

The Parish Community of St. Ann

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OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday & 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sunday



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 Fr. Roshan D'Souza, 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 4, 2016

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF THE FAMILY

The Story of Advent

Written by: Allen Selman

In the northern hemisphere we have the winter solstice when the sun is at its lowest point in the sky. This is the time we yearn for the return of warmth, increasing light, and signs of spring when the life-death-life cycle renews itself. Reflected upon this when we celebrate Advent and light the candles of the Advent wreath. The early processional chant (Introit) for Epiphany "*Ecce advenit Dominator Dominus*" ("Behold the Lord the Ruler is come") signals all that the Incarnation means. The remote beginnings of Advent was a Gallican custom of a time of preparation for the Feast of Epiphany which was a season of preparation for baptism taking the form of fasting and prayer.

When Advent first appeared in Rome it was celebrated as a season of preparation for Christmas. This was formally established in 567 at the Council of Tours. The author of the Roman Advent was Gregory I (Pope 590 - 604), who arranged the Lectionary for the Mass. In the ninth century, when Gregory's Advent was introduced into Gaul, it was Gallicans who introduced the emphasis upon the idea of Second Coming (Parousia).

Advent has become not only a season of preparation for Christmas and anticipation of the Second Coming, but also a time of reflection on a great mystery: **the past** (historical birth of our Saviour when the Eternal becomes at one with us); **the present** (God's continual coming by grace into our hearts so that we may live the mystery through history as a pilgrim church); **the future** (the Second Coming when creation and history shall be brought to a fulfilling end).

The Advent Wreath

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.



Development and Peace Coffee Sunday

Today is Coffee Sunday. Please support Development and Peace by buying Fair Trade coffee, tea and chocolate. Consider becoming a member of Development and Peace. Memberships are free this year in order to celebrate 50 years of solidarity in Canada. Learn more at devp.org/membership or ask any of our current members for information.

November 27, 2016	Total
Offertory - Envelopes	\$1,080.00
Offertory - Loose	\$375.85
Total Offertory	\$1,455.85

2017 Offertory Envelopes are ready

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 4, 2016

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Mass Intentions

(December 2 – December 9, 2016)

Friday, December 2:

7:00 p.m.: Intentions of Celeste Palanca

Req. Mavic Galicia

: Intentions of Danny Joseph Wong

Req. Therese Wong

Saturday, December 3: St. Francis Xavier

5:00 p.m.: Intentions of Lawrence Pereira

Req. Celina Pereira

Sunday, December 4:

6:00 p.m.: + Louisa Lax

Req. Maximillian Lax

: Thanksgiving for Vivien Barrairo & Raul Julian

Req. Mavic Galicia

Monday, December 5:

8:00 a.m.: Intentions of Danny Joseph Wong

Req. Therese Wong

Tuesday, December 6:

8:00 a.m.: + Jackie Barrairo

Req. Mavic Galicia

Thursday, December 8: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m.: Thanksgiving for Chie Julian

Req. Mavic Galicia

Friday, December 9:

7:00 p.m.: Thanksgiving for Loreto Ignacio

Req. Mavic Galicia

: Intentions of Natividad D'Souza

Req. Celina Pereira

Advent Adoration/Prayer

Come and Adore the Saviour of the World!

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

From Dec. 16th to Dec. 24th

Adoration: 6:00 pm

Holy Eucharist: 7:00 pm

Come and spend time with Jesus our Lord.

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.

Advent Reconciliation

Days of Individual Confessions:

December 11, Sunday Time: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

December 16, Friday Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

December 17, Saturday Time: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Day of Communal Reconciliation Preparation:

Monday, December 19 Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Followed by the Advent Novena Mass

50th Ordination Anniversary of Fr. Frank Wagner, CSC

On **Saturday, December 10** we will be joining Fr. Frank Wagner, CSC in celebrating his 50 years of ordination anniversary. You are most welcome to attend the mass here at St. Ann's and congratulate him on his anniversary. A formal reception (cost: \$10.00) will be held in the Hall after the 5:00 p.m. mass.



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Christmas Play

Rehearsals for the Christmas pageant have started at the Hall, after 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 information or to sign up, please email Nancy and Melody McMullan at melody.mcmullan@ryerson.ca

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). There will be 10 prizes to be raffled and prize details can be found at the back of each ticket. Tickets are currently available at \$5.00 per ticket, with proceeds going to parish projects.

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.



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



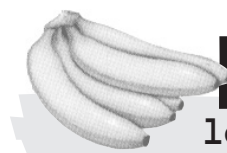
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