

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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2nd Sunday of Advent: December 7, 2025



Saturday, December 6 at 5 p.m. Mass
St Ambrose (M)
Jackie Barrairo – +

Sunday, December 7 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the*
Parishioners of St. Ann
Chie and Raul Julian & Family – I
Loreto, Blanca and Ace Ignacio – I

Sunday, December 7 at 12:30 p.m. *Native*
People's Mass – Everyone is welcome

Monday, December 8 at 8 a.m. Mass
Immaculate Conception of the BVM
Cesar Fallore – +
Concepcion Saavedra – Thanksgiving
Received through Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 9 at 8 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, December 10 at 8 a.m. Mass

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

Friday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m. Holy Hour,
07 p.m. Mass

Saturday, December 13 at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 14 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the*
Parishioners of St. Ann

Sunday, December 14 at 12:30 p.m.
Native People's Mass – Everyone is welcome

2nd Sunday of Advent



As Christmas carols take over radio stations and shopping malls are filled to capacity, it is easy to lose track of the true purpose of Advent. Essentially, Advent is a time to prepare for the Lord's coming on

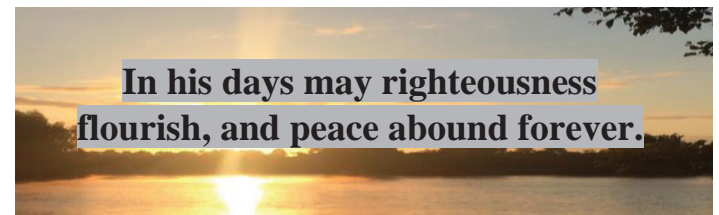
Christmas Day as well as his final coming at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our own individual judgment day is coming too, where we will stand before the throne of God and give an account of how we have used all the gifts and blessings we have received. Cardinal Collins, in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship*, states that "A steward is a servant entrusted for a time with the goods of the Master ... and must eventually give an account to the Master for

the way in which [the gifts] have been cared for and made fruitful." This Advent season reminds us to conduct a humble examination of how we are best using our God-given gifts for His glory and the good of the Church. Are we staying faithful to our practice of prayer? Are we using our time to serve and journey with others? Are we taking an active role in the life of the parish community? Are we serving the less fortunate in our community, remembering Christ's words to serve the poor? Are we living for the present world or for the world to come? Let us take this Advent to re-examine how we are being stewards of the gifts in our lives and recommit to fully living the Gospel.

Summary

Advent is a time to prepare for the Lord's coming on Christmas Day as well as his final coming at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our own individual judgment day is coming too, where we will stand before the throne of God and give an account of all the gifts and blessings we have received. Let us take this Advent to re-examine how we are being stewards of the gifts in our lives and recommit to fully living the Gospel.

-Stewardship Bulletin Reflections, Archdiocese of Toronto



Offertory Collections

Weekend of **November 29/30**

Envelopes (41) **\$ 745.00**

Loose **\$ 470.05**

PAG **\$ 524.25**



Sharelife

Your contribution to ShareLife will be matched dollar-for-dollar!

NEW: Your gift will double in value! From November 3 until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.

As we approach the end of the year, your loving support is crucial, as ShareLife-funded agencies strive to bring hope and relief to those facing their most challenging times. Jesus speaks to us through our brothers and sisters in need (cf. Mt 25:31-45). In every gift we give to them, there is a reflection of God's love. Your sacrificial gift this Advent can provide essential support and comfort to those in desperate need showing

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them that they are not alone during trying times. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at 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 **December**, let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Christmas Pageant

There will be practice today, **Sunday, December 7th**, after the 10:30 a.m. mass—downstairs in the hall. A costume fitting with **Pat** will be held on **December 14th**, followed by the final rehearsal on **December 21st**, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the church. Let us all come together to make this year's pageant a joyful celebration.



Christmas Flowers

This year, as Christmas is approaching, if you would like to offer flowers (**Poinsettia**) to decorate the Altar, you are most welcome to do so. You can offer them as a memorial to your loved one in your family. Please bring the flowers to the church on the 21st of December 2025.



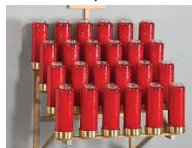
Christmas Ornaments

Help us decorate the Christmas tree by purchasing Christmas ornaments and placing them on the tree. Christmas ornaments will be available for purchase for **\$5.00** at the back of the church, including a free raffle ticket for **Christmas baskets** to be drawn on the **21st of December** at the 10:30 am mass.



Change in Candle Price

We wish to inform our parish community that the cost of devotional candles will be adjusted. **The \$5 candles will now be \$7, and the 50¢ candles will be \$1.** This change reflects the significant rise in the cost of purchasing candles, which has steadily increased over the years. Our parish has kept the same prices for nearly three decades, and this small adjustment will help us cover expenses while continuing to provide quality candles for prayer and devotion.



Thank you for your understanding and continued support.



Christmas & New Year Schedule

**Advent Reconciliation, Friday, Dec 19
at 6:00 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

Saturday, Dec 20 at 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

**Christmas Eve, Wednesday, Dec 24 at 6 p.m.
Family Mass (with dramatization)
8 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass**

**Christmas Day, Thursday, Dec 25 at 10:30 a.m.
Christmas Mass**

**New Year's Eve, Wednesday, Dec 31 at 6 p.m.
New Year's Vigil Mass**

**New Year's Day, Thursday, Jan 01 at 10:30
a.m. New Year Mass**

Christmas Family Gathering Invitation

Following the **Christmas Family Mass**, we warmly invite everyone to join us downstairs for a joyful celebration of the birth of Christ. This gathering is a special opportunity to come together as a community. We kindly ask families, if possible, **to contribute baked goods, store-bought snacks, or other food to share.** Your generosity will help make this celebration even more special. We also welcome volunteers to assist with setting up tables and chairs, as well as helping with clean-up afterward. Thank you in advance for your support. **All are welcome!** In God's house, there is always enough for everyone. Let's share in the joy of the season together.

Offertory Envelopes Boxes

Offertory envelope boxes are now available. If you had a box in **2025**, you would find the **same number** assigned to you along with your name and address. If you have **changed your address or contact number**, please inform the parish office at **416-4662127** so we can update our records. If you **did not use a box in 2025** and would like to use one in **2026**, please speak to the ushers at the back of the church. Alternatively, you may choose to contribute through our **Pre-authorized Giving Plan** (direct debit) monthly. For more details, please contact the parish office by phone or email.





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