

## Holy Eucharist

Daily Mass	
Monday-Thursday	8:00 a.m.
Friday (Adoration)	6:00 p.m.
(Holy Eucharist)	7:00 p.m.
Saturday Vigil	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
	6:00 p.m.
Native Peoples' Mass	12:30 p.m.
Bridgepoint Hospital	2:30 p.m.

# The Parish Community of St. Ann

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## CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF MINISTRY

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

### Celebration of Sacraments

**Baptism:** preparation required (please contact office)

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 4:15-4:45 p.m. or by appointment

**Matrimony:** (couple contacts office one year in advance)

### Pastoral Staff

**Pastor** Fr. Wilson Andrade CSC  
**In Residence**

Fr. Francis Noronha, CSC

**Secretary** Aymara Toro

**Finance** Anne Francis

### Pastoral Assistant

Deacon Roshan Kiro, SJ  
Maria Fernandes

**Baptism** Fe Santos

**RCIA** Rolly Cabas

### Development & Peace

Catherine Barry

### Food Bank

Carlos & Colette Carreiro

**Music** Ronald Vengie Fabre

**Custodian** Ed Keenan

**Caretaker** Rosalie Tolentino

**Cook** Cristina Acosta

### OFFICE HOURS

#### Sunday – Tuesday:

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday & Thursday:

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Friday & Saturday:** Closed



**"Many Ministries for one mission of Jesus Christ" (Cf. 1 Cor. 12)**

### Saturdays

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.: **Food Bank**

4:15 p.m.: **Novena to St. Bro. Andre**

4:30 p.m.: **Novena to St. Ann**

6:00 p.m.: 1st Saturdays - **Healing Service**

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.: **Holy Family Prayer Group**

### Sundays

9 - 10:00 a.m.: **Tai Chi Group**

10:00 a.m.: **Divine Mercy & Rosary**

10:30 a.m. Mass: **Children's Liturgy**

11:30 a.m.: 1st Sunday **Coffee Sunday**

#### Tuesdays:

1:00 p.m.: **Seniors' Group**

### Parish Ministries

Pastoral Council

Finance Council

Liturgy/Faith Formation

Altar Servers

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Collection Counters

Hospitality committee

Development and Peace

Refugee Resettlement Group

Holy Family Prayer Group

Holy Cross Youth Group

Handmaids of the Lord

Couples Ministry

Music Ministry

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 17, 2017  
CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF MINISTRY**

**“Rejoice in the Lord!”**

By Rev. Wilson Andrade, CSC



The Third Sunday in Advent is called the *Gaudete* Sunday, where we are called to *Rejoice* because “The Kingdom of God is near.” *Gaudete* (means Rejoice) taken from the Latin translation of Phil 4: 4-5, sets a tone of joyful expectation of the Lord’s Birth and Second Coming. During this time our expectations become intense as we use the “O” Antiphons as often we sing the beautiful liturgical hymns like “*O come, O Come Emmanuel.*”

The readings help us to reflect on the beauty of the season as Prophet Isaiah invites us to reflect on this **theme of Rejoice** as he says “*the desert will be glad and blossom.*” He foretells what is going to come **in the days of the Lord** – ‘*the blind will see, deaf hear and dumb sing for joy, and there will be no more sorrow.*’ This prophesy has come true because Jesus was born and lived on the earth. The Gospel narratives are full of stories of healings and miracles. This prophesy is confirmed by the powerful presence of John the Baptist, who even rejoiced and “*leaped for joy*” in the womb, upon the arrival of the Messiah. We are called to believe that our Lord is always with us and “**is already at the door.**” So let’s open the stubborn doors of our hearts and rigid minds to see and rejoice in the Lord.

“**Rejoice in the Lord**” these words are taken from the letter of St. Paul, who, for us, is the model of true discipleship. St. Paul, after his conversion, becomes the joyful witness of Jesus Christ – who by his preaching as a missionary and his teaching as a writer still inspires many generations to follow Jesus and find fulfillment and salvation in God’s love.

We are invited in the liturgy to gather in faith and sing songs of Rejoicing. All the moments of our life - in the presence of the community or alone in our rooms, - let’s sing aloud – shouting or in silence – *O’ Come, O’ Come Emmanuel.....* carolling away our earthly cares, as we are filled with the beauty of heaven on earth.

