

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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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: September 7, 2025



Saturday, September 6 at 5 p.m. Mass

Lilia Diego – +

Sandra Yunge – For healing

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

Monday, September 8 at 8 a.m. Mass

Mavic and Manny Galicia – Thanksgiving

For all blessings

Policarpia Angco – +

Tuesday, September 9 at 8 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, September 10 at 8 a.m. Mass

Thursday, September 11 at 8 a.m. **No Mass**

Friday, September 12 at 6:30 p.m. Holy Hour

07 p.m. Mass.

St John Chrysostom (M)

Saturday, September 13 at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, September 14 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the*

Parishioners of St. Ann

Sunday, September 14 at 12:30 p.m. **Native People's**

Mass – Everyone is welcome

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



At first glance, Jesus' words in the Gospel this Sunday seem like a cruel and impossible ideal for any Christian to live. Surely, he doesn't mean for us to hate our fathers and mothers and even life

itself, right? However, these words all point to the most central mystery of today's gospel, that "whoever of you does not give up all their possessions cannot be my disciple." Now the Lord doesn't mean to suggest that all of us should have no possessions, but rather to live with a lens that gratefully views all our possessions as gifts from God, that are meant to be used for His glory and the good of the Church. This lens is at the very core of what it means to live as a steward. Cardinal Collins, in his *Pastoral Letter on Stewardship** states that good stewards are "meant to

use God's gift fruitfully and creatively, so that with true gratitude for what we have received we may return God's gifts to Him with increase." These gifts do not involve simply financial goods, but the gifts of our time and talents as well.

As the new school year is beginning and many ministries in the parish are gearing up for a new year, we should ask ourselves, how can we lend our time and gifts to serve others? By taking today's Gospel message to heart, we can learn to be even more generous with the gift of our lives, as we boldly and joyfully proclaim our identity as Jesus' disciples.

Summary

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-Stewardship Bulletin Reflections, Archdiocese of Toronto



Offertory Collection

Weekend of August 23/24 & August 30/31

Envelopes (99) \$ 2133.25

Loose \$ 927.00

PAG \$ 943.65

Mission Coop \$ 30.00



ShareLife: From the heart of the Church – Food Security Grants to fight hunger

As food insecurity worsens across the GTA, ShareLife, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto (CCAT), and two generous anonymous donors, have pledged a combined \$800,000 in Food Security Grants for 2025—building on previous commitments of \$500,000 in 2023 and \$750,000 in 2024.

Living the Gospel means caring for those who are hungry and vulnerable every single day. This is why we need your help to reach our parish goal. Please

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help fight hunger through sharelife.org/donate or giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for your kind generosity!

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 **September**, let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.
– **Pope Francis**

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.

Men and Women Silent Retreat

On Friday, September 19, 2025, 06:30 PM - Sunday, September 21, 2025, 01:00 PM, Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, Pickering.

Men & Women Ignatian Retreat: Jesus Christ loves us in a certain way, and we are sent to go and do likewise. To love with a love that is self-giving and self-forgetting.

This SILENT retreat begins on Friday evening and runs to Sunday with lunch. The suggested offering is \$270 per person, which includes two nights' accommodation, meals, spiritual direction, and retreat program. Facilitated by: Fr. John Sullivan, SJ. Register at email manresaregistration@outlook.com or call 905-839-2864.

Christian Life Program



The Handmaids of the Lord warmly invite you to a **Christian Life Program**, starting on **October 5, 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.

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!

Donate Online

Don't carry cash or do not have cheques? Visiting St. Ann and want to donate to St. Ann Church? Want to collect miles or points on your credit card? A single or monthly donation through your credit card is a great option. Tax receipts are issued immediately for a single donation and at the end of the year for a recurring gift. Select the **Donate** button at <https://stannsto.archtoronto.org/> or scan the QR Code. Please ensure that St. Ann Parish is selected from the parish drop-down menu when you sign up. **You also can consider PAG (pre-authorized Giving).2025**



Celebrate a Jubilee to Canada's Sacred Shrines

Join us for a 3-day soul-enriching pilgrimage from **Friday, September 26 to Sunday, September 28, 2025**, as we journey together in faith to Montreal and Quebec City in celebration of the Jubilee Year. Pick up location: Holy Spirit Church parking Lot, 3526 Sheppard Avenue East, Scarborough. Departure time 5:30 am sharp. For registration please contact: **Lin** at 416-8369306 or email: Lt098bright@gmail.com

Breakfast Sunday



The Handmaids of the Lord will be hosting their Breakfast on Sunday, September 14, 2025. Please come down to the hall after the 10:30 am mass and join us for a freshly made breakfast and fellowship. All are welcome.


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