

# 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)

<b>Pastoral Staff</b>	
<b>Pastor</b>	Fr. Wilson Andrade CSC
<b>In Residence</b>	Fr. Francis Noronha CSC
<b>Finance</b>	Anne Francis
<b>Pastoral Assistants</b>	Maria Fernandes
<b>Baptism</b>	Fe Santos
<b>RCIA</b>	Rolly Cabas
<b>Development &amp; Peace</b>	Catherine Barry
<b>Food Bank</b>	Carlos & Colette Carreiro
<b>Music</b>	Vengie Fabre
<b>Custodian</b>	Ed Keenan
<b>Caretaker</b>	Rosalie Tolentino
<b>Cook</b>	Cristina Acosta
<b>Celebration of Sacraments</b>	
<b>Baptism:</b> preparation required (please contact office)	
<b>Reconciliation:</b> Saturdays 4:15-4:45 p.m. or by appointment	
<b>Matrimony</b> (couples contact office one year in advance)	

<b>Parish Happenings</b>
<b>Sundays</b>
10 am: <b>Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary</b>
10:30 am Mass: <b>Pre-School and Children's Liturgy</b>
4pm - 6pm: <b>Handmaids of the Lord</b>
11:30 am: 1st Sundays: <b>Coffee Sunday</b>
<b>Development and Peace group</b>
11:30 am: 2nd Sundays: <b>Youth Activities</b>
11:30 am: 3rd Sundays: <b>Pastoral Council</b>
11:30 am: 4th Sundays: <b>Couples Group</b>
<b>Saturdays</b>
8 - 9:00 am <b>Tai Chi Group</b>
10 -11:30am: <b>Food Bank</b>
4:15 pm: <b>Novena to St. Bro. Andre</b>
4:30 pm: <b>Novena to St. Ann</b>
6:00 pm: 1st Saturdays - <b>Healing Service</b>
6:00 - 8:00 pm: <b>Holy Family Prayer Group</b>
<b>1st Wednesday: 7:00pm - GRIEF MINISTRY</b>
<b>Tuesdays: 1:00PM - SENIORS BINGO</b>

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: FEBRUARY 28, 2016  
CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF MERCY**

## Patience

Pastoral Reflections by Rev. Wilson Andrade, CSC

Today in the Gospel we heard the parable of the fig tree. The gardener asks for more time to cultivate the tree to become fruitful. This parable speaks about God's patience with us. God is ready to give us a second chance to become fruitful. Patience is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

There are two Greek words translated as "*patience*" in the New Testament. *Hupomone* – means "a remaining under" or steadfastness in difficult times. Another Greek word is *Makrothumia* – *Makros* (long) and *thumos* (passion or temper). It is translated as longsuffering, the ability to endure pain and suffering without complaining. Patience in the letters of St. Paul literally means "long temper," not short temper. He writes to be patient and "watch out... not to fall."

In the book of Exodus, God is presented as the Person who is Passionate (*image of the burning bush never consumed*), a God ever Present (*God of ancestors, knows human suffering and God's Name: I AM WHO I AM*) and a God of Promise (*deliver us from the oppression to a Promised Land*). Our God, the Psalmist proclaims, is "*merciful, gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*" (Ps. 103).

Patience is a gospel virtue we need to live in our fast changing world. Our society drags us into situations where we experience anxiety, worry, agitation and fear. Today let us reflect and pray for the grace to overcome fear and anxiety, waiting patiently on God's time to fulfil God's promise.

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*"Patience is the companion of wisdom."* - St. Augustine

"Have courage for the great sorrows of life and patience for the small ones; and when you have laboriously accomplished your daily task, go to sleep in peace. God is awake." - Victor Hugo

*"Have patience with all things but first of all with yourself"* *"Half an hour's meditation each day is essential, except when you are busy. Then a full hour is needed"* - St. Francis de Sales

**Year of Mercy – Pilgrimage to Rome, Lourdes and the Holy Land  
With Fr. Wilson Andrade, CSC**

**From October 22 to November 4, 2016** (14 days), we will be visiting holy sites in Rome, Lourdes and the Holy Land. Price: CA\$3,390.00 plus taxes. For more information, call Ms. Marrietta Bier at 416-297-0694 or Ms. Tessie Malonzo at 416-291-8495, or go to the website [www.qstours.com](http://www.qstours.com)

