

ST. ANN PARISH

& 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)

MEGWETCH! We are a small congregation, that gathers for prayer and worship. We value our diversity and welcome everyone. We try to provide a safe circle for the growth of the human spirit free from judgmental attitudes. Joyfully celebrating and participating in the sacraments, we are committed to just and compassionate action. (Native People's Mission Statement)

Pastor:

Fr. Francis Salasiar, CSC

In Residence:

Fr. Roshan D'Souza, CSC

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday:
9:30 am - 2:00 pm

Finance Anne Francis

Secretary Cristina Biason

Pastoral Assistant

Maria Fernandes

Food Bank

Carlos & Colette Carreiro

Music Vengie Fabre

Daily Mass

Monday-Wednesday 8:00 am

Thursday No Mass

First Fridays 6:00 pm Adoration

7:00 pm Mass

Other Fridays 6.30 p.m. Adoration

7:00 pm 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**

Sunday

9:30 am **Divine Mercy & Rosary**

10:30 am **Mass Children's Liturgy**

12:30 pm **Native Peoples'**

Mass

Celebration of Sacraments

Baptism: preparation required
(please contact office)

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:15 -
4:45 pm or by appointment

Matrimony: (couple contacts
office one year in advance)

Parish Ministries

Pastoral & Finance Council

Liturgy/Faith Formation

Lectors & Altar Servers

Music Ministry

Eucharistic Ministers

Collection Counters

St. Ann Parish Food Bank

Out of the Cold Program

Handmaids of the Lord

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1st Sunday of Advent: December 1, 2024



Saturday, November 30 at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 1 at 10.30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann Letty Bayna – +*

Sunday, December 1 at 12.30 p.m. *Native People's Mass – Everyone is welcome*

Monday, December 2 at 8 a.m. Mass *Vivien Marie Barrairo – SI*

Tuesday, December 3 at 8 a.m. Mass *St. Francis Xavier (M)*

Wednesday, December 4 at 8 a.m. Mass

Thursday, December 5 at 8 a.m. No Mass

Friday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour, 07 p.m. Mass *Jackie Barrairo – +*

Saturday, December 7 at 5 p.m. Mass *St Ambroise (M) Letty Bayna – +*

Sunday, December 8 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioner of St. Ann Chie & Raul Julian and family – SI*

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1st Sunday of Advent



We have arrived at the beautiful and powerful season of Advent. It is a season to prepare in awe and wonder for the coming of Christ at Christmas, His coming as a tiny babe wrapped in swaddling clothes. It is

also a period to prepare for the final coming of Christ as well as our own individual day of judgement at the end of our lives. We will all be called to give an account of how we used the gifts God gave us to better serve Him and the Church. Essentially, Advent is a season of stewardship.

The readings this Sunday quickly call our attention to the need to be aware of our judgement. The Gospel boldly warns, "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighted down with dissipation and drunkenness and

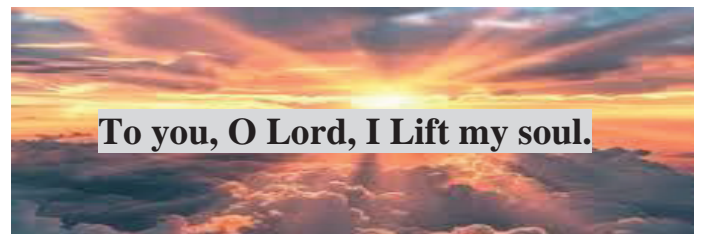
the worries of this life." It is so easy for us to lose focus of our heavenly destination by excessive preoccupation with the pleasures and worries of this life. To avoid this pitfall Jesus says to "be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength."

During Advent, we stewards must ask ourselves some difficult reflective questions. Are we staying faithful to our prayer life? Are we using all of our energy to offer our time and talents to our parish community? Are we seeking reconciliation and forgiveness in the sacrament of Confession for the times we've failed? Are we living for the present moment or for our heavenly home? Let us get ready for the Lord's coming and prepare with awe and wonder.

Summary

The readings this Sunday quickly call our attention to the final coming of Christ as well as our own individual day of judgment at the end of our lives. It is so easy for us to lose focus of our heavenly destination by excessive preoccupation with the pleasures and worries of this life. This Advent season, let us heed the advice of Jesus to "be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength."

-Stewardship Bulletin Reflections, Archdiocese of Toronto



Offertory Collections

Weekend of November 18/19

Envelopes (69)	\$ 1,352.60
Loose	\$ 446.00
PAG	\$ 419.40



Pope's Prayer Intention 2024

The Pope's prayer intention for 2024 addresses challenges facing humanity and assists the mission of the church. In **December**, we pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope. – **Pope Francis**

ShareLife

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1st Sunday of Advent: December 1, 2024

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Praise and Worship **ADORATION**

Please join us this first Friday, December 6th at 6 pm for praise & worship and adoration. Followed by 7 pm Holy Eucharist.



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. We invite the parents to encourage their children to participate. There will be practice today, Sunday, **December 1st** after the 10:30 a.m. mass- downstairs in the hall. And a Costume Fitting: on **December 15th** and a final Rehearsal: on **December 22nd** after 10:30 a.m. Mass in the church.



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Parish Administration: Please Update your contact information

If you or any member of your household changed address or contact information for 2024, please inform the parish office at 4164662127 so that you will not have a problem receiving your tax receipt next year. Thank you for your support and generosity to our parish.

Offertory Envelopes for 2025

Offertory envelope boxes for year 2025 are already available. If you had a box in 2024 you will find the same number assigned to you with your name and address on it. If you have not used a box in 2024



and would like to use one in 2025, 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 2024-2025 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 for \$10.00

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 a raffle ticket for **Christmas baskets** to be drawn on the **22nd of December** after the 10:30 am 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 22nd of December 2024.

Thank you



We would like to express our deepest gratitude to all the hardworking individuals who contributed their time and effort to make the Multicultural Celebration at St Ann truly beautiful and memorable. A special thanks to the generous hearts who played pivotal roles in ensuring the success of the event. To all the guests who graced us with their presence, and to the sponsors of our prizes, we sincerely thank you for celebrating with us. Your support and participation mean so much, and we hope to continue hosting fantastic events that bring our parish community closer together.



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