

# 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

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## Feast of the Baptism of the Lord: January 11, 2026



Saturday, January 10 at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, January 11 at 10.30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann*  
*Manny and Mavic Galicia – Special Intention*  
*Cesar Fallore – +*

Sunday, January 11 at 12:30 p.m.  
*Native People's Mass – Everyone is welcome*

Monday, January 12 at 8 a.m.

Tuesday, January 13 at 8 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, January 14 at 8 a.m. Mass

Thursday, January 15 at 8 a.m. **No Mass**

Friday, January 16, at 6:30 p.m. Holy Hour,  
07 p.m. Mass  
*St. Anthony (M)*

Saturday, January 17, at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, January 18 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann*

Sunday, January 18 at 12:30 p.m.  
*Native People's Mass – Everyone is welcome*

### Baptism of the Lord



**This Sunday, we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord.** From reflecting on Jesus' baptism, we can learn more about the mystery of our own baptism, which the Catechism describes as "God's most beautiful and magnificent gift" (CCC, 1216). Firstly, we realize that being God, Jesus did not need to be baptized, yet chose to do so as a model for us and to reveal Himself more fully.

Firstly, the Father reveals Jesus as His "beloved Son." So too, in our baptism, we receive our renewed identities as beloved sons and daughters of God. St. Paul also describes baptism as clothing ourselves with Christ (Gal 3:27). It is during this most special sacrament that our entire lives are changed, for we fully recognize who we are in the eyes of God.

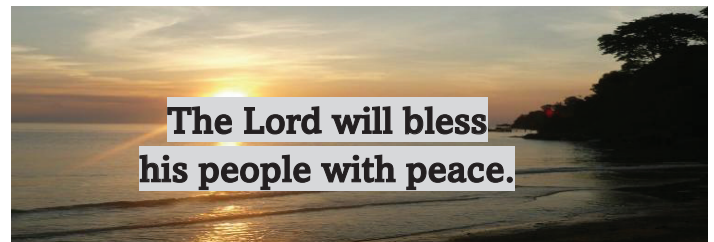
Secondly, the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove reveals Jesus as the Anointed One, or the Christ. Following His baptism, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to prepare for His mission. Similarly,

during our baptism, we are anointed with sacred chrism, which "signifies the gift of the Holy Spirit" (CCC, 1241). Like Jesus, we too will be led by the Spirit into mission. The USCCB in their *Pastoral Letter on Stewardship*\* calls all the baptized to accept their baptismal responsibility "to place their gifts, their resources, their selves at God's service in and through the Church." Essentially, to live out our baptism is to live as an authentic steward. Let us ask ourselves, are we truly living out the call of stewardship we received during our baptism?

#### Summary

In our baptism, we receive our renewed identities as beloved sons and daughters of God, just as the Father called Jesus His "Beloved Son" at His baptism. Moreover, as the dove representing the Spirit descends on Jesus, so too during our baptism we are anointed with sacred chrism signifying the gift of the Spirit. Lastly, as Jesus' baptism marked the beginning of His mission, our baptism marks the start of our mission as stewards of Christ to place our gifts, resources, and very selves at God's service in and through the Church.

*-Stewardship Bulletin Reflections, Archdiocese of Toronto*



### Offertory Collections

#### New Year December 31/January 1

Envelopes (8) \$ 159.00

Loose \$ 350.00

Mary Mother of God (New Year) \$ 517.00

#### Weekend of January 4/5

Envelopes (39) \$ 575.00

Loose \$ 200.00

PAG \$ 524.25



### Offering Mass Intentions: A Tradition of Faith and Prayer

Praying for our loved ones and friends – especially those who are sick or have passed away – is a cherished tradition of the church. Offering a Mass for these and other intentions strengthens our faith and allows the community to come together in prayer.

We strive to accommodate special Mass intentions on requested dates whenever possible. Requesting a Mass is simple: you can call the parish office, visit during office hours, or stop by on weekends. The stipend for



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an announced Mass is **\$20.00**, with a date and time provided. For unannounced Masses, the stipend is **\$10**. Join in this meaningful act of faith and prayer.

### Pope's Prayer Intention 2026

The Pope's prayer intention for 2026 addresses challenges facing humanity and assists the mission of the church. These intentions serve as principles guiding our lives and mission. In **January**, let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

### Important Update for 2025

#### Tax Receipts



If you or anyone in your household has recently changed your address or contact information, please notify the parish office at **4164662127** to ensure our records are up to date. This will help avoid any issues with receiving your 2025 tax receipts. Please note that tax receipts for 2025 will only be issued for the donations received by December 31, 2025. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

#### Donate Online

No cash or cheques? Visiting St. Ann and wish to donate? Prefer to earn points or miles on your credit card? Credit-card giving—either one-time or monthly—is a convenient option. Tax receipts are issued immediately for one-time gifts and annually for recurring donations. To give online, select the Donate button at: <https://stannsto.archtoronto.org/> or scan the QR code. When completing your donation, please ensure St. Ann Parish is selected from the parish drop-down menu. You may also consider PAG (Pre-Authorized Giving) as another easy way to support the parish.



### Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Services 2026

**Sunday, January 18, 2026 04:00 PM - Sunday, January 18, 2026 06:00 PM** Runnymede United Church, 432 Runnymede Rd, Toronto. Theme: "There is one body and one spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4). The week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) invites all Christians to draw on our Shared Christian heritage and enter more deeply into the faith that unites all Christians. This year, the prayers and reflections for the

WPCU were entrusted to a writing team from Armenia that included the Armenian Apostolic (Orthodox) Church, the Armenian Catholic Church and Evangelical Churches and have been jointly published by the Dicastery for Christian Unity (Vatican) and the World Council of Churches.

We invite you to join Bishop John A. Boissonneau and distinguished Christian leaders and many choirs from various traditions to pray together for the restoration of the full visible unity that Jesus Christ will for His Church.

### Day of Reflection - Eucharist - Church

**Monday, January 26, 2026 09:00 AM - Monday, January 26, 2026 03:00 PM** Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre

Day of Reflection for Men/Women: We will reflect and pray on the different movements and parts of the Eucharistic celebration. Gathering of God's People. Listening to God's Word. Thanksgiving for God's deeds in history. Sharing the Meal Jesus left us. Sent forth into the world on a mission. Facilitated by Fr. Charles Pottie, SJ. The suggested offering is \$70 per person, which includes lunch, coffee/tea break, program and Mass. Register: email: [manresaregistration@outlook.com](mailto:manresaregistration@outlook.com) or call 905-838-2864

### Sacramental Preparation

Families with children in public or Catholic schools who wish to receive First Communion or Confirmation at St. Ann Parish are asked to speak with Father Francis and pick up a registration form. **Confirmation preparation meeting:** For students and parents on February 8, 2026, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. **First Holy Communion parents' meeting:** February 15, 2026, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

### Celebration of Marriage Mass

As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating **25th, 40th, 50th, 60th** and **60+** wedding anniversaries in 2026. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage).



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