

# 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

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## 2nd Sunday of Advent: December 8, 2024



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

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

Sunday, December 8 at 12:30 p.m. *Native*  
*People's Mass – Everyone is welcome*

Monday, December 9 at 8 a.m. Mass  
*Immaculate Conception of the BVM*  
*Loreto, Blanca & Ace Ignacio – I*

Tuesday, December 10 at 8 a.m. Mass  
*Cae & Joe Leithwood – +*  
*For the living and deceased Family*  
*Members of Cae & Joe Leithwood – I*

Wednesday, December 11 at 8 a.m. Mass  
*Seamus Palanca Keirnan – Thanksgiving*  
*Birthday*  
*Cae & Joe Leithwood – +*  
*For the living and deceased Family*  
*Members of Cae & Joe Leithwood – I*

Thursday, December 12 at 8 a.m. No Mass  
*St John of the Cross (M)*

Friday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. Holy Hour,  
07 p.m. Mass  
*St. Lucy (M)*  
*Manny Galicia – Thanksgiving Birthday*

Saturday, December 14 at 5 p.m. Mass  
*St John of the Cross(M)*

Sunday, December 15 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the*  
*Parishioner of St. Ann*

Sunday, December 15 at 12:30 p.m.  
*Native People's Mass – Everyone is welcome*

### 2nd Sunday of Advent

Reflection  
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**“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.

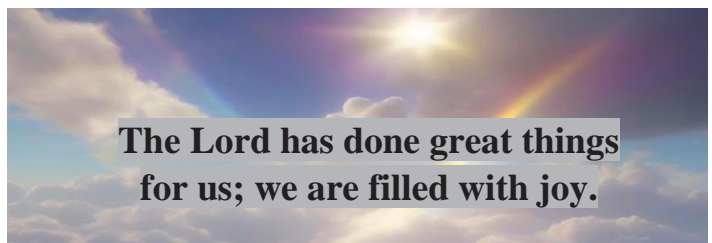
Firstly, we must remember that it is never our own merits that convert people but is instead always a pure gift from God. John the Baptist fully recognizes this when he says that he baptizes with water while the one coming after him, Jesus, will baptize with the Holy Spirit. We too should always remember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



**The Lord has done great things  
for us; we are filled with joy.**

### Offertory Collections

Weekend of December 2/3

Envelopes (53) \$ 977.00

Loose \$ 519.00

PAG \$ 419.40

**Special Collection:**

Shepherd's Trust \$ 1,060.00



## 2nd Sunday of Advent: December 8, 2024

### Pope's Prayer Intention 2024

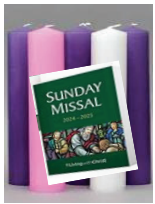
The Pope's prayer intention for 2024 addresses challenges facing humanity and assists the mission of the church. In **December**, we pray that this Jubilee year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.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

### 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 another practice today, 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.



### 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.

### Offertory Envelopes for 2025

Offertory envelope boxes 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 did change your address and contact number, please inform the parish office at 4164662127 and we will update 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.



### 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 22<sup>nd</sup> of December 2024.

### 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 & New Year Schedule

**Advent Reconciliation, Friday, Dec 20  
at 6:00 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Saturday, Dec 21 at 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.**

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

**8 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass**

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

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

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

### Christmas Family Gathering Invitation

Following the **Christmas Family Mass**, we warmly invite everyone to join us downstairs for a joyful celebration of the birth of Christ. This gathering is a special opportunity to come together as a community and encourage our children to celebrate this blessed occasion.

We kindly ask families, if possible, to contribute baked goods, store-bought snacks, or other treats for the table. Your generosity will help make this celebration even more special.

**All are welcome!** In God's house, there is always enough for everyone. Let's share in the joy of the season together.



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