

The Parish Community of St. Ann

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OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Monday - Friday



Holy Eucharist



Daily Mass

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am

Friday (Adoration) 6:00 pm
(Holy Eucharist) 7:00 pm

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

6:00 pm

Native Peoples' Mass 12:30 pm

Bridgepoint Hospital 2:30 pm

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF MERCY

UNITY IN DIVERSITY "Moved by the Good News of Jesus Christ... We value our diversity" **(Mission Statement)**

Pastoral Staff	
Pastor	Fr. Wilson Andrade CSC
In Residence	Fr. Francis Noronha CSC
Finance	Anne Francis
Pastoral Assistants	Maria Fernandes
Baptism	Fe Santos
RCIA	Rolly Cabas
Development & Peace	Catherine Barry
Food Bank	Carlos & Colette Carreiro
Music	Vengie Fabre
Custodian	Ed Keenan
Caretaker	Rosalie Tolentino
Cook	Cristina Acosta
Celebration of Sacraments	
Baptism: preparation required (please contact office)	
Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:15-4:45 p.m. or by appointment	
Matrimony (couples contact office one year in advance)	

Parish Happenings
Sundays
10 am: Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary
10:30 am Mass: Pre-School and Children's Liturgy
4pm - 6pm: Handmaids of the Lord
11:30 am: 1st Sundays: Coffee Sunday
Development and Peace group
11:30 am: 2nd Sundays: Youth Activities
11:30 am: 3rd Sundays: Pastoral Council
11:30 am: 4th Sundays: Couples Group
Saturdays
8 - 9:00 am Tai Chi Group
10 -11:30am: Food Bank
4:15 pm: Novena to St. Bro. Andre
4:30 pm: Novena to St. Ann
6:00 pm: 1st Saturdays - Healing Service
6:00 - 8:00 pm: Holy Family Prayer Group
1st Wednesday: 7:00pm - GRIEF MINISTRY
Tuesdays: 1:00PM - SENIORS BINGO

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: APRIL 17, 2016
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Feast Day of St. Kateri Tekakwitha



St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church. She was born in 1656, in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon. Her mother was an Algonquin, who was captured by the Mohawks and who took a Mohawk chief for her husband.

She contracted smallpox as a four-year-old child which scarred her skin. The scars were a source of humiliation in her youth. She was commonly seen wearing a blanket to hide her face. Worse, her entire family died during the outbreak. Kateri Tekakwitha was subsequently raised by her uncle, who was the chief of a Mohawk clan.


Kateri was known as a skilled worker, who was diligent and patient. However, she refused to marry. When her adoptive parents proposed a suitor to her, she refused to entertain the proposal. They punished her by giving her more work to do, but she did not give in. Instead, she remained quiet and diligent. Eventually they were forced to relent and accept that she had no interest in marriage.

At age 19, Kateri Tekakwitha converted to Catholicism, taking a vow of chastity and pledging to marry only Jesus Christ. Her decision was very unpopular with her adoptive parents and their neighbors. Some of her neighbors started rumors of sorcery. To avoid persecution, she traveled to a Christian native community south of Montreal.

According to legend, Kateri was very devout and would put thorns on her sleeping mat. She often prayed for the conversion of her fellow Mohawks. According to the Jesuit missionaries that served the community where Kateri lived, she often fasted and when she would eat, she would taint her food to diminish its flavor. On at least one occasion, she burned herself. Such self-mortification was common among the Mohawk.

Kateri was very devout and was known for her steadfast devotion. She was also very sickly. Her practices of self-mortification and denial may not have helped her health. Sadly, just five years after her conversion to Catholicism, she became ill and passed away at age 24, on April 17, 1680.

Her name, Kateri, is the Mohawk form of Catherine, which she took from St. Catherine of Siena. St. Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on Oct. 21, 2012. She is the patroness of ecology and the environment, people in exile and Native Americans.

	<p>HOLD Breakfast Sunday</p> <p>Next Sunday, April 24, the Handmaids of the Lord will be organizing a Breakfast Sunday. Please join us at the hall after the 10:30 a.m. mass for freshly made breakfast and fellowship.</p>
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April 10, 2016	Total
Offertory - Envelopes	\$849.20
Offertory - Loose	\$318.05
Total Offertory	\$1,167.25

Congratulations!

The Parish Community of St. Ann congratulates and celebrates Sr. Janet Fraser, CSJ on her 60th Jubilee. We invite everyone to join us at the hall **after the 10:30 a.m. mass** for a short reception. Please pray for Sr. Janet, and for more vocations for religious life in the Church.

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Mass Intentions

(April 16 – April 22, 2016)

Saturday, April 16:

5:00 p.m.: +Rustico and Patrocinio Leano

Req.: Celeste Leano

Sunday, April 17: St. Kateri Tekakwitha

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

6:00 p.m.: + Richard Marius

Req.: Mary Ann Joseph

Monday, April 18: Bl. Marie-Anne Blondin

Thursday, April 21: St. Anselm

ShareLife Sunday 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Second ShareLife Sunday)

“The ShareLife campaign provides for the needs of our social service agencies, helps our brothers and sisters in Christ across the world, and supports the education of our clergy. It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. **Regardless of their religious beliefs or personal background, ShareLife agencies meet people where they are, treating them with the dignity and respect we all deserve.**”

-Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

Today is ShareLife Sunday – April 17, 2016

Thank you for your generosity. You can work wonders!

“Living Mercy” - A weekend of prayer and contemplation.

Single Women are invited to a retreat weekend offered by a team of Sisters of St. Joseph, on Lake Simcoe, in Orillia.

Dates: May 13th-15th, May 27th-29th, 2016

Final registration by April 27th, 2016. Cost: \$150 (subsidies available). For more information and registration contact Frances Harrison-Atell at 416-467-2642 or email her at fharrison-atell@csj-to.ca

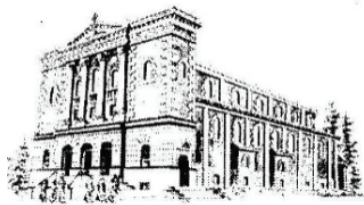
One Solitary Life

"Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher.

He never owned a home. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put His foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself. . .

While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. While He was dying His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth – His coat. When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend. Nineteen long centuries have come and gone, and today He is a centerpiece of the human race and leader of the column of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that were ever built, all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has that one solitary life."



St. Ann's Parish Fundraising Dinner

On **Saturday, May 28**, St. Ann's Parish will host a fundraising Dinner for Church renovations. The event will take place at the Parish Hall starting at **6:30 p.m.** Tickets are \$20. There will be music, wine & door prizes.

House Blessing

If anyone would like the Priest to visit and bless your homes throughout the year, please let us know. You can call the parish office at 416-466-2127 to set up an appointment to bless your homes.



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