

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

Development and Peace

Handmaids of the Lord

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Baptism of the Lord: January 12, 2025



Saturday, January 11 at 5 p.m. Mass
*Aimee Collantes Masongsong – +
Letty Bayona – +*

Sunday, January 12 at 10.30 a.m. Mass *for the
Parishioners of St. Ann
Baptism of the Lord
St Marguete of Bourgeoys (M)*

Sunday, January 12 at 12.30 p.m.
Native People's Mass – Everyone is welcome

Monday, January 13 at 8 a.m.

Tuesday, January 14 at 8 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, January 15 at 8 a.m. Mass

Thursday, January 16 at 8 a.m. No Mass

Friday, January 17 at 6:30 p.m. Holy Hour, 07 p.m.
Mass
St. Anthony (M)

Saturday, January 18 at 5 p.m. Mass
*Aimee Collantes Masongsong – +
Letty Bayona – +*

Sunday, January 19 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the
Parishioners of St. Ann*

Sunday, January 19 at 12:30 p.m.
Native People's Mass – Everyone is welcome

Baptism of the Lord



This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The Catechism says that the sacrament of “baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives

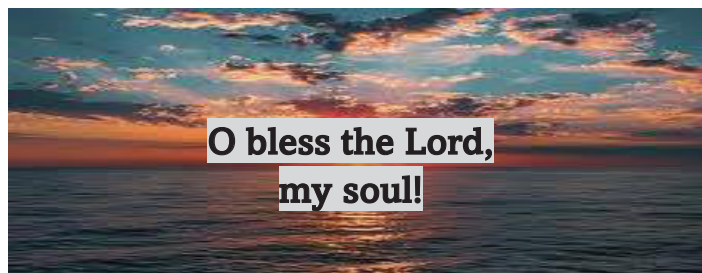
access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission.” Let us reflect on how Jesus’ baptism can teach us more about our own baptism. Firstly, Jesus didn’t need to get baptized because he was already without sin. However, in doing so, He became a model for how we should be baptized for the forgiveness of our sins. Similarly, as stewards we are called to be authentic models of the faith to others. When people see

us, do they see what it means to be a disciple? We should be examples of how to live a holy and virtuous life so that others may be inspired by our lives of stewardship. Moreover, not only is it important to do good, but we must also consciously try to avoid anything that may scandalize others. All of the baptized, especially stewards, represent Christ and the Church. If we perform actions that are negative or hurtful, people who observe us may be turned away from the faith. Of course, we are all human and are bound to make mistakes, but we should strive to avoid anything that may significantly hinder others from accepting the faith. Let us always turn to Jesus for help, our true model of holiness and stewardship.

Summary

As we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we should first realize that Jesus didn’t need to be baptized but rather did so in order to give us an example to imitate. Similarly, as stewards we are called to be authentic models of the faith so that others can be inspired by our witness. Moreover, it is extremely important that we avoid anything that may scandalize others because this could drive them away from the Church. Let us strive to be true models of the faith.

-Stewardship Bulletin Reflections, Archdiocese of Toronto



Offertory Collections

December 31/January 1 (New Year, Mary Mother of God) **\$ 1,377.00**

Weekend of **January 6/7**

Envelopes (47) **\$ 815.00**

Loose **\$ 722.00**

PAG **\$ 525.25**



Offering Mass Intentions: A Tradition of Faith and Prayer

Praying for our loved ones and friends – especially those who are sick or have passed away – is a cherished tradition of the church. Offering a Mass for these and other intentions strengthens our faith and allows the community to come together in prayer.

We strive to accommodate special Mass intentions on requested dates whenever possible. Requesting a Mass

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is simple: you can call the parish office, visit during office hours, or stop by on weekends. The stipend for an announced Mass is \$20.00, with a date and time provided. For unannounced Masses, the stipend is \$10. Join in this meaningful act of faith and prayer.

ShareLife: Emergency Food Security Fund

Share life makes an ongoing impact on the people of God. This year ShareLife announced a new project to feed the hungry, the 'emergency food security fund'. St. Ann Parish is one of the beneficiaries of the program and through the generosity of ShareLife, we have received \$35,000.00 to St. Ann Parish Outreach. This money will be used to help our food bank and those who are in immediate need of food. As a parish community, we want to thank ShareLife for their ongoing work and support to many organizations making an impact on the lives of many. We sincerely thank Sharelife for their ongoing support to the people of God, the poor and the needy.

Pope's Prayer Intention 2025

The Pope's prayer intention for 2025 addresses challenges facing humanity and assists the mission of the church. These intentions serve as principles guiding our lives and mission. In **January**, let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected. – **Pope Francis**

Sacramental Preparation

If you have children who go to public school or you go to Catholic school but would like to receive the sacrament of First Communion or Confirmation here in the parish, please talk to Fr. Francis and pick up the registration form. The parents for the first communion children would have their parents meeting on **Feb 02, 2025, after 10.30 a.m.** Mass, for the confirmation students and parents meeting, would be on **Feb 07, 2025, after the 10.30 a.m. Mass.** The meeting for the confirmation would be for both the students and parents.

Parish Important Update for 2024 Tax Receipts

If you or anyone in your household has recently changed your address or contact information, please notify the parish office at 4164662127 to ensure our

records are up to date. This will help avoid any issues with receiving your 2024 tax receipts. Please note that tax receipts for 2024 will only be issued for the donations received by December 31, 2024. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Donate Online

Don't carry cash or do not have cheques? Visiting St. Ann and want to donate to St. Ann Church? Want to collect miles or points on your credit card? A single or monthly donation through your credit card is a great option. Tax receipts are issued immediately for a single donation and at the end of the year for a recurring gift. Select the **Donate** button at <https://stannsto.archtoronto.org/> or scan the QR Code. Please ensure that St. Ann Parish is selected from the parish drop-down menu when you sign up. **You also can consider PAG (pre-authorized Giving).**



Celebration of Marriage Mass

As part of the Marriage Sunday 2025 celebrations, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass on **Sunday, February 9, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Basilica** to honour married couples especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+) in 2025. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honored with a special blessing. The mass is open to all but due to reserved seats being limited, you can register early if you wish to attend. Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage to register.

Altar Servers



Serving at the altar is a beautiful opportunity for young people to actively participate in the Eucharistic celebration. It allows them to grow closer to the faith while contributing to the smooth flow of the liturgy.

We warmly invite parents to encourage their children, in Grade 4 or above, to volunteer as altar servers. Training will be provided to prepare them for this meaningful role. Join us in fostering their faith and service!



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