

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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THIRD ADVENT SUNDAY: DECEMBER 13, 2015
CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF MERCY

“Rejoice in the Lord”

Pastoral Reflections by Fr. Wilson Andrade, CSC

Today is called “Gaudete” Sunday because today’s Mass begins with the opening antiphon, “Gaudete in Domino semper” (“Rejoice in the Lord always”). Today we light the rose candle of the Advent wreath, and the priest may wear rose vestments to express our communal joy in the coming of Jesus, as our Savior. We rejoice because we are celebrating the day of Christ’s birth, we recognize his daily presence in our midst and we wait for his return in glory. The theme of today’s readings is the command “Rejoice!”

In today’s first reading, the prophet Zephaniah encourages Jerusalem and Israel to shout out for the joy of expecting its deliverance from the Lord. St. Paul echoes this message of joy in the second reading, a letter written from imprisonment: **“Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again, rejoice...”** In the gospel, John the Baptist explains the secret of Christian joy as our wholehearted commitment to God’s way by the doing of His will. According to John, happiness comes from doing our duties faithfully, doing good to others and sharing our blessings with others. If you were to meet John the Baptist today: what will be his advice to you? What would he say to you personally? How can we make our life happy and joyful? We must mend ruptures and frictions, face family responsibilities, work honestly and treat employees justly. Not to be greedy, selfish, or filled with pride and arrogance.

Christmas is a time for sharing. During this time of Christmas we see many opportunities given to us like food banks, Santa Claus funds and Good shepherd ministries, where we are called to share our food, money, time and our service with others especially with those less fortunate than us. In my experience, whenever we share something we have with others, our joys double. Sharing increases happiness in life. Today we are called to be happy and joyful by changing our lifestyle, our attitudes and our way of life. It is giving and sharing that brings happiness and joy.

2014 National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples

The National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples has been celebrated since 2002 on **December 12** by the Church in Canada. On this date, let us join the Aboriginal People of the Americas to pray for greater solidarity among us, and together, to bring peace to the Americas.

Boxes of Offertory Envelopes for 2016

Make sure to pick up your box of offertory envelopes at the main entrance of the church. If you don’t already have assigned an envelope number, please pick up one of the unlabelled boxes and write your contact information on the **Envelope Record Sheet**. We kindly ask you to also write down your name and full address on the envelopes for the first few weeks. This ensures the issue of tax receipts for donations at the year end.

December 6, 2015	Total	Spiritual Direction and the Sacrament of Reconciliation Starting this week , the parish office will be open Mondays to Wednesdays in December from 6pm-9pm for Spiritual Direction and the sacrament of Reconciliation. You are welcomed to partake in this Spiritual Renewal.
Offertory - Envelopes	\$ 1,486.00	
Offertory - Loose	\$387.95	
Total Collection	\$ 1,873.95	

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Mass Intentions

(December 12 – December 18, 2015)

Saturday, Dec. 12: *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

Sunday, Dec. 13:

6:00 p.m.: + Cecilia Kosar

Req. Mary Sehovic

Healing for Frank Sehovic

Req. Mary Sehovic

Monday, Dec. 14: *St. John of the Cross*

Friday, Dec. 18:

7:00 p.m.: Thanksgiving Mass

Req. Leth Gumapac

Days of Confessions and Parish Reconciliation Day

Days of Confessions at St. Ann Parish

Sunday, December 13th: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 16th: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Friday, December 18th: 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

St. Ann Parish Reconciliation Day

Monday, December 21st at 6:00 p.m.

Project Hope

In response to the global refugee crisis, Cardinal Thomas Collins has launched "Project Hope," a special emergency appeal. Visit: www.archtoronto.org to make a donation to support the appeal, or call (416) 934-3411. You can also donate through our parish with a cheque made payable to *Name of Parish – Project Hope – Refugee Sponsorship*. **Special envelopes will be handed out this weekend towards the funding of this project.** Those interested in assisting with volunteer committees should contact the Office for Refugees at (647) 780-0827.

Advent Adoration/Prayer

Advent is a time for Prayer. We will have 9 Evening Masses before the Christmas day. **From December, 16th to December, 24th.** Adoration at 6:00 p.m. and Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m. Come and spend time with Jesus.

Christmas Flowers

This year if you would like to offer a Christmas flower (Poinsettia), you are most welcome to do so. Please bring them to the Church on **December 23rd.**

Christmas Season Schedule

Thursday, December 24th, 2015

7:00 p.m.: Family Mass

10:00 p.m.: Christmas Carols

10:30 p.m.: Vigil Mass

Friday, December 25th, 2015

10:30 a.m.: Feast Day Eucharist:

The Solemnity of Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thursday, December 31st, 2015

5:00 p.m.: Thanksgiving Mass

10:00 p.m.: Adoration

11:00 p.m.: Thanksgiving Mass

12 midnight: New Year's Party

Friday, January 1st, 2016

10:30 a.m.: Thanksgiving Mass: *The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

Holy Doors

All locally-designated Churches throughout the world will open their own Doors of Mercy this weekend, in communion with the Church of Rome on the celebration of the **Third Sunday of Advent**. Designated churches with a Holy Door of Mercy:

St. Paul's Basilica

83 Power Street, Toronto 2775 Erin Centre Blvd. Mississauga

St. Patrick's Parish

131 McCaul Street, Toronto

Merciful Redeemer Parish

2775 Erin Centre Blvd. Mississauga

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

940 North Park Dr., Bramalea

St. Patrick's Parish

11873 The Gore Rd, Brampton

St. Theresa's Parish

2559 Kingston Rd. Scarborough

The Martyrs' Shrine

16163 Highway 12 West, Midland

Holy Cross Youth Group

Christmas Raffle

St. Ann Parish Youth has organized a Christmas Raffle to be drawn on Christmas Eve (after the Vigil Mass). There will be 10 prizes to be raffled and prize details can be found at the back of the ticket.

Tickets are currently available at \$5 per ticket, with proceeds going to parish projects. We would like to thank everyone that has contributed thus far.

Christmas Play

Rehearsals have begun and will continue every Sunday until Christmas Eve. For more information, email Nancy & Melody McMullan at melody.mcmullan@ryerson.ca

Bring Goodies to Celebrate

Following the Mass on Christmas Eve, we will gather in the hall and invite parishioners to bring goodies to add to our celebration.

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