

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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21st & 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 24 & August 31, 2025



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*

Monday, August 25 at 8 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, August 26 at 8 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, August 27 at 8 a.m. Mass
St. Monica (M)

Thursday, August 28 at 8 a.m. No Mass

Friday, August 29, at 6:30 p.m. Holy Hour
07 p.m. Mass
Leon Aureus – Thanksgiving (Birthday)

Saturday, August 30, at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, August 31 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann*

Sunday, August 31, at 12:30 p.m. *Native People's Mass – Everyone is welcome*

Monday, September 1 at 8 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, September 2 at 8 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, September 3 at 8 a.m. Mass

Thursday, September 4 at 8 a.m. No Mass

Friday, September 5, at 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour
07 p.m. Mass

Saturday, September 6, at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, September 7 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann*

Sunday, September 7, at 12:30 p.m. *Native People's Mass – Everyone is welcome*
Eleneor McAteer – For healing

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Gospel today concludes Jesus' teaching on the Bread of Life, and we see many disciples who were with Jesus beginning to leave because they were unable to accept Jesus' words.

Jesus' teaching was difficult to accept, and instead of softening the gravity of his words to keep everyone around, Jesus says "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." Jesus knew that following him was a difficult task. Only those who are chosen by the Father, and willing to take up the hardships that come with belief in Christ can follow Jesus to the end.

The crowd slowly begins to dwindle, from five thousand disciples down to the twelve, whom Jesus turns and asks if they also will leave. Peter responds with a beautiful confession of faith, saying, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." What differentiated the Twelve Apostles from the disciples was simply trust.

The teaching of Jesus would have been just as difficult for the twelve to grapple with, however, they believed that Jesus was truly the son of God. Their trust in the person of Jesus, the man whom they've spent all this time with, and the man who performed these miracles in their midst, wasn't waver because of the unbelief of the crowds.

The decision to follow and trust in Jesus is completely in our hands. How do we respond? To be able to truly live out our calling as stewards, we must know Jesus and trust him. The best way to know Jesus is through his word. Let us spend time this week immersed in the scripture, getting to know our Lord.

-Stewardship Bulletin Reflections, Archdiocese of Toronto



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Pharisees were devout Jewish men. They diligently followed the laws of Moses and the traditions of the elders, which were passed on to them, and yet in the Gospel we see them being rebuked

for being the hypocrites that Isaiah prophesied about. Although the Pharisees followed the law, Jesus saw their heart and saw that their actions did not come from a place of loving God and his law, but of pride and self-reliance. He tells the crowd, "Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person, but the things that come out from within are what defile."

As we listen to God's word, let us pray that we can allow it to take root in our hearts and transform us,

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producing within us fruits that we can share with those around us. Let us remember the words of St. Paul in the second reading, that every perfect gift comes from God. The gifts that we have come from the Lord, and we should share them out of gratitude for Him.

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Offertory Collection

Weekend of **August 9/10 & 16/17**

Envelopes (108) \$ 1,980.00

Loose \$ 785.00

PAG \$ 838.80

Special Collections:

Canada Mission \$ 465.00

Mission Co-op \$ 522.00



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**

Praise and Worship

ADORATION

Please join us on this first Friday, **September 5th** at 6 p.m. for praise & worship and adoration. Followed by 7 p.m. Holy Eucharist.



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.

Children's Liturgy resume



We're excited to announce that our Children's Liturgy for kids from kindergarten to Grade 3 will begin again on Sunday, **September 7, 2025** and continue every Sunday during the 10:30 am Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to learn about their faith in a

fun, engaging, and kid-friendly way. Parents and adults are warmly invited to join us – your presence is always welcome!

We are also looking for **volunteers**, especially those who enjoy **arts & crafts** or **music**, to help make this a joyful and enriching experience for the children. If you're interested, please speak with **Path** or **Elizabeth**. Thank you for your support!

Altar Servers

Serving at the altar is a wonderful way for young people to actively participate in the **Eucharistic Celebration**. It allows them to grow closer to the Lord while contributing to the smooth flow of the liturgy.



We invite parents to encourage their children in **grade 4 or above** to volunteer as altar servers. **Training will be provided** – no experience needed, just a willing heart to serve. Ask us how to sign up!

Volunteers Needed

We will begin the mass at Bridgepoint Hospital once a month on the first Thursday of the month at 4 p.m. We would like to have some volunteers to help with transporting the patient to the venue of the mass. If you have an hour to spare and do some ministry at the hospital, please talk to Fr. Francis or Michelle Davis at the Volunteers department, Bridgepoint Hospital.



Deliverance Growth Retreat

We warmly invite you to come and join us at **Divine Retreat Centre, Toronto**, for the **Deliverance Growth Retreat on September 13th and 14th, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM.** **Why attend a Deliverance retreat?** Attending a deliverance retreat can be deeply transformative because it focuses on spiritual freedom, healing, and renewal in areas you may not even fully realize are holding you back. **NOTE:** The retreat will consist of Spiritual Talks, Holy Mass, Confession, and Eucharistic Adoration. Please bring along with you a Bible, a Book and a pen.

Coffee Sunday

Come together! Please join us on the coming Sunday of **September 7th, 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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