

# 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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## 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time: February 23, 2025



Saturday, February 22 at 5 p.m. Mass  
*The Chair of St. Peter the Apostles (F)*

Sunday, February 23 at 10.30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann*  
*St Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr (M)*

Sunday, February 23 at 12.30 p.m. *Native People's*  
Mass – *Everyone is welcome*

Monday, February 24 at 8 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, February 25 at 8 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, February 26 at 8 a.m. Mass

Thursday, February 27 at 8 a.m. No Mass

Friday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m. Holy Hour, 07 p.m.  
Mass

Saturday, March 1 at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 2 at 10.30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann*

Sunday, March 2 at 12.30 p.m.  
*Native People's Mass – Everyone is welcome*

### 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**In the face of today's secular culture, various Christian values may seem far too radical or outdated.** Many people, with well-meaning intentions, may think that "being good" is all that matters in

this life. However, the Gospel responds with the challenge to be more than good, but rather, to be holy. One of Jesus' radical messages that can help us work towards holiness is the call to love our enemies.

In the time of Jesus, and even to this day, the notion of loving those who wrong us or hurt us seems like an impossible ideal. We often have a hard time loving those whom we should naturally love. How then are we expected to love our enemies? We must first realize that it is a long process to truly love them but it begins with small acts of prayer.

We often wish for bad things to happen to our enemies, or at the very least, we hope things don't go well for them. We can begin to heal the unforgiveness in our hearts by praying for God to bless them. Prayer

is powerful. Let us begin to pray for the good of our enemies and slowly rid ourselves of feelings of anger or hatred. For example, perhaps we can pray one Hail Mary a day for God to bless the family and work life of those whom we find it difficult to love. We can always look to the example of Christ on the cross, who boldly prayed for those who crucified him. Let us strive to be stewards of God's love and mercy.

#### Summary

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*-Stewardship Bulletin Reflections, Archdiocese of Toronto*



**The Lord is merciful and gracious.**

### Offertory Collection

Weekend of February 15/16  
Envelopes (35) \$ 825.00  
Loose \$ 232.25  
PAG \$ 525.25



### 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 February**, let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life. – **Pope Francis**

### 2025 ShareLife Collection Dates



ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as a Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need.

Mark your calendar: ShareLife Sunday Collections for

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the 2025 Parish Campaign will take place on **March 30, May 4** and **June 8**. Thank you for all the hard work you put into supporting ShareLife. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate). Thank you for living the Gospel by opening your hearts and sharing your blessings.

### Tax Receipt 2024

Thank you for your continued financial support to the parish. Your 2024 **annual tax receipt** will be mailed directly to you. Please watch for it, and if you do not receive it by the end of the month, please kindly contact the parish office. We are truly grateful for your generosity and dedication in supporting our parish community.

### Silent Ignatian Retreat for Women – Lent as a Pilgrimage of Hope

This is a Jubilee Year when the members of the Church receive an outpouring of special graces from the goodness of our Father in heaven. During this Lenten retreat, you will be invited to enter the desert in order to receive the waters of life. Drawing from the writings of Pope Francis and the Canadian Martyrs, we will explore wisdom sources to nourish our journey as pilgrims of hope. Facilitated by Fr. John O'Brien, SJ.

This silent weekend retreat begins on Friday evening, March 07, 2025, at 7:30 pm and runs to Sunday, March 09, 2025, at 1:30 pm with lunch. The suggested offering is \$260 per person which includes two night's accommodation with meals, spiritual direction and a retreat program.

**CONTACT:** Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre. **EMAIL:** [pickmanresa@rogers.com](mailto:pickmanresa@rogers.com)

**REGISTER:** Via email at [manresaregistration@outlook.com](mailto:manresaregistration@outlook.com), online at <https://manresa-canada.ca> or call 905-839-2864

### 16th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference

On **Saturday, March 22, 2024, 9:00 am-4 pm** at the **Old Mill (includes light lunch)**. **Closing Mass will be celebrated by Most Reverend Robert Kasun CSB. Speakers: Annie Karto:** Divine Mercy Flood My Soul, **Lisa Canning:** Surrendering in Suffering: Discovering JOY, **Fr. Marcin Serwin OMI:** Being a Priest - Being a Midwife, **Dr. Stephanie Kafie:** Totus Tuus - 5 Ways to Live out "Totally Yours", **Dorothy Pilarski:** Your Life is Going to Change, **Closing**

**Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Robert Kasun CSB. TO REGISTER GO TO [dwf2025.eventbrite.ca](http://dwf2025.eventbrite.ca)**

### Upcoming Programs at Divine Toronto

The Canadian Vincentian Congregation Association (The Divine Retreat Centre Toronto) is a religious and clerical society. The pre-eminent purpose of the Vincentian Congregation is the evangelization of the poor. Through leading retreats, preaching, outreach ministries, and doing missionary work through charitable social and educational apostolates.

The Divine Retreat Centre Toronto is one of the evangelization centers of the Vincentian Congregation under the auspice of the Archdiocese of Toronto. As an ongoing service, we have several ministries and retreats held within the centre every month.

First Saturday: Children and Teens Prayer Service (10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.)

Second Saturday and Sunday: Retreats (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.)

Third Saturday: Prayer for Sick and Terminally Ill, especially cancer patients (10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) & Night Vigil (7 to 10 p.m.)

Parish Outreach (Temporary only on an appointment basis) **CONTACT:** Canadian Vincentian Congregation Association

**WEB:** <https://divineretreatcentretoronto.org/>

### Save the Date

On Saturday, May 31, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a new archdiocesan event called "**A Day With Mary**" will be taking place at Villanova College in King City. We will gather together from all corners of the archdiocese to participate in Mass, pray the Rosary, and grow deeper in our devotion to Our Lady through a keynote address for the adults and children's catechesis for the kids. There will be music and fellowship and we hope you will consider joining the Cardinal Archbishop and so many others who love the Blessed Mother. More information will follow in the coming weeks. Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us!

### Coffee Sunday



**Come together!** Please join us this coming Sunday, March 2, 2025, for a coffee and fellowship with our parish community immediately following the 10:30 a.m. mass at the back of the church. All are welcome.



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