

# ST. ANN PARISH

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## YEAR OF PRAYER

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**MAY THE SPIRIT OF GOD  
LEAD YOU THROUGH THE NEW YEAR**

**Epiphany of the Lord: January 02, 2022**  
**CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF PRAYER**

**With Grateful Hearts:** We would like to Thank each one of you who make St. Ann Parish a place of prayer and celebration of life and faith. We thank all the ministers who help us with your time and talents.

Pastoral Council	Pastoral Staff Members	Holy Family Prayer Group
Finance Council	Food Bank	Handmaids of the Lord
Liturgy/Faith Formation	Development and Peace	Couples Ministry and Girl Guides
Lectors	Collection Counters	Novena Devotions Group
Eucharistic Ministers	Volunteer Screening Group	Grief Ministry and AA group
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Children's Choir	Hospitality committee	St. Ann Rosary Makers
Children's Liturgy Ministry	Church Décor	Holy Cross Family Ministries
Altar Servers	Out of the Cold Group	Pilgrimages and Mission Work



**Thank you for the Christmas Donation to the Poor and Christmas Flowers**

The donations from the following items will be given to the poor and needy who come to the Rectory door. Your donations helped to develop a youth project called HOPE – where youth are encouraged make prayer cards to be distributed to the patients and seniors in the hospital and nursing homes. Thank you for donations towards the purchase of Christmas flowers. Your generosity helped us to make our liturgical celebration more beautiful and meaningful for everyone who come to the church. Thank you for your contributions.



**The Feast of St. Brother Andre, CSC**

On the First Friday, January 7, 2022, we will be celebrating the Feast of St. Brother Andre, the first Saint of the Congregation of Holy Cross. St. Brother Andre is known as the Miracle Worker of Montreal, as he promoted the devotion of St. Joseph and the blessing with the healing oils.

**6:00 pm: Adoration**                      **7:00 pm Holy Mass**  
 Join us for the healing prayers and receive the Holy Oils.



**The Synod on Synodality: Share Your Thoughts**

Pope Francis has launched the [Synod on Synodality](#), an ambitious two-year global process of listening to the faithful. “Synod” comes from an ancient