Jesus, the true light of the world. This Advent we should strive to let the light of Jesus into our hearts so that it may even illumine and cleanse the dark and sinful areas of our lives. Our stewardship should reflect that light of Christ to others, so let us first be filled with what we seek to share. One great way to invite the light of Christ into our lives is to seek God’s cleansing healing in the sacrament of Reconciliation. Across the Archdiocese every parish will be hosting an Advent Day of Confessions in which several priests will be available to hear confessions. This is a beautiful opportunity to ready ourselves for the coming of our Saviour on Christmas morning. Let us strive to be reconciled with God and as stewards, let us try to invite our family and friends to join us.

### Summary

Advent is a time of preparation that invites us to rouse from our sleep and prepare for the Lord’s coming. One great way to prepare for His coming is to seek God’s cleansing healing in the sacrament of Confession. Let us strive to be reconciled with God and as stewards, let us try to invite our family and friends to join us.

*-Stewardship Bulletin Reflections, Archdiocese of Toronto*



## Offertory Collections

Weekend of **November 25/26**

Envelopes (60) \$ 1530.00

Loose \$ 329.50



## Share life

**NEW:** Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until December 31, your contribution to our parish’s ShareLife campaign will be matched up to \$500,000.

ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as a Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need. Over 40 ShareLife agencies serve tens of thousands of people locally and countless more around the world, regardless of religious affiliation. Given the growing needs in our communities, it is crucial we meet our



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Parish Campaign goal of \$13.8 million. By reaching this goal, our agencies will continue to: offer walk-in counselling to those facing mental health issues, help victims of domestic violence, ensure isolated seniors are not forgotten, deliver food to children in developing countries, form priests and deacons who will minister in our parishes. Your support of ShareLife makes these programs possible, among many others. Thank you for living the Gospel by providing for those in need.

Please support [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate) or give at our parish using a ShareLife envelope

### Pope's Prayer Intention 2023

The Pope's prayer intentions in 2023 represent a wide array of challenges facing humanity and result from much prayer and discernment. In **December** we pray with Pope Francis that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation. – Pope Francis

### Offertory Envelopes for 2024

Offertory envelope boxes will be available at the back of the church. If you had a box in 2023 you will find the same number assigned to you with your name and address on it. If you have not used a box in 2023 and would like to use one in 2024, please talk to the ushers at the back of the church. Alternatively, you also have a choice of contributing through a Pre-authorized Giving Plan (direct debit) monthly. For more details, please contact the parish office either by phone or email.



### New Sunday Missal & Advent Candle

If you would like a personal copy of the 2023-2024 Sunday Missal, please purchase them in the church foyer after Mass for \$5.00. The advent candles are also available in the foyer for family devotions.

### Christmas Pageant

Christmas pageant is one of the important ways we invite the children to participate as we celebrate Christmas. It helps the children to enter into the mystery of Jesus' birth. After a break due to COVID,

we are resuming the Christmas pageant and inviting parents to encourage their children to participate.

There will be another practice today Dec. 3 after the 10:30 a.m. mass- downstairs in the hall. And a Costume Fittings: on Dec 10 and a final Rehearsal: on Dec 17 after 10:30 a.m. in the church.



### Christmas Ornaments



Help us decorate the Christmas tree by purchasing Christmas ornaments and placing them on the tree.

Christmas

ornaments will be available for purchase for \$5.00 and available at the back of the church which includes free entry to raffle tickets for **Christmas baskets** to be drawn on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December after the 5 pm mass.



### Christmas Flowers



This year as Christmas is approaching, if you would like to offer flowers (**Poinsettia**), to decorate the Altar, you are most welcome to do so. You can offer them as a memorial to your loved one in your family. Please bring the flowers to the church on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December 2023.

### Pilgrimage To Spain, Portugal, Gibraltar & Morocco

Pilgrimage is a wonderful way to deepen our faith and to experience God's presence as we visit the holy sites that we have been hearing about. On this tour, we have the opportunity to visit the Sagrada Familia Basilica in Barcelona. We also have the opportunity to visit Fatima in Portugal, famous for the apparitions of our Lady of the Rosary to three shepherd children: Lucia dos Santos and her two cousins. And our tour will end in Morocco. For details and registration please contact QS Tours & Travel Inc, Mississauga. [www.qstours.com](http://www.qstours.com) or call at (905) 412-2242; (905) 412-3355



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