

# 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

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## 5th Sunday of Lent: April 6, 2025



Saturday, April 5 at 5 p.m. Mass  
*Specioza Chagula – Thanksgiving Birthday*

Sunday, April 6 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann*

Sunday, April 6 at 12:30 p.m. *Native People's Mass – Everyone is welcome*

Monday, April 7 at 8 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, April 8 at 8 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, April 9 at 8 a.m. Mass

Thursday, April 10 at 8 a.m. **No Mass**

Friday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross,  
07 p.m. Mass

Saturday, April 12 at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, April 13 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann Palm Sunday*

Sunday, April 13 at 12:30 p.m. *Native People's Mass – Everyone is welcome*

### 5th Sunday of Lent



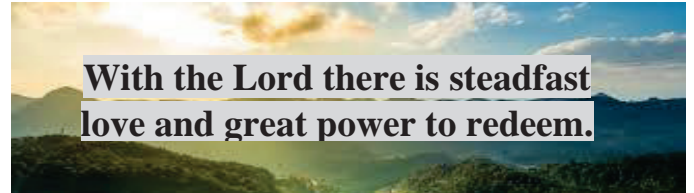
**As we quickly approach Holy Week, let us take a moment to reflect on how we are using this time of Lent to renew our zeal for stewardship.** In the second reading this Sunday we hear St.

Paul say, “I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.” We can learn a lot from this image of constantly moving forward towards the prize of our heavenly reward.

Stewardship is a lifelong journey made up of many individual decisions. The decision to wake up and recognize each day as a blessing from God. The decision to offer the gifts of our time and talents for the good of the parish community. The decision to practice a moment of patience and understanding when we are frustrated or annoyed. The decision to forgive someone who has wronged us even though it is difficult. The decision to pray and receive the sacraments in order to strengthen our lives through God's grace.

As we strive to make positive decisions, let us not be discouraged when we fall or face setbacks in our ministry. St. John Paul II says that “life with Christ is a wonderful adventure.” Any adventure is sure to have mountains and valleys, but what God truly desires is that we simply keep pressing forward. St. Teresa of Calcutta said that “God does not require that we be successful only that we be faithful.” Let us strive to be faithful stewards as we journey towards our heavenly goal.

*-Stewardship Bulletin Reflections, Archdiocese of Toronto*



### Offertory Collection

Weekend of **March 29/30**

Envelopes (53) \$ **960.00**

Loose \$ **300.00**

**PAG** \$ **525.25**

**Special Collection:**

Sharelife \$ **1,891.00**



### Share Life: You open the door to safety from abuse

Your support of ShareLife-funded agencies is a saving grace for victims of domestic abuse. Maria was trapped in an abusive relationship, isolated from family and friends. A mother of three, pregnant with her fourth, she needed to escape for her safety and theirs. At Safe Centre of Peel, led by Catholic Family Services Peel-Dufferin, 17 partner agencies unite to care for families.

They provide legal assistance, safe housing, and financial aid. Through your solidarity, Maria and her young children were able to secure the freedom they deserve. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://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 April**, let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

– **Pope Francis**

## 5th Sunday of Lent: April 6, 2025

### Palm Sunday Celebration

Next weekend is **Palm Sunday**. Join us as we commemorate Jesus Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem with the blessing and procession of palms.



#### Blessing of the Palms:

- **Saturday (5 p.m.)** Blessing at the Church Entrance
- **Sunday (10:30 a.m.)** Blessing at the Rectory
- **Sunday (12:30 p.m.)** Blessing at the Church Entrance.

Let us come together in faith and prepare our hearts for Holy Week. All are welcome

### Join Us in Celebrating the Feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha

We invite you to a special celebration honoring **St. Kateri Tekakwitha**, our beloved indigenous saint, on **Sunday, April 27, 2025, at 12:30 PM**. As Catholics in Canada, we recognize her significance in healing relationships with indigenous peoples and the Earth. Since St. Kateri's feast day in Canada falls on **April 17**, which coincides with **Holy Thursday** in 2025, we will commemorate it with a special mass on **Sunday, April 27, 2025**. After the **Eucharistic celebration**, we will gather for a potluck lunch in the hall to honour St. Kateri and celebrate **Easter**. Share a meal, meet new friends, and enjoy this joyful gathering! If you would like to bring a dish to share, please call the office at **416-466-2127**. **Everyone is welcome!** Bring your family and friends as we celebrate faith, unity, and the inspiring life of St. Kateri. We look forward to celebrating with you!



### Solidarity Sunday



As we have begun the Jubilee year 2025, Pope Francis reminds us that "hope should be granted to the billions of the poor who often lack the essentials of life" and

that "the goods of the Earth are not destined for a privileged few but for everyone." (Spes Non Confundit, 15-16). Inspired by this call to justice, we are joining Caritas Internationalis' campaign **Turn**

**Debt into Hope** along with many other faith-based and civil society organisations.

Together, we urge decision-makers to prioritise people and planet over mere profit and demand debt justice for communities crushed by unjust and unpayable debts.

## Holy Week Schedule



### Lenten Confession

April 11, 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.

### Holy Thursday: April 17

8 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

### Good Friday: April 18

3 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Word

6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

### Easter Vigil: April 19

8 p.m. Mass of the Resurrection

### Easter Sunday: April 20

10:30 a.m. Mass

12:30 p.m. Mass

### Easter Flower Donation

Bringing flowers for Easter is a cherished tradition of our church and a beautiful way to honor and remember our loved ones. If you would like to donate flowers, you are warmly invited to do so. For those unable to purchase or bring flowers, monetary donations toward Easter flowers are also appreciated. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church and can be placed in the offertory basket. Thank you for your generosity!



### Dinner and Dance

Once again, we are inviting you for a night to celebrate. St Ann Parish and the Native People's Mission are holding a dinner and dance "**Ticket to 80's and 90's**" on **May 31, 2025**, after 5 p.m. Mass. Come and join us for a fun and exciting night as we gather as one united community in our parish. Invite your family and friends to join us. Save the date and reserve your tickets now. The ticket cost is 25.00 dollars.



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