

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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3rd Sunday of Advent: December 15, 2024



Saturday, December 14 at 5 p.m. Mass
Letty Bayna – +

Sunday, December 15 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the*
Parishioner of St. Ann
Cae & Joe Leithwood – +
For the living and deceased Family
Members of Cae & Joe Leithwood – I

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

Monday, December 16 at 8 a.m. Mass
Elvira Milaya – Thanksgiving for the Gift of life

Tuesday, December 17 at 8 a.m. Mass
Isabelo & Cristina Biason – Thanksgiving
Anniversary

Wednesday, December 18 at 8 a.m. Mass
Emelita Gumapac – Thanksgiving for
the Gift of life

Thursday, December 19 at 8 a.m. No Mass

Friday, December 20 at 6:30 p.m. Holy Hour,
07 p.m. Mass
Morgan Anthony Jude Leithwood – +

Saturday, December 21 at 5 p.m. Mass
Letty Bayna – +

Sunday, December 22 at 10:30 p.m. Mass *for the*
Parishioners of St. Ann
Victoria Montifar – +

Sunday, December 22 at 12:30 p.m.
Natives People's Mass – Everyone is welcome

3rd Sunday of Advent

Reflection
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“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.” These are the beautiful words we hear from St. Paul on this Gaudete Sunday. This Third Sunday of Advent is a time for joy in the midst

of the waiting and preparation for Christmas. It is a reminder for us that despite the crosses and difficulties of our lives, the joy of Jesus' birth should always shine brightly.

One way in which we can cultivate a spirit of joy is

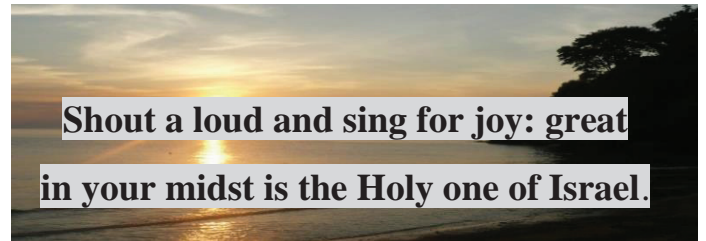
through an intentional “attitude of gratitude.” Former U.S. president, Theodore Roosevelt, once said that “comparison is the thief of joy.” When we compare our lives, possessions, gifts and attributes with those of others, we inherently become ungrateful for the blessings God has placed in our lives. If we begin to thank God for all of the good things in our lives, we will quickly realize that there are far more things to be joyful about than upset over.

This Advent, as society is trying to make Christmas more and more materialistic, let us take some time to be grateful for all the things we already have. Perhaps one tangible way we can express our gratitude is to offer our time and talents to others this Christmas. For example, we could visit a nursing home or a soup kitchen or perhaps help with a toy drive for those who are less fortunate than us. As stewards, let us constantly strive to be grateful for our blessings and then seek to share them generously with others.

Summary

On this Gaudete Sunday we are reminded that despite the crosses and difficulties of our lives, the joy of Jesus' birth should always shine brightly. If we begin to thank God for all of His blessings, we will quickly realize that there are far more things to be joyful about than upset over. Perhaps one way we can share this joy is by offering our time and talents to help others this season, whether it be at a nursing home, a soup kitchen or helping with a toy drive.

-Stewardship Bulletin Reflections, Archdiocese of Toronto



Offertory Collections

Weekend of **December 7/8**
Envelopes (52) \$ **895.00**
Loose \$ **203.00**
PAG \$ **419.25**



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**

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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.

A Festival of Prayer 2024: Lesson & Carols

On **Sunday, December 22, 2024, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 pm at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge Street.** The service of Lessons and Carols recounts the story of humanity's fall, the promise of the Messiah and the birth of Christ through nine short Bible readings from Genesis, the books of the prophets and the Gospels. The readings are interwoven with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns and choir anthems, creating a rich and festive experience. This event is the final of a series of monthly services commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Vatican's "Decree on Ecumenism" that have provided us with opportunities to give thanks for "The Beauty of Holiness" (1 Peter 1:15-16) that is ours in Jesus Christ this past year in the Greater Toronto Area.

New Sunday Missal



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 Annual Parish calendar is available for pick up. Thanks to Rosar Morrison Funeral Home for the donation of the Calenders.

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.

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 in the parish hall 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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