<b>February 21, 2016</b>	<b>Total</b>
Offertory - Envelopes	\$744.10
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**Lenten Days of Confession at St. Ann's Parish  
and Native Peoples' Mission**

Saturday, **March 6:** 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Friday, **March 11:** 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday, **March 12:** 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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**Mass Intentions Information**

Mass intentions are available for parish weekday and weekend Masses for the repose of the soul of a deceased loved one or for someone living. If you would like to have a loved one remembered at a parish Mass with an “announced” Mass intention, the suggested donation at St. Ann’s Parish is \$10.00. Please contact our parish office (416-466-2127) to schedule an available time.

**FRIDAYS IN LENT**

**Adoration – 6:00 p.m.**

**Stations of the Cross – 6:30 p.m.:**

Week 4 (Mar. 4): Handmaids of the Lord

Week 5 (Mar. 11): Development & Peace

Week 6 (Mar. 18): Pastoral Council

Week 7 (Mar. 25): Native Peoples’ Mission

**Mass – 7:00 p.m.**

**Fish and Chips**

St. Ann’s Parish will be hosting Fish & Chips Fridays during the Season of Lent. Come and join us **on Fridays** (until March 25). Starting at **5:00 pm**. Cost: \$5. Take out available.

**Climate Action Petition**

Please sign the Climate Action petition (located on the tables at the back of the church) calling on the federal government to develop a concrete climate action plan and an ambitious GHG emission reduction target.

**Share Lent Pilgrimage – Building community in Indonesia**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> week of our pilgrimage finds us in Indonesia. The word *kampung* has come to mean “slum” in the local language, but its original definition is ‘community’. Your support for Share Lent means that Try Mopurto, who lives in a *kampung*, has been able to renovate his home for his family, despite suffering from mental illness. The community is coming together to support him and his family. “My home is my heaven,” he says, “because here we feel the meaning of brotherhood in the social life of the *kampung*.”

**ShareLife 2016**

**Working wonders for those in our community...**

“At Mary Centre, the residents of our homes have developed friendships, yet they maintain their own individuality,” says Denise Tremblett, Program Manager, “Although some of their relatives may have passed on, they love to remain active with healthy recreational activities and visiting regularly with the rest of their friends and family members. We enjoy cooking and providing for them so they can remain at home here and enjoy their lives. We are extremely grateful that ShareLife donors have helped to make a difference for these very special people!” Last year, over 1,500 people with special needs received outreach services from ShareLife-supported agencies.

**Sunday March 13, 2016 is ShareLife Sunday**  
**Please give generously. You can work wonders!**

**The Life of St. Kateri Tekakwitha**

**Today Sunday, February 28**, Matthew Hendzel, SJ will give a brief talk on the life of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, a person very important to the native peoples of North America. The talk will take place immediately **after the 10:30 a.m. mass** at the hall, to coincide with the Handmaids of the Lord Pancake breakfast. Everyone is welcome. This will be a great opportunity to learn about one of the Church's first indigenous saints while enjoying a nice warm breakfast.

**2016 World Day of Prayer Service**

The World Day of Prayer ecumenical service will be hosted this year by Glen Rhodes United Church (1470 Gerrard St E.) on **Friday, March 4 at 2:00 p.m.** There will be refreshments and fellowship after the service. All are welcome.

**Pabasa ng Bayan 2016 in Tagalog**

We invite you to join us in meditating the Passion of Christ through chanting and praying.

**Date:** Holy Thursday, March 24, 2016

**Time:** 12:00 p.m. (Holy Thursday) to 2:00 p.m. (Good Friday)

**Place:** St. Ann’s Parish Hall (Gerrard St. E. of Broadview). For more information please call Fe Santos at **(905) 889-7868**



**St. Ann’s Parish Fundraising Dinner**

On **Saturday, May 28**, St. Ann’s Parish Community will be hosting a fundraising Dinner for Church renovations. The event will take place at St. Ann’s Parish Hall starting at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20. There will be music, wine & door prizes

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