

# 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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# 1st Sunday of Lent: February 22, 2026



Saturday, February 21, at 5 p.m. Mass  
*St. Peter Damian (M)*

Sunday, February 22, at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann Mavic and Manny Galicia – I For the living and deceased members of the Velasquez-Ignacio Clan – I Virgilio Galicia – +*

Sunday, February 22, at 12:30 p.m. *Native People’s Mass – Everyone is welcome*

Monday, February 23 at 8 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, February 24 at 8 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, February 25 at 8 a.m. Mass

Thursday, February 26 at 8 a.m. No Mass

Friday, February 27, at 6:30 p.m.  
Station of the Cross, 07 p.m. Mass

Saturday, February 28, at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 1 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann*

Sunday, March 1, at 12:30 p.m. *Native People’s Mass – Everyone is welcome*

## 1st Sunday of Lent



**As we begin this great season of Lent, it is important to take some time to reflect on how we plan to best spend this time to grow as stewards of Christ.** We often associate Lent with fasting and

penances, which are undoubtedly good. However, it is important that if we are going to give something up, we should strive to replace it with something good as well, for Aristotle famously said that “nature abhors a vacuum.”

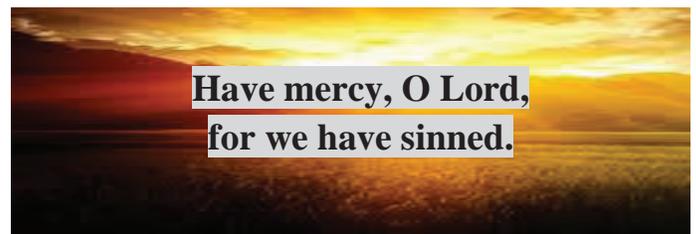
This leads us to the practice of “fasting and feasting” in Lent. Through this practice, we are able to cultivate strong stewardship through fasting from things that are unvirtuous and feasting on charitable and wholesome acts. Let us take some time to prayerfully reflect on how we can implement the following list this Lenten season.

Fast from judging others; Feast on the Christ dwelling in them. Fast from emphasis on differences; Feast on the unity of life. Fast from words that pollute; Feast on phrases that purify. Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude. Fast from anger; Feast on patience. Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation. Fast from negatives; Feast on affirmatives. Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion for others. Fast from problems that overwhelm; Feast on prayer that strengthens. In essence, let us fast from anything that prevents us from being good stewards and feast on those practices that strengthen us.

### Summary

God says to all of us, “Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.” The Second Vatican Council teaches us that we can reach holiness by gratefully acknowledging the gifts God has given us and cooperating with God in giving these gifts back for the service of the Church. Therefore, let us take some time to reflect on how we can become better stewards in our parish community so that we may move closer, through God’s grace, towards holiness

*-Stewardship Bulletin Reflections, Archdiocese of Toronto*



## Offertory Collection

Weekend of **February 14/15**

Envelopes (60) \$ **1,090.00**

Loose \$ **322.10**

PAG \$ **525.25**



## Sharelife

**This Lent, you are living the Gospel by supporting ShareLife**

Lent is a time to open our hearts, to see Christ in those who suffer and to respond with love. When someone in our parish community is struggling—grieving, alone, unsure of where to turn—your gift can transform their life. By supporting ShareLife, you can reach more people, lift more burdens, and remind our brothers and sisters that they are not alone.

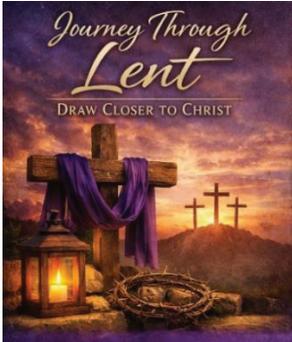
The first ShareLife Sunday collection is on March 22. This year, our parish goal is \$ **7500.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

## 1st Sunday of Lent: February 22, 2026

### 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 **February**, let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

### Stations of the Cross



Join us on **Fridays** during the season of Lent, and we will have the **Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m.** Come and meditate on the Way of the Cross as we prayerfully reflect on the passion of our Lord. It will be followed by the celebration of the **Holy Eucharist at 7:00 PM.**

Let us gather as a parish family to journey with Christ in this sacred season of prayer, sacrifice, and renewal.

### Tax Receipt 2025



Thank you for your continued financial support of the parish. Your **2025 annual tax receipt** will be mailed directly to you. Please watch for it, and if you do not

receive it by the first or second week of March, kindly contact the parish office at 4164662127. We are truly grateful for your generosity and faithful dedication to our parish.

### Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2026



**Saturday, March 14, 2026 09:00 AM - Saturday, March 14, 2026 05:30 PM**  
Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2026

Be renewed through the Word, worship, and sacraments at the Lift Jesus

Higher Rally on Saturday, March 14, at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Ralph Martin, Pete Burak, and Sr. Mary Gabriel Devlin, SV, will give inspiring talks, and Chris Bray will lead powerful worship! The day includes Eucharistic Adoration, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, opportunities for confession, fellowship with hundreds of other Catholics from across Ontario, and Holy Mass celebrated by Most

Reverend Christian Riesbeck, CC, Bishop of St. John's, New Brunswick.

### 45 Annual Concelebrated Mass in Honor of St Patrick

Please join us as we kick off the St. Patrick's season with our annual Mass and reception to honour and celebrate St. Patrick. **Sunday, March 08, 2026 03:00 PM - Sunday, March 08, 2026 06:00 PM.** St. Cecilia's Church, 163 Annette Street, Toronto  
Principal Celebrant and Homilist will be Bishop Robert Kasun, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto. Eithne Heffernan will be the guest Irish harpist, and Hugo Straney will be our ceremonial coordinator. A reception will follow the Mass in the church Hall, with refreshments and Irish entertainment provided by Michael Kelly and Irish dancers from the Johnson School of Dance.

For inquiry: St. Cecilia's parish office: 416-769-8163  
email: [stceciliasto@archtoronto.org](mailto:stceciliasto@archtoronto.org)



### Announcement

The **D&P mini magazine** is being distributed today. Please pick up your copy from the pews or at the back of the church.

This issue highlights a small town in Brazil impacted by one of the world's largest iron ore mines in the state of Para Brazil. Learn how communities are responding and how your support makes a difference.

A digital copy is also available at [Devp.org/resources](http://Devp.org/resources). Development and Peace is supported by ShareLife in Toronto.

### Prayer of the Faithful D&P Lent 2026

First Sunday of Lent - February 22. For Catholics throughout the world, that they may follow the example of your Son, Jesus, and faithfully commit themselves to the path of justice, solidarity, and peace, we pray to the Lord.

### Coffee Sunday



**Come together!** Please join us this coming Sunday, March 1, 2026, 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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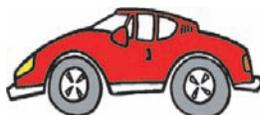
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