# **ST. ANN PARISH** & Native Peoples' Mission

Served by the Holy Cross Fathers



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

### <u>Office Hours</u> Monday – Thursday:

9:30 am - 2:00 pm

FinanceAnne FrancisSecretaryCristina BiasonPastoral Assistant<br/>Maria FernandesFood Bank<br/>Carlos & Colette CarreiroMusicVengie 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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Saturday, April 26 at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, April 27 at 10:30 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of St. Ann Divine Mercy Sunday – Solemnity

Sunday, April 27 at 12:30 p.m. *Native People's Mass – Everyone is welcome* 

Monday, April 28 at 8 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, April 29 at 8 a.m. Mass St. Catherine of Siena (M) Thanksgiving Wedding Anniversary – Mavic and Manny Galicia

> Wednesday, April 30 at 8 a.m. Mass St. Marie De L'Incarnation (M)

> Thursday, May 1 at 8 a.m. No Mass

Friday, May 2 at 6:00 p.m., Holy Hour, 07 p.m. Mass *St. Athanasius (M)* + *Anita Angco Diego* 

Saturday, May 3 at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, May 4 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann* 

Sunday, May 4 at 12:30 p.m. *Native People's* Mass – Everyone is welcome

### 2nd Sunday of Easter



On this Second Sunday of Easter, we are faced with the Gospel passage that earns St. Thomas the Apostle the name of Doubting Thomas. Jesus appears to all of the disciples when

Thomas wasn't present, and Thomas refuses to believe in the risen Christ until he sees and touches Jesus himself. A week later, Jesus appears to them again, this time with Thomas present, and Thomas believes, exclaiming, "My Lord and my God!"

As disciples of Christ, we, too, may experience many moments of doubt in our lives. Especially with the overtly secular culture we live in, it is becoming harder to accept the truths of our faith. So, how are we to deal with these moments of doubt? Firstly, we should take consolation in the loving and gentle way Jesus dealt with Thomas's doubt. Jesus meets him where he is and lovingly tries to help him look past his doubt. So too with us, Jesus does not reprimand us for our moments of doubt but is constantly providing us opportunities for us to grow in faith.

However, it is important that we play our part. If we doubt the truth about certain mysteries of our faith, we should try to read what the Church teaches on this point. St. Anselm's motto was "faith seeking understanding." Sometimes we need to use our rational faculties to try to educate ourselves on the teachings of the Church and pray that God may illumine our minds. There are a variety of good books and websites that can help us find the answers we're looking for. Let us strive to rid ourselves of all doubt by slowly seeking understanding and praying for faith *Summary* 

Similar to St. Thomas in the Gospel, we, too, may experience many moments of doubt. Jesus does not reprimand us for our doubt but constantly sends us providential opportunities to help us grow in our faith. However, let us strive to do our part by educating ourselves through good books and websites on topics of the faith and by praying for the gift of understanding.

-Stewardship Bulletin Reflections, Archdiocese of Toronto



Offertory Collection Weekend of April 18/19/20 Envelopes (70) \$ 1555.88 Loose \$ 1295.00 PAG \$ 525.25 Special Collection: Need of the Church in the Holy (Good Friday) \$ 1470.00 Easter \$ 1538.00

### ShareLife: You ensure a brighter future for at-risk children

As many as 7,000 youth are homeless across Canada on any given night. Covenant House, an agency you support through ShareLife, provides a refuge for atrisk youth. They offer safe housing alongside healthcare, education, and employment guidance. The **second ShareLife Sunday of the year is May 4.** We ask you to share your blessings through the parish or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for living the Gospel!

# Praise and Worship ADORATION



Please join us this First Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m. for praise and worship and Adoration. Followed by 7 p.m. Holy Eucharist.

# **Pope's Prayer Intention 2025**

The Pope's prayer intention for 2025 addresses challenges facing humanity and assists the church's mission. 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 person's dignity, and will help us face the crises of our times.

– Pope Francis

## Thank you for celebrating Easter with Us



We would like to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who helped make our celebration more beautiful, meaningful, and enriching. A special thank you to the Choir members, Altar

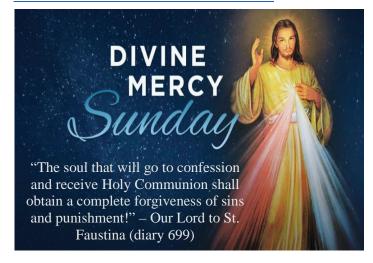
Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Decorators, members of the Native People's Mission, all volunteers, and our entire parish community. Your time, dedication, and commitment are truly appreciated.

### **Congrats and Welcome**

At the Easter Vigil, three adults, **Gayelle, Rehana & Lindsay**, received their baptism, Communion and confirmation and became full members of our church. We congratulate them on their decision to join the church. Congratulations to the three youth, **Coen**, **Vewan & Gawain**, who received confirmation. On Easter Sunday, two of our children, **Luca and Riccardo**, received their first Holy Communion. Congrats to them also.

### Newman Foundation Wine & Cheese Fundraiser

You're invited to an evening of fine wine, gourmet cheese, and heartfelt community in support of the Newman Foundation, Thursday, May 08, 2025, 06:00 PM to Thursday, May 08, 2025, 09:00 PM. We are honoured to welcome His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins as our keynote speaker. Tickets: \$25 per person | \$40 per couple. Contact: Rachel Ezechiels, Phone: 416-979-2468 ext.230. rachelle.ezechiels@newmantoronto.com



### **Obstacle to Discernment: Achieving Clarity through the Gift of Reason**

Day of Reflection for Women - Obstacles to Discernment: Achieving Clarity Through the Gift of Reason. Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre Facilitator: Veronica Ljubicic. Saturday, May 03, 2025 09:30 AM to Saturday, May 03, 2025 04:00 PM | Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre. Further details may be found on our website: manresa-canada.ca. The suggested offering is \$65. For more information and to register, please contact Veronica:boutiquecoachingconnections@gmail.com.

### **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 the 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, reserve your tickets now. The ticket cost is 25.00 dollars.

### **Coffee Sunday**

**Come together!** Please join us this coming Sunday, May 4, 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.

