

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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2nd Sunday of Advent: December 10, 2023



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 & Reyden Vio Mataga – for safe travel

Acosta & Biason Family – Thanksgiving

Sunday, December 10 at 12:30 p.m.
Native People's Mass - All are welcome

Sunday, December 10 at 6 p.m. Mass

Monday, December 11 at 8 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, December 12 at 8 a.m. Mass
Our Lady of Guadalupe (F)
Seamus Palanca Keirnan – Thanksgiving B'day

Wednesday, December 13 at 8 a.m. Mass
St Lucy (M)
Manny Galicia – Thanksgiving B'day

Thursday, December 14 at 8 a.m. No Mass
St John of the Cross (M)

Friday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m. Holy Hour, 07 p.m.
Mass
Carmel Keirnan – +

Saturday, December 16 at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 17 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioner of St. Ann*
Isabelo & Cristina Biason – Thanksgiving

Sunday, December 17 at 12:30 p.m.
Native People's Mass – All are welcome

Sunday December 17 at 6 p.m.

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Reflection

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” This was the prophecy by Isaiah concerning John the Baptist who ends the line of prophets pointing to Jesus. John the Baptist played his role in preparing

the people of Judea for the coming of Christ. As

stewards, we can look to John as a model of how to best lead others to Christ.

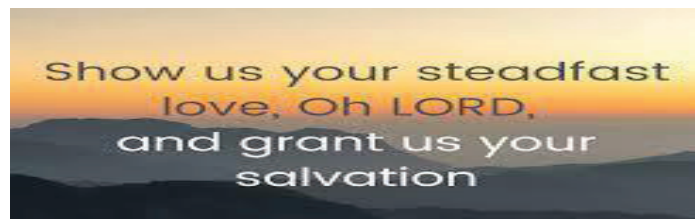
Firstly, we must remember that it is never our own merits that convert people but is instead always a pure gift from God. John the Baptist fully recognizes this when he says that he baptizes with water while the one coming after him, Jesus, will baptize with the Holy Spirit. We too should always remember that it is the Lord who does great things, and we are only his instruments.

However, while we may not cause the actual conversion, we do play an important role in helping others encounter Christ. During the encounter, God does all the work, but we must still help facilitate this encounter. People can most readily encounter Christ through His church which is why we must play our part in making our parishes as hospitable and welcoming as possible. This Advent and Christmas season as we may begin to see new faces in the parish, let us welcome them with loving hearts and smiles. The angels and saints in heaven rejoice whenever someone comes back to church, shouldn't we do the same? Let us strive to be charitable stewards and say hello to any new parishioners we may encounter this season as a sign of our love and hospitality.

Summary

As stewards, we must imitate the example of John the Baptist and help prepare the way for others to encounter Christ. People can most readily encounter Christ through His church which is why we must play our part in making our parishes as hospitable and welcoming as possible. This Advent and Christmas season, as we may begin to see new faces in the parish, let us welcome them with loving hearts and smiles.

-Stewardship Bulletin Reflections, Archdiocese of Toronto



Offertory Collections

Weekend of **December 2/3**
Envelopes (45) \$ 925.00
Loose \$ 272.25



Pope's Prayer Intention 2023

The Pope's prayer intentions for 2023 represent a wide array of challenges facing humanity and are the result

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of 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

Archdiocesan Consultation Underway – Share Your Ideas to assist with future planning!

Archbishop Francis Leo is inviting the Catholic community to share thoughts and ideas regarding future pastoral planning in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Feedback will help inform a renewed Pastoral Plan to



be used in the years ahead. To learn more about the process, read the letter of invitation from the archbishop and complete the short survey by December 15, 2023, please visit

www.archtoronto.org/consultation. The process should take just a few minutes and we ask that you complete the survey as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for sharing your insight, ideas and discernment.

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 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 it to the church on the 23rd of December 2023.

Christmas Ornaments



Help us decorate the Christmas tree by purchasing Christmas ornaments and placing them, on the Christmas tree. Christmas ornaments will be available for purchase for \$5.00 and available at the back of the



church which includes for free raffle ticket for **Christmas baskets** to be drawn on the 23rd of December after the 5 p.m. mass.

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 after the 10:30 a.m. mass- downstairs in the hall, and a Costume Fitting. There will be Final Rehearsal: on Dec 17 after 10:30 a.m. mass in the church.



Christmas & New Year Schedule

**Advent Reconciliation, Friday, Dec 22 at
6:15 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

Saturday, Dec 23 at 3 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

**Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec 24 at 6 p.m.
Family Mass (with dramatization)**

8 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass

**Christmas Day, Monday, Dec 25 at 10:30 a.m.
Christmas Mass**

**New Year's Eve, Sunday, Dec 31 at 6 p.m.
New Year's Vigil Mass**

**New Year's Day, Monday, Jan 01 at 10:30 a.m.
New Year Mass**

Christmas Eve Celebration

Soon after the **Christmas Family Mass**, there will be a gathering downstairs for all to celebrate the birth of Christ and to encourage the children to celebrate it. So, we would like to invite families, if you can bring baked goods, store-bought snacks and other goodies for the treat table. All are welcome to join the party, in God's house there is enough for all.



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