

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

Served by the Holy Cross Fathers

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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

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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**
- 9:15 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 9, 2018 CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF CARE FOR CREATION

Mass Intentions

(December 7 – December 14, 2018)

Friday, December 7: 7:00 p.m.

+ **John McGregor** *Req. Helen Cuneo*

Intentions of Cabas Family *Req. Rolando Cabas*

Saturday, December 8: 5:00 p.m.

+ **Linda Francis** *Req. Tom McAteer*

Intentions of Gomes Family *Req. Francis Gomes*

Sunday, December 9: 6:00 p.m.

+ **Linda Francis** *Req. Tom McAteer*

Intentions of Maria & Rick Gocool

Req. Maria & Rick Gocool

The Vigil Candle is lit this week for the Soul of

Aurelia Nobleza, requested by Rose Marie Nobleza

Care for Creation – December 2018



As we commence the year of Care for Creation, the month of December is dedicated to the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will specially celebrate the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples **today Sunday, December 9** at the 12:30 p.m. mass. All are welcome. May God continue to bless and guide us during this year of Care for Creation.

Christmas Donations to the poor

There are a number of items at the entrance of the Church. Donations made from these items will be used to help the poor with food and clothing during the winter season:

- ♥ 2019 Calendar: \$1.00
- ♥ New Missals: \$ 5.00
- ♥ Christmas Ornaments: \$ 2.00

Envelops will be distributed to buy the flowers and liturgical items to make a beautiful Christmas Crib and decorate the Altar.

St. Ann's Parish invites you to celebrate with us this Christmas season with a Christmas Gala Evening on **Saturday, December 15**. Tickets are \$30. The formal reception and dinner will be in the Hall at 6:30 p.m. It is our Annual Fundraising Event.



Children's Christmas Pageant



Rehearsals for the children's Christmas Pageant have started in December. Sign up will continue for 2 weeks after the 10:30am mass. If you have any questions or would like to sign up please feel free to contact Melody or Nancy McMullan or send an email to melody.mcmullan@ryerson.ca

Raise a Roof Jamaica – 2019

Next March 2019, a group of 14 local teens, joined by Fr. 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. Consider donating towards this cause. Envelopes are at the back of the church.



Holy Cross Family Ministries – Canada: Essay Award 2018

We invite Young Adults (18-35 years) to write a short essay on the theme: How to create Christian "**Families United in Prayer**" in the modern world. Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length, submitted on or before Wednesday, December 12, 2018, and include full name, email address, and phone number. Winners will receive Gift vouchers: 1st Place prize: \$300; 2nd Place prize: \$200; and three prizes worth \$100 each. Entries may be submitted by mail at: 120 First Avenue, Toronto, ON. M4M 1X1 or by email at familyministry.canada@gmail.com.



Refugee Resettlement Committee Donations

Our refugee family of four (a mother, father and two children) will be arriving within the next 2 months. If anyone wishes to donate, please use the envelopes available at the back of the church and place them in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity.

ATTENTION All Catholic Gentlemen over the age of 18. Did you know that your parish has a Knights of Columbus Council? Msgr. J.H. Ingoldsby Council 9079 serves St. Ann's, St. Joseph and Holy Name parishes. Becoming a member is easy. Please visit our new website and see what the Knights is all about, and the good works that we do for the parish, youth and the community. Visit us at www.kofc9079.com. For more information please fill out the "contact us" form on the website.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 9, 2018

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF CARE FOR CREATION

“Fruit of the Earth and Work of Human Hands”

A 25th Anniversary Reflection on the Ontario Bishops’ 1989 Pastoral Letter, The People and the Land

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, in his 2010 World Day of Peace message, wrote: *“if you want to cultivate peace protect creation”*. His New Year’s Day plea for peace continued with these challenging words: *“Can we remain indifferent before such a reality as the deterioration and loss of productivity in vast agricultural areas?”*

Our new Holy Father, Francis, returns to this theme in his January 1, 2014 World Day of Peace message where he notes: *“the agricultural sector is the primary productive sector with the crucial vocation of cultivating and protecting natural resources in order to feed humanity.”*

Pope Francis asks us: *“How are we using the earth’s resources to feed our world?”* In 1989 the Social Affairs Commission of the Ontario Catholic Bishops offered a document about the agricultural community entitled *“The People and the Land”*. Now, twenty five years later, we bring to our Ontario Catholic faithful an early 21st century look at Ontario’s farming issues in the reflection *“Fruit of the Earth and Work of Human Hands”* so that we can learn and better understand what our Creator has blessed us with, and carefully consider the questions and challenges that Catholic social teaching has to offer concerning Ontario’s farming community.

Most Rev. John Pazak, C.Ss.R , Chair, Social Affairs Commission, Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario

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. Reflect 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 as 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).

ADVENT SEASON MASS SCHEDULE - 2018

Monday, Dec. 24

7:00 p.m.: Family Mass

11:30 p.m.: Christmas Carols

12:00 a.m.: Midnight Mass

Tuesday, Dec. 25

10:30 a.m.: Christmas Mass

Saturday, Dec. 29

5:00 p.m.: Feast of the Holy Family Mass

6:00 p.m.: Family Potluck Fellowship

Monday, Dec. 31, 2018

6:00 p.m.: Family Mass

11:00 p.m.: Midnight mass

Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019

10:30 a.m.: Thanksgiving Mass

Advent Reconciliation

Days of Individual Confessions:

Dec. 16, Sunday Time: 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 21, Friday Time: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Dec. 22, Saturday Time: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Advent Adoration/Prayer

Advent is a time for Prayer. We will have 9 Evening Masses before Christmas day, **from December 16th to December 24th**

Please follow the Advent Schedule Handout



Envelopes for 2018

Envelopes for 2019 are now available at the back of the church. If you would like to contribute through PAG, please fill out and submit the respective form. Those who would like to continue to donate through Envelopes, can now receive them at the entrance.

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