

# 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)

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

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

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# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: APRIL 3, 2016

## CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF MERCY

### Divine Mercy Sunday

Pastoral Reflections by Wilson Andrade, CSC

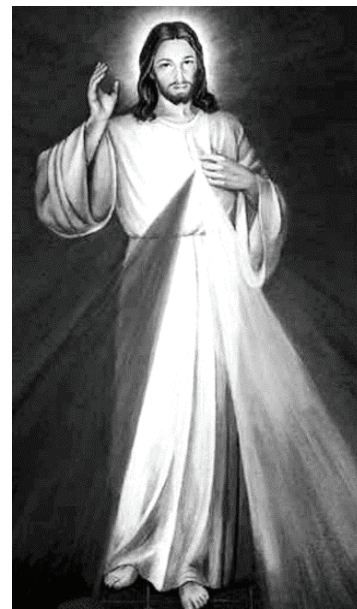
Today we celebrate the Divine Mercy Sunday. The opening prayer addresses the Father as “*God of everlasting Mercy...kindle the faith of the people.*” Mercy is the free gift of God to us.

The first reading (Acts 5: 12-16), tells us how the early Church grew every day because of the acts of mercy and sacrificial sharing, done with *agápe* love by the early Christians. These acts of mercy were the first preaching of the gospel, through which many came to know God’s plan of salvation.

In the second reading (Revelation 1.9-11a,12-13,17-19), John glorifies God for showing us God’s mercy through Jesus Christ. John reminds his readers that ‘all are one with Jesus Christ who shared in the sorrows and joys of life with patient endurance.’ Today’s Gospel vividly reminds us of how Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a sacrament of Divine Mercy.

The gift of encountering Jesus is Peace. Jesus speaks the words of peace to the frustrated and frightened disciples. He does not judge them for hiding behind the closed doors, rather gently says: “*Peace be with you.*” Then Jesus empowers them with the power of the Holy Spirit to forgive the sins.

When Thomas does not believe the account of other disciples, Jesus invites him to touch his wounds saying: “*Do not doubt but believe.*” It is only through faith and mercy that we can overcome our *doubt* (reluctance to believe) and *prejudice* (partiality). Then we can be like Thomas, who moved out of doubts and showed a daring faith in proclaiming the Gospel to the farthest end of the world. From *Doubting Thomas* he became *Daring Thomas*, when he touched the wounded body of Christ. Today we too are called to touch the broken heart of Jesus, feel the marks of nails on the hands and legs of Jesus, as to believe in the Resurrection of Christ – *Christ who suffered for others*. Only then we can say those beautiful words of faith of St. Thomas: “*My Lord and My God.*” It is only in faith and mercy we can pray: “*Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; for God’s mercy endures forever*” (Ps 118).



#### Coffee Sunday

Today is Development and Peace Coffee Sunday, please join us at the Hall for a nice cup of coffee and fellowship. Fair trade products will also be available for sale.

March 27, 2016	Total
Offertory - Envelopes	\$1,354.00
Offertory - Loose	\$871.45
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$2,225.45</b>



#### House Blessing

If anyone would like the Priests 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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### Mass Intentions (April 2 – April 8, 2016)

**Sunday, April 3:** *Divine Mercy Sunday – Intentions of the Divine Mercy Prayer Group*

**6:00 p.m.: Healing of Roy Price**

Req.: Connie Saavedra & Family

**Monday, April 4:** *Annunciation of the Lord*

**Tuesday, April 5:** *St. Vincent Ferrer*

**Thursday, April 7:** *St. John Baptist de La Salle*

### ShareLife Sunday 2016

Working wonders in our community...

Terry obtained his Master's Degree in music and philosophy earlier in life and was successful in careers in spirituality with the Carmelites as well as in the hospitality industry. While working, he became addicted to alcohol. Recognizing the seriousness of his problem and in order to return to work successfully, Terry would need to be involved in a long term recovery program. He chose the spiritually enriched program St Michael's Homes offered and as a result, Terry became focused and deeply connected with the staff at St Michael's and was able to continue on the right path. He looks forward to the day soon when he can confidently leave and be successful once again in the hospitality industry, and an inspiration to those around him. **ShareLife funded agencies like St. Michael's homes helps many men suffering from substance abuse get their lives back on track through life-changing counselling and extensive support.**

Next ShareLife Sunday is April 17, 2016

Please give generously. 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.

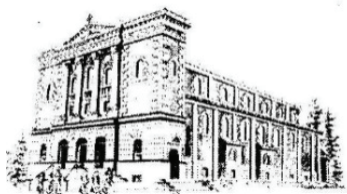
**Dates:** May 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, May 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Final registration by April 27<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:fharrison-atell@csj-to.ca)

### Pilgrimage to Rome, Lourdes and the Holy Land with Fr. Wilson Andrade, CSC

**From October 22 to November 4, 2016** (14 days), we will be visiting holy sites in Rome, Lourdes and the Holy Land. Price: CA\$3,390 plus taxes. For more information, please call Ms. Bier at 416-297-0694 or Ms. Malonzo at 416-291-8495



### 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.

### Year of Mercy – Spiritual Acts of Mercy

#### 1. Sacrament of Reconciliation

Love of enemies is Jesus' most demanding requirement and often considered the hallmark of Christian life and conduct. During the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis reminds us of the importance of the sacrament of penance and reconciliation: “So many people, including young people, are returning to the Sacrament of Reconciliation; through this experience they are rediscovering a path back to the Lord, living a moment of intense prayer and finding meaning in their lives. Let us place the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the centre once more in such a way that it will enable people to touch the grandeur of God's mercy with their own hands. For every penitent, it will be a source of true interior peace.” - *Misericordiae Vultus*, 17

#### 2. Praying for others

During this year of Mercy let us also pray for the living and dead in our church community. “Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for Him... Christian prayer is a covenant relationship between God and the people in Christ.” - *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2560 and 2564.

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