

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

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Out of the Cold Program

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3rd Sunday of Advent: December 17, 2023



Saturday, December 16 at 5 p.m. Mass

Delfino Sudaria – +

Rebecca Naraja – +

Sunday, December 17 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the*

Parishioner of St. Ann

Isabelo & Cristina Biason – Thanksgiving Anniversary

Sunday, December 17 at 12:30 p.m.

Native People's Mass – All are welcome

Sunday, December 17 at 6 p.m. Mass

Monday, December 18 at 8 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, December 19 at 8 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, December 20 at 8 a.m. Mass

Victoria Montifar – +

Thursday, December 21 at 8 a.m. No Mass

Friday, December 22 at 6:15 p.m.

Advent Reconciliation. 7 p.m. Mass

Victoria Montifar – +

Saturday, December 23 at 5 p.m. Mass

Mavic Galicia – Thanksgiving B' day

Victoria Montifar – +

Sunday, December 24 at 10:30 p.m. Mass *for the*

Parishioners of St. Ann

Victoria Montifar – +

Sunday, December 24 at 12:30 p.m.

Natives People's Mass – All are welcome

Sunday, December 24 at 6 p.m.

Family Mass: Vigil of Nativity Mass (S)

Sunday, December 24 at 8 p.m.

Christmas Vigil Mass

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Reflection
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“Rejoice always!” These are the words that St. Paul writes in the second reading this Gaudete Sunday. He exhorts all of us to always rejoice. It is important to note that he doesn't say to always

be happy but to rejoice always. Happiness, by

definition, is utterly circumstantial. We are happy when we are experiencing something good, like eating ice cream on a hot day. However, when the ice cream melts, or it begins to rain our happiness quickly ceases because that good thing we were experiencing is fleeting.

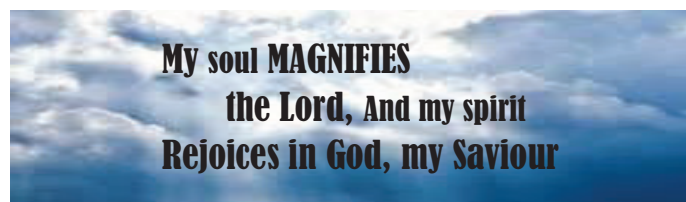
Joy on the other hand is radically different. To experience joy is to remain happy despite the circumstances. This everlasting joy springs solely from recognizing that we are beloved children of God and being aware that we are living in the smiling gaze of Christ. But how do we live in joy? St. James in his letter says, “My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy,” To experience joy is to intentionally call to mind God's love in the midst of our trials.

As stewards, let us not keep this practice of joy to ourselves. One way we can help people rejoice in suffering is by not partaking in complaining about our difficult situations. The next time we are in a tough moment and people around us begin to complain, let us strive to steer the conversation into one of gratitude for the good things the Lord is doing in our lives. This slow adjustment of choosing joy in our trials will begin to revitalize our parishes and communities, and the entire world.

Summary

This Gaudete Sunday St. Paul exhorts all of us to “rejoice always.” One way we can help people rejoice in suffering is by not partaking in complaining about our difficult situations. The next time we are in a tough moment and people around us begin to complain, let us strive to steer the conversation into one of gratitude for the good things the Lord is doing in our lives.

-Stewardship Bulletin Reflections, Archdiocese of Toronto



Offertory Collections

Weekend of December 9/10

Envelopes (46) \$ 1,490.00

Loose \$ 346.00



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

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 23rd of December after the 5 p.m. mass.

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.

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 or call at (905) 412-2242; (905) 412-3355

New Sunday Missal

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.

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 23rd of December 2023.



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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