#### **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 THE FAMILY

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 Fr. Roshan D'Souza, CSC Secretary Aymara Toro Finance Anne Francis **Pastoral Assistant** Maria Fernandes Fe Santos **Baptism 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**

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





#### 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

#### **Sundays**

8 - 9:00 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

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: FEBRUARY 05, 2017 CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF THE FAMILY

#### "How to be Salt of the earth and Light of the world?"

## **Pope Francis**

- > Jesus told his disciples: "you are the salt of the earth", "you are the light of the world".
- Christians, must be salt and light, but never self-serving: salt must add flavor and light must illuminate the other. "What must a Christian do in order for the salt not to run out, so that the oil to light the lamp does not come to an end?" The "battery" a Christian uses to generate light, is simply prayer.
- "There are many things one can do, many works of charity, many great things for the Church a Catholic University, a college, a hospital – you may even be rewarded as a benefactor of the Church with a monument, but if you do not pray, it will be dark and dimly lit."
- Prayer, is what lights up Christian life, and the fact that prayer is a "serious" matter: "a prayer of adoration to God the Father, a prayer of praise to the Holy Trinity, a prayer of thanksgiving, a prayer to request to God... prayer must come from the heart".
- As regards the salt that Christians are called to be: it becomes salt when it is given to others. This is another Christian attitude: "to give of oneself, to give flavor to the lives of others, to give flavor to many things with the message of the Gospel". Salt is something to be used, not to keep for oneself but to give to others. "It's curious both salt and light are for others, not for oneself: salt does not give flavor to itself; light does not illuminate itself". Of course, you may be wondering how long salt and light can last without running out if we continue to give of ourselves relentlessly. That's where the power of God comes in, the Pope explained, because the Christian is salt given to us by God during Baptism, it's a gift that never ends". Christians are called to shine brightly and always overcome the temptation to shine light upon themselves.
- ➤ 'Let us not practice a mirror spirituality' "it is a bad thing" to want to shine light onto oneself.
- ➤ "Be light to illuminate, be salt to give flavor and to preserve".

"May your light shine before all, so that they may see your good works and give glory to our God who is in Heaven."

### The Year of the Family: February, 2017 – Dedication for the Married Couples

"Marriage is a precious sign, for when a man and a woman celebrate the sacrament of marriage, God is, as it were, 'mirrored' in them; God impresses in them God's own features and the indelible character of God's love. Marriage is the icon of God's love for us." - From Pope Francis' Amoris Laetitia

During this year of the Family, in the month of February, we would like to highlight the importance of the sacrament of marriage. During our Liturgies, we will pray for those preparing for marriage, married couples, couples experiencing difficulties, widowed, divorced and separated.

We invite all the members to pray daily for all the couples: Let us continue to pray for married couples and those who support them on their journey. Let this be a special opportunity to celebrate the sacrament and give thanks for those who strengthen our communities through their loving commitment to God, their family and one another. Let's plan in the family and in the church for many concrete events to recognize and congratulate those who are married and pray for those who struggle in their married life.

**Feb 4/5:** Announcement for the celebration of the Month long events for the Married Couples. We invite all the married couples to fill up a form so we can pray and celebrate milestone anniversaries.

Feb. 11: Youth group will host a Valentine day Party with a Theme: Love and Marriage

Feb. 12: Prayer for Healing and Reconciliation: Anointing will be done after the Mass for healing

Feb 19: Distribution of Resources: Preaching on Marriage and Family Relationships

Feb 26: Marriage Sunday: A Special Mass for all the married Couples with breakfast and a session on the Sacrament of Marriage.

"Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate" (Mark 10:9)

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**Statement re: Violence in Quebec City Mosque** "We join with the voices of many other faith communities across the country in condemning the heinous acts of violence that took place in a Quebec City mosque on Sunday. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those impacted by these tragic events. Despite the darkness of these violent acts, let us bring light and hope to all those we encounter, demonstrating through our example that we can work collectively to build a peaceful and prosperous country."

Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto January 30, 2017

### Raise a Roof Jamaica 2017

This March, a group of 18 local teens, joined by Fr. Wilson and 5 other adult project leaders, will be headed to Jamaica to build houses for families in need.



To fund this project, we are hosting a silent auction of large gift baskets on display at the back of the church. Place a bid, win a prize and support a great cause! Winners will be contacted **Sunday**, **February 5** after the evening mass.

## **Bible Seminars at St. Joseph Parish**



St. Joseph parish is hosting Bible seminars on Wednesdays throughout February (1, 8, 15 and 22). We will begin exploring the Gospel of Mark,

Matthew, Luke and John. Seminars are taking place at the church from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. If you wish to join please call (416) 466-7815 or email: stjosephparishtoronto@gmail.com

## **Migrants Workers Program**

The Handmaids of the Lord of St. Ann Parish will host a program for all the new immigrants and Migrant workers. The program will take place, **Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017** at 2 p.m. in the Parish hall. Admission is free. Please pass on the message if you know someone who is in need of information on job, education, communication skills, referrals, financial and family support. For more information, please contact one of the members of the Handmaids of the Lord. **DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE** Thursday, **February 2<sup>nd</sup>** was the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them during this month. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation. We thank and pray for all the religious men and women of St. Ann Parish.

# Congratulations on the Food Bank's 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

On behalf of the Parish Community we would like congratulate and support St. Ann Food Bank on their 12 years of Service to our community on **February 6**. A special Thanks to Carlos and Collette, founding members of St. Ann Parish Food bank and to all the volunteers who now serve more than 170 clients. We also thank all who donated generously towards St. Ann Food bank with your time, money and food donations. God's many blessings on all.

### Valentine's Day Dinner & Dance



The Youth of St. Ann Parish will be hosting a Valentine's Day dinner and dance on **Saturday, February 11**, at 6 p.m. Please join us for a wonderful evening of fun games, prizes and music. Tickets are \$20.00 and proceeds will go

towards the New Sound System project. Come and celebrate, Dine and Dance.

## 2016 Tax Receipts and PAG Forms

The Tax Receipts for your charitable donations are ready to be picked up. If you have any questions with regards to your tax receipts, please inform the Parish office and contact us by email or phone.

With your receipts we have also included a form to be filled out for the *Pre Authorized Giving plan*. In response to changing lifestyles and demands on time and energy, the Archdiocese of Toronto seeks, through Pre-Authorized giving, to assist you in your giving. We respect that giving is a very personal decision, but hope that the convenience and efficiency it brings will encourage parishioners of St. Ann's Parish to support it. If you would prefer to make donations through the PAG plan, or have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office. We look forward to your participation.

