

ST. ANN PARISH

Home of Native Peoples' Mission

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4th Sunday of Advent: December 24, 2023



Saturday, December 23 at 5 p.m. Mass

Mavic Galicia – Thanksgiving B'day

Victoria Montifar – +

Delfino Sudaria – +

Rebecca Naraja – +

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

Parishioner 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 pm.

Family Mass: Vigil of Nativity (S)

Sunday, December 24 at 8 p.m.

Christmas Vigil Mass

Monday, December 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Mass

Victoria Montifar – +

Tuesday, December 26 at 8 a.m.

Victoria Montifar – +

Wednesday, December 27 at 8 a.m. Mass

Victoria Montifar – +

Thursday, December 28 at 8 a.m. No Mass

Friday, December 29 at 6:30 p.m. Holy Hour,

07 p.m. Mass

Victoria Montifar – +

Saturday, December 30 at 5 p.m. Mass

Victoria Montifar – +

Sunday, December 31 at 10:30 a.m. Mass

Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph

- for the Parishioner of St. Ann

Galicia – Year-end Thanksgiving

Sunday, December 31 at 12:30 p.m.

Natives People's Mass – all are welcome

Sunday, December 31 at 6 p.m.

New Year's Eve: New Year's Vigil Mass

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As we approach Christmas the church encourages us to reflect on the Annunciation. The Annunciation

Reflection
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can be seen as the singular event that changed the world for it is during this episode that Mary consents to God's will and Christ is conceived within her. As stewards striving to

follow Jesus, we can learn a great deal from prayerfully imitating Mary in our own lives.

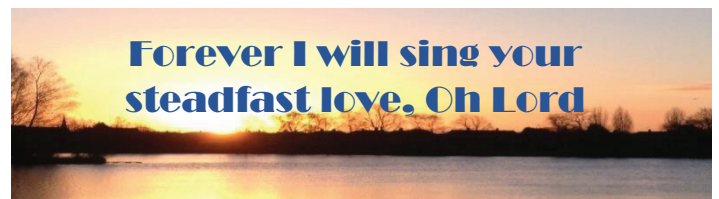
Mary had an incredible faith and trust in God to be able to accept His will for her life. It is important to note that Mary wasn't told how her life would precisely unfold. She didn't know she would give birth in a manger, or about her flight to Egypt, or that Jesus would go missing in the temple or that she would stand by as He was crucified. Instead, all she knew was that she would conceive the Son of God. Many times we seek to know God's entire will for our lives but we can learn from Mary to readily say yes to the current step of the plan that He is calling us to and, like Mary, ponder God's will in our hearts by spending time in prayer).

We can live out this mission by being stewards of our time and talents for our communities, our parish and the entire Church. Let us seek Mary's intercession and trust in the Lord's call for our lives and readily follow Him.

Summary

The Annunciation can be seen as the singular event that changed the world for it is during this episode that Mary consents to God's will and Christ is conceived within her. Many times we seek to know God's entire will for our lives but we can learn from Mary to readily and prayerfully say yes to the current step of the mission that He is calling us to. We can live out this mission by being stewards of our time and talents for our communities, our parish and the entire Church.

-Stewardship Bulletin Reflections, Archdiocese of Toronto



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

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

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.

Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Update

On December 12, 2023, the Archdiocese of Toronto announced the first phase of funding as part of our \$6 million commitment to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF). Through the tremendous generosity of parishioners throughout the archdiocese, including our own parish, more than \$2.7 million has been directed through the IRF to organizations and projects committed to promoting healing and reconciliation for communities and families.

Recipients include the **Native Peoples' Mission** located in Toronto, Ontario which will receive \$150,000 over five years to expand programs and outreach of the mission. Thank you for your continued prayers and ongoing support as we journey together on the path of healing and reconciliation with the Indigenous Peoples of This Land. To learn more, visit www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation

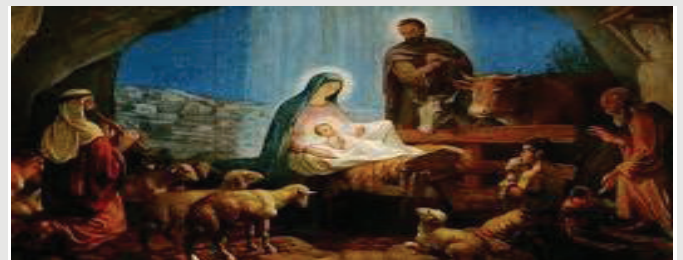
Merry Christmas

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we light the last Candle in the Advent Wreath, as we complete the circle of preparation for the birth of our saviour. We now focus on the Center of the circle where a **white candle** is ready to be lit



on **Christmas day** – a **symbol of Christ** – **The True Light** of the world. So let the light of Christ flow into us and let's put God at the center of our lives.

On behalf of the Parish community of St Ann and Natives People's Mission, we would like to wish all of you a Blessed and grace-filled Christmas. We would like to thank each one of you who made St Ann Parish and the Native People's Mission a place of prayer and celebration of life and faith. We thank all the ministers and volunteers who help us and give their time and talents.



Christ is Born

Today we celebrate the word made flesh,
Born of a virgin most holy and blessed,
A message of love, no words can express.
What gift to offer this child in the manger,
But to visit the sick and welcome the stranger,
To live life as our Lord and Savior,
from whose love may we never depart
Who dwells in the depths and poverty
of hearts.

-- From a parishioner



New Year Mass Schedule

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



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