

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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1st Sunday of Lent: March 9, 2025



Saturday, March 8 at 5 p.m. Mass
For Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, March 9 at 10.30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann*
For Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, March 9 at 12.30 p.m. *Native People's Mass – Everyone is welcome*

Monday, March 10, at 8 a.m. Mass
For Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, March 11 at 8 a.m. Mass
For Holy Souls in Purgatory
Aristoteles Galicia – +

Wednesday, March 12 at 8 a.m. Mass
For Holy Souls in Purgatory
Alejandrina Sierra – +
Alejandro Ignacio – +

Thursday, March 13 at 8 a.m. No Mass

Friday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. Station of the Cross,
07 p.m. Mass

Saturday, March 15 at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 16 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann*

Sunday, March 16 at 12:30 p.m. *Native People's Mass – Everyone is welcome*

1st Sunday of Lent



As we enter into this Season of Lent, let us reflect on how we can best use this time to grow in our relationship with God and our commitment to stewardship. In

the first reading from the book of Deuteronomy, Moses instructs the people saying that when they come to give their offerings to God, they should “bring the first of the fruit of the ground.” The Lord wants our very best, not what we have left over. This is very true in our lives as stewards. It’s definitely good to offer up our time and talents to our parish community. However, do we only give from what we have remaining after all of our other priorities are taken care of? To serve the Gospel should always be

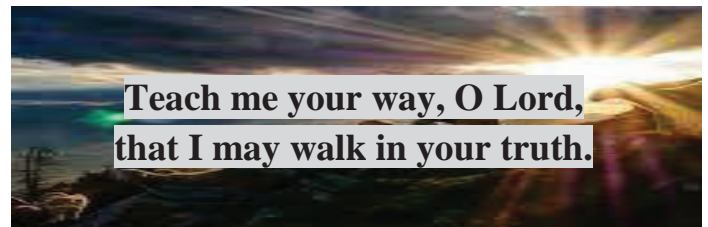
of prime importance.

One Lenten resolution we can adopt to help us offer our “first fruits” is the practice of scheduling our time of prayer in advance. Prayer should not be an afterthought that we try to squeeze in when we have time. Instead, we should block out a chunk of time each day that is free from all other competing distractions and is reserved only for our conversation with God. Let us strive to create a scheduled prayer life this Lent, perhaps starting with 10 minutes a day. If we do so, we will see great wonders take place in our relationship with God and others.

Summary

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-Stewardship Bulletin Reflections, Archdiocese of Toronto



Offertory Collections

Weekend of **March 1/2**

Envelopes (70) **\$ 1,900.00**

Loose **\$ 369.00**

PAG **\$ 419.25**



ShareLife

Announcing the 2025 ShareLife Campaign

As we approach our first ShareLife Sunday collection on March 30, it is essential that we come together in compassion to meet our Parish Campaign goal, of addressing the growing needs in our communities. By reaching this goal, our agencies will continue to:

- offer walk-in counselling to those facing mental health issues
- help victims of domestic violence
- ensure isolated seniors are not forgotten
- distribute food to families in our community
- form priests and deacons who will minister in our parishes

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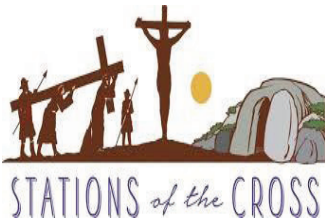
Your support of ShareLife makes these programs possible, among many others. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

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 March**, let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, and rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences. – **Pope Francis**

Way of the Cross

On Fridays during the season of Lent, we will have the station of the cross at 6:30 p.m. followed by Holy Eucharist at 7 p.m.



From the Table of the Cross – A Lenten Experience of Solidarity & Prayer

March 21 – Stations of the Cross & Poverty Lunch
From the Table to the Cross - A Lenten Experience of Solidarity & Prayer
Friday, March 21, 2025, 06:00 PM - Friday, March 21, 2025, 09:00 PM St. Patrick's Parish Hall, 139 McCaul St.

Cost: Free but donations are welcome! Join us for an evening of faith, reflection and solidarity as we journey through Lent together. This event will feature a solidarity supper, offering an opportunity to reflect on issues of social justice and our call as Catholics to serve the most vulnerable. Following the meal, we will pray the Stations of the Cross, meditating on Christ's passion and the ways we are called to carry the cross in our own lives and communities. Come deepen your Lenten experience, grow in faith and be inspired to live out the Gospel call to justice and mercy.

All young adults are welcome! Get your ticket here: <https://bit.ly/Dinner And Stations Of The Cross 2025> Please RSVP by Friday before the event.

Lenten Retreat – Finding Living Water in our Desert Journey

The Institute of Theology at St. Augustine's Seminary presents this Lenten Day of Retreat as part of its Spirit & Life Series for the 2024–2025 Academic Year. **Saturday, March 22, 2025, 09:00 AM - Saturday,**

March 22, 2025, 04:00 PM St. Augustine's Seminary, 2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough
Retreat Leader: **Archbishop Emeritus Thomas Cardinal Collins.**

The Exodus journey of the Israelites through the desert has long been a model for the Season of Lent. This Lenten day of retreat will offer the fruitful spiritual exercise of understanding both the threats of the modern secular desert and the ways we can find wellsprings of new life and hope. Format: In-Person Only. Cost: \$45 - Includes warm pastries, coffee and tea on arrival, as well as lunch. Mass, Confession and Adoration will also be offered. Registration: Capacity is limited and attendance is by registration only. To register, visit our website staugustines.on.ca/events Please download the PDF file for printing. If you have any questions, please contact our Event Coordinator, Chère MacLean at chere.macleam@utoronto.ca. We hope you can join us!

Christian Life Program

The Handmaids of the Lord warmly invite you to a



Christian Life Program, starting on **March 30, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.** at **St Ann Parish Hall**. This life-enriching program will run for 8 consecutive Sundays and is open to women who are: single parents, separated or divorced, unmarried mature single, widows, married with a husband

working overseas, or those women whose husbands are incapacitated or at the moment are not ready yet for religious affiliations. **NO FEES required.** We look forward to sharing this spiritual journey with you. For more details please email: rmnobleza56@gmail.com or call 41695548320, the office at 4164662127

Thinking About Becoming Catholic?

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Do you know someone considering joining the Catholic faith? Have you been attending Mass with your spouse, a friend, or a family member and feel drawn to learn more about becoming Catholic and participating fully in the sacramental life of the Church? Or perhaps you're a faithful catholic looking for a refresher on the core teachings and tradition of our faith?

Whatever your journey, Father Francis would be happy to guide you. Reach out to explore and deepen your faith today



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