*Lord, help me to Rejoice in you always. Amen.*

**Resettlement Committee’s Christmas Collection**

Our refugee family of four (a mother, father and two children) are living in Lebanon after fleeing conflict in their native Syria. It’s anticipated the family will be arriving in September 2018. Your donation this holiday season will make a powerful difference to our refugee family who want to build a new life in Canada after facing the pain of war and displacement. **Please use the yellow Humanitarian Relief Envelopes found at the back of the church for your donations towards this collection.**

**ADVENT SEASON MASS SCHEDULE - 2017**

<u>Sunday, Dec. 24</u>	<u>Monday, Dec. 25</u>	<u>Saturday, Dec. 30</u>	<u>Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017</u>
10:30 a.m.: Advent Mass 12:30 p.m.: Native Mass 2:30 p.m.: Bridgepoint Mass 3:30 p.m.: Hospital Carols 7:00 p.m.: Family Mass 9:00 p.m.: Native Senior 11:30 p.m.: Christmas carols 12:00 a.m.: Midnight mass	10:30 a.m.: Christmas Mass  6:00 p.m.: NO Mass	5:00 p.m.: Feast of the Holy Family Mass 6:00 p.m.: Family Potluck Fellowship	10:30 a.m.: Feast of the Holy Family Mass 12:30 p.m.: Native Mass 6:00 p.m.: Family Mass 11:00 p.m.: Midnight mass
			<u>Monday, Jan. 1, 2018</u> 10:30 a.m.: Thanksgiving Mass

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 17, 2017

## CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF MINISTRY

### Mass Intentions (December 15 – December 22, 2017)

#### Friday, December 15:

**7:00 p.m.:** Intentions of Mary Chen Req. Mary Chen  
**Intentions of Francesco & Teresa Stina**  
Req. Paolo Loduca  
**Thanksgiving for Ann Dunn** Req. Dunn & Toro Family

#### Saturday, December 16:

**5:00 p.m.:** Intentions of Immacolata Concezione  
**Thanksgiving for Elvira Milaya** Req. Elvira Milaya

#### Sunday, December 17:

**6:00 p.m.:** + Kathryn A. Loures Req. Helen Cuneo  
+ Santiago Santos Req. Fe Santos

#### Monday, December 18:

**8:00 a.m.:** + Aurora Santos Req. Fe Santos  
**6:00 p.m.:** Thanksgiving Req. Leth Gumapac

#### Tuesday, December 19:

**8:00 a.m.:** Thanksgiving for Margaret Domingo

#### Thursday, December 21: St. Peter Canisius

**8:00 a.m.:** +Irene Hart Req. Yvonne John

### The Advent Wreath – By: Allen Selman

The origin of the Advent Wreath is somewhat obscure but it probably originated in Germany or France within the Lutheran tradition. While the four candles mark the four Sundays of Advent there are certain themes which have developed over time with the meaning of each candle. The lighting of each candle in succession *symbolizes the increasing light* which Jesus as the light of the world brings creation. See Genesis 1:3, 4. Psalms 18:29; John 1:4, 5.

The circle of Advent Wreath symbolizes the *unending love of God*. It is ever-green or *perpetually green circle of life with God*.

The first, second and fourth candles may be blue (representing hope) formerly purple (representing royalty), while the third candle is traditionally pink or rose. It is also known as Gaudete (rejoice) Sunday, taken from the Introit "Rejoice (Gaudete) in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice." It reminds us to be joyful at the coming of Christ. The first and second candles allow us to reflect on the birth and Second Coming of Christ. The third candle is symbolic of John the Baptist, who was the herald of Jesus. With the fourth candle we may meditate on Mary, the tabernacle of Jesus who accepted the angelic message and remained constant in her devotion.

### Advent Reconciliation Day

Monday, December 18, Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

### Advent Adoration/Prayer

Advent is a time for Prayer. We have started the 9 Evening Masses before Christmas day, **from December 16<sup>th</sup> to December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Please follow the Advent Schedule Handout**

### Major Fundraiser Activity

After the consultation with the Finance Council, we will begin our Major Fundraiser Activity and will be distributing Donation envelopes to the members of the parish. There is a letter of Request for Donation and pledge card. Please do take one. You are welcome to give it to those whom you think could be potential donors to support our Fund Raising Activities.



### Christmas Ornament

Help decorate the church by purchasing a Christmas ornament and placing it on our Christmas tree. Ornaments are \$2 and being sold at the front entrance.

### Christmas Flowers

This year, if you would like to offer Poinsettia Christmas flowers, you are most welcome to do so. Please bring them to the Church on **December 23**. Envelopes for flower donations are also available.



### Envelopes for 2018

Envelopes for 2018 are now available at the back of the church. If you would like an envelope box, or to contribute through P.A.G., please fill out and submit the respective form. Those who have given the form for Envelopes, can now receive them at the entrance.

### Children's Christmas pageant

Rehearsals will continue every Sunday until Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m. mass. For more information, email Nancy and Melody McMullan at [melody.mcmullan@ryerson.ca](mailto:melody.mcmullan@ryerson.ca). Also, after the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve mass, we will gather at the Hall for fellowship. **You are welcome to bring refreshments and goodies to share with everyone.**





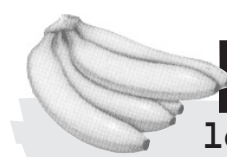
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