

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

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3rd Sunday of Advent: December 14, 2025



Saturday, December 13 at 5 p.m. Mass

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

Manny Galicia – Thanksgiving Birthday
Seamus Palanca Kiernan – Thanksgiving Birthday

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

Monday, December 15 at 8 a.m. Mass
Elvira Milaya – Thanksgiving for the Gift of life

Tuesday, December 16 at 8 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, December 17 at 8 a.m. Mass
Isabelo & Cristina Biason – Thanksgiving Anniversary

Thursday, December 18 at 8 a.m. **No Mass**

Friday, December 19 at 6:30 p.m. Holy Hour,
07 p.m. Mass

Emelita Gumapac – Thanksgiving for the Gift of life

Saturday, December 20 at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 21 at 10:30 p.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann*

Mavic Galicia – Thanksgiving Birthday

Sunday, December 21 at 12:30 p.m. *Natives People's Mass – Everyone is welcome*

3rd Sunday of Advent



“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.” These are the words

proclaimed in the entrance antiphon of Mass for Gaudete Sunday this week. It urges us to constantly

rejoice in the Lord, and as good stewards of Christ, we should always strive to live lives inundated with the joy that flows from the Lord. In order to do this, we must understand the difference between joy and happiness, for the Lord never promised us happiness. Instead, He says, “I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete” (John 15:11). Happiness is a result of our good circumstances, because we feel good, or we had

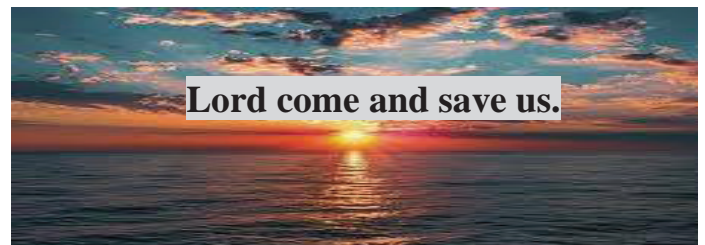
something positive happen to us, etc. Joy, on the other hand, goes much deeper. Henri Nouwen describes it as “the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing -- sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death -- can take that love away.”

So joy is the ability to remain happy due to our awareness of being beloved sons and daughters of God, even amidst the trials of our lives. Henri Nouwen further describes joy as a choice we must make every day. How often in our difficult lives do we take solace and rejoice in our identities of being beloved children of God? This Gaudete Sunday let us strive to be more intentionally joyful, and to pray to Christ for strength, for He says, “Ask, and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete” (John 16:24).

Summary

Gaudete Sunday urges us to constantly rejoice in the Lord. Henri Nouwen describes joy as the ability to remain happy due to our awareness of being beloved children of God, even amidst the trials of our lives. So let us strive to be more intentionally joyful, and to pray to Christ for strength, for He says, “Ask, and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete” (John 16:24).

-Stewardship Bulletin Reflections, Archdiocese of Toronto



Offertory Collections

Weekend of **December 6/7**

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| Envelopes (50) | \$ 1,290.00 |
| Loose | \$ 320.00 |
| PAG | \$ 524.25 |



Sharelife

ShareLife: Emergency Food Security Fund

Sharelife makes an ongoing impact on the people of God. This year, ShareLife announced a new project to feed the hungry, the ‘emergency food security fund’. St. Ann Parish is one of the beneficiaries of the program, and through the generosity of ShareLife, we have received \$40,000.00 for St. Ann Parish Outreach. This money will be used to help our food bank and those who are in immediate need of food. As a parish community, we want to thank ShareLife for their

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ongoing work and support to many organizations making an impact on the lives of many. We sincerely thank Sharelife for their ongoing support to the people of God, the poor and the needy.

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 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** and will be available at the back of the church, which includes a raffle ticket for **Christmas baskets** to be drawn on the **21st of December** at the 10:30 am mass.

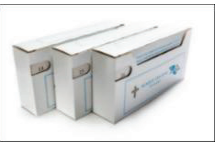


Christmas Flowers



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.

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.

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.



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 in the parish hall for a joyful celebration of the birth of Christ. This gathering is wonderful for our community to come together and for our children to embrace the blessings of this special occasion.

We kindly ask families, if possible, to bring baked goods, store-bought snacks, or any food to share. Your generosity will help make this celebration even more memorable.

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 us come together and share in the joy of the season.



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