

# The Parish Community of St. Ann

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## Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Fr. Wilson Andrade CSC

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*prepare the way...*



# ADVENT

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 18, 2016  
CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF THE FAMILY**

***Prayer of St. John Paul II for the Christian Family***

We invoke the protection of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

Through God's mysterious design,

It was in that family that the Son of God spent long years of a hidden life.

It is therefore the prototype and example for all Christian families.

It was unique in the world.

Its life was passed in anonymity and silence in a little town in Palestine.

It underwent trials of poverty, persecution and exile.

It glorified God in an incomparably exalted and pure way.

And it will not fail to help Christian families - indeed, all the families in the world -

to be faithful to their day-to-day duties,

to bear the cares and tribulations of life,

to be open and generous to the needs of others,

and to fulfill with joy the plan of God in their regard.

Saint Joseph was "a just man", a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families.

May the Virgin Mary, who is the Mother of the Church,

Also be the Mother of "the Church of the home".

Thanks to her motherly aid, may each family really become a "little Church" in which the mystery of the Church of Christ is mirrored and given new life.

May she, the Handmaid of the Lord,

be an example of humble and generous acceptance of the will of God.

May she, the Sorrowful Mother at the foot of the Cross, comfort the sufferings and dry the tears of those in distress because of the difficulties in their families.

May Christ the Lord, the Universal King, the King of Families, be present in every Christian home as He was at Cana, bestowing light, joy, serenity and strength.

That every family may generously make its own contribution to the coming of

His Kingdom in the world - "a kingdom of truth and life; a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace, towards which history is journeying."

I entrust each family to Jesus, to Mary, and to Joseph, and in the light of the Gospel united in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Joannes Paulus PP. II* on November 22, 1981 - from *Familiaris Consortio*

December 11, 2016	Total	<b>2017 Offertory Envelopes are ready</b> 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 <b>Envelope Record Sheet</b> . We kindly ask you to also write down your name and full address on the envelopes for the first few weeks.
Offertory - Envelopes	\$2,736.00	
Offertory - Loose	\$465.70	
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$3,201.70</b>	

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 18, 2016

## CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF THE FAMILY

### Mass Intentions

(December 17 – December 23, 2016)

**Saturday, December 17:**

**5 p.m.: Thanksgiving for Cristina & Isabelo Biason**

Req. Biason-Acosta Family

**Sunday, December 18:**

**6:00 p.m.: + George Peter**

Req. Thelma Peter

**Friday, December 23: St. John of Kanty**

**7:00 p.m.: Thanksgiving for Mavic Galicia**

Req. Mavic Galicia & Family

### Day of Communal Reconciliation Preparation

Monday, December 19

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

*Followed by the Advent Novena Mass*

### Christmas Schedule

**Saturday, Dec. 24, 2016**

**7:00 pm:** Family Mass

**11:30 pm:** Christmas carols

**12:00 am:** Midnight mass

**Saturday, Dec. 31, 2016**

**5:00 pm:** Thanksgiving mass

**11:00 pm:** Midnight mass

**12:00am:** New Year's party

**Sunday, Dec. 25, 2016**

**10:30 a.m.:** Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

**NO 6:00 pm MASS**

**Saturday, Jan. 1, 2017**

**10:30 a.m.:** Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

**6:00 pm:** Thanksgiving mass

### Advent Adoration/Prayer

Advent is a time for Prayer. We have started the 9 Evening Masses before Christmas day.

**From Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Adoration: 6:00 pm**

**Holy Eucharist: 7:00 pm**

*Come and spend time with Jesus our Lord.*

### 2016-2017 Sunday Missal Sale



You can now purchase the 2016-2017 Sunday Missal and Calendar at the back of the church. Sunday Missals are available at \$4.00 and Calendars are \$1.00

### Christmas Play

Rehearsals for the Christmas pageant are happening at the Hall, after the 10:30 a.m. mass; and will continue every Sunday until Christmas Eve. There is still chance to sign up for the pageant. For more info, 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.**

### 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.



### Holy Cross Youth Group Christmas Raffle



St. Ann Parish Youth has organized a Christmas Raffle to be drawn on Christmas day (after the 10:30 a.m. mass). 10 prizes will be raffled and details can be found at the back of the ticket. Tickets are available at \$5.00 per ticket.

**We thank everyone who has contributed thus far.**

### Christmas Ornaments



Help decorate the church by purchasing a Christmas ornament and placing it on our Christmas tree. Ornaments are available for purchase at \$2.00 and will be sold at the front entrance.

### Raise a Roof Jamaica 2017

Next March 2017, a group of 18 local teens, joined by Father Wilson and 5 other adult project leaders, will be headed to Kingston, Jamaica to build houses for families in need. To fund this project, we are challenged with raising funds to cover the travel and material cost. So far we have raised 55% of the goal, but still have quite a way to go. Please consider donating towards this cause. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.



### Bulletin Notices:

If you would like to put any notices in our weekly bulletin, please send it to the office by Monday afternoon through our parish email [stannparishtoronto@gmail.com](mailto:stannparishtoronto@gmail.com)



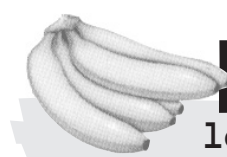
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