

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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19th & 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time: August 10 & 17, 2025



Saturday, August 9 at 5 p.m. Mass

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

Sunday, August 10 at 12:30 p.m. *Native People's Mass – Everyone is welcome*

Monday, August 11 at 8 a.m. Mass
St Claire (M)

Tuesday, August 12 at 8 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, August 13 at 8 a.m. Mass

Thursday, August 14 at 8 a.m. **No Mass**

Friday, August 15 at 6:30 p.m. Holy Hour,
07 p.m. Mass
Assumpta Barrairo – Thanksgiving (Birthday)

Saturday, August 16 at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, August 17 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann*

Sunday, August 17 at 12:30 p.m. *Native People's Mass – Everyone is welcome*

Monday, August 18 at 8 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, August 19 at 8 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, August 20 at 8 a.m. Mass
St. Bernard (M)

Thursday, August 21 at 8 a.m. **No Mass**

Friday, August 22 at 6:30 p.m. Holy Hour,
07 p.m. Mass

Saturday, August 23 at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, August 24 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann*

Sunday, August 24 at 12:30 p.m. *Native People's Mass – Everyone is welcome*

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

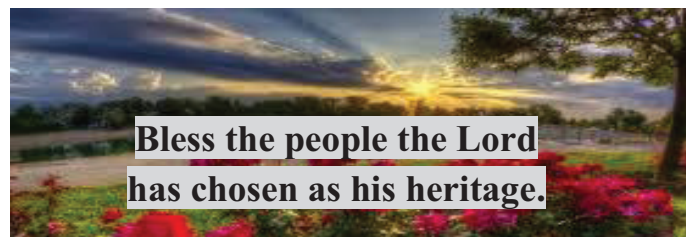


The Gospel today begins with a response from the Jewish people that seems unfounded. Jesus had just finished performing a great miracle in their midst, and

afterwards reveals his identity to them, that he is the bread of life which comes down from heaven. One would think that after witnessing the miracles, the people would believe the words of Christ, however, the response of the people to Jesus' claim was of disbelief. They could not believe or understand how Jesus could be from heaven. Didn't they know his family, know his parents, and where he came from? Jesus doesn't take back or mince his words with this teaching. In the Gospel, he goes on to tell the crowd "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." Christ is the living bread, who gives himself to us to eat, so that through Him we may have eternal life and life in abundance.

Through the Eucharist, we are given every grace needed to journey in this life and make our way to him in the next. How often do we participate worthily in the Mass, and receive the living bread? Let us make a greater effort to approach the Eucharist more often, and with greater reverence, praying for a deeper awareness of the presence of Christ, for he comes to give us life.

-Stewardship Bulletin Reflections, Archdiocese of Toronto



20th Sunday of Ordinary Time



In the Gospel, we hear of the crowds who were wrestling with the words of Jesus from the previous week's Gospel, as he reveals himself to be the bread from heaven. They were not able to understand how Jesus could give them his flesh to eat, and instead of taking back his words, Jesus tells them: "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." These words of Jesus in today's gospel were difficult to hear, and the crowd began to quarrel among themselves trying to understand what Jesus meant. How could Jesus give them his flesh to eat and his blood to drink? The Jewish people lacked the faith and understanding to be able to accept this teaching, and many left Jesus as a result. There is a famous saying that says the longest journey one takes is that from the head to the heart. To be able to transform

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what we hear and know to that which we believe is one of the greatest challenges in the Christian life. Paul understood deeply that this pursuit of wisdom is a noble one, as he urges the church in Ephesus to strive to be wise, to leave ignorance and to pursue an understanding of the will of the Lord.

What is our response when we encounter difficult teaching? It is easy as the crowds did to leave and live-in ignorant bliss, but what is truly more noble is to wrestle with the truth. How are we seeking the truth in our life? Do we ask Jesus for the gift of faith, understanding and wisdom, especially when we approach the life-giving sacrament of the Eucharist? Do we approach our priests with the questions on our hearts, seeking understanding?

-Stewardship Bulletin Reflections, Archdiocese of Toronto

Offertory Collection

Weekend of **July 26/27 & August 2/3**

Envelopes (142) \$ 3,940.00

Loose \$ 1,371.10

PAG \$ 838.80



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 **August**, let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

– **Pope Francis**

Thank You for a Blessed St. Ann

Feast Celebration



We extend our heartfelt thanks to all parishioners and guests who joined us in celebrating the Feast of St. Ann. Your presence made the celebration truly special.

A special thank you goes to everyone who helped make this event possible – from those who contributed to the beautiful liturgy, the choir, the readers, the Handmaid of the Lord, and our altar decorators, to those who generously donated food and funds.

We are also deeply grateful to the volunteers who set up and cleaned up – your time and effort did not go unnoticed. The camaraderie, generosity, and spirit of giving shown throughout the celebration truly reflect the vibrant heart of our community.

Once again, thank you for making the Feast Day of St. Ann a joyful and meaningful success.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Do you know anyone who is thinking about becoming Catholic? Have you been attending Mass with your spouse, a friend, or family member and would like to learn more about joining the faith and sharing in the full sacramental life of the Church or are you a faithful Catholic already and want a review of the basics of what it means to be Catholic? Please speak to Fr. Francis to explore this further.

Special Collection



There will be a special collection on the weekend of **August 16/17, 2025**, for Canadian Missions. Please pick up the special envelope at the back of the church. Thank you for your generous donations.

Jubilee Pilgrimage to Martyr's Shrine in Midland with Frank Cardinal Leo

In this Jubilee year, Cardinal Leo is encouraging the faithful of the Archdiocese to attend the Archdiocesan pilgrimage at the Martyrs' Shrine on Sunday, August 24, 2025, 16163 Highway 12 West, Midland Ontario. This is a special opportunity to pray together in a place that is sacred in the history of the Church in Canada. The program will include opportunities for the sacrament of Reconciliation, Holy mass with Cardinal Leo, a rosary procession and Eucharistic Adoration. For more information and to register visit www.archtoronto.org/jubilee

Join Us for Holy Smoke: Smore and More

Hosted by **Ignite! Young Adult Ministry (ages 18–39)** St. Patrick's Rectory Garden (enter off St. Patrick Street) Tuesday, August 19, 2025, 07:00 PM - Tuesday, August 19, 2025, 09:00 PM St. Patrick's Rectory Garden (enter off St. Patrick)

Join us for Holy Smoke: S'mores & More – a summer BBQ and bonfire right in the heart of the city. Gather around the fire for delicious make-your-own s'mores, food, and fellowship with other young adults. Admission is free – donations welcome. Get your ticket here:

https://bit.ly/HolySmoke_Smores_And_More_August2025 Bring a friend and join us for a meaningful, joy-filled summer evening! (Kindly register to help us plan for the number of attendees.)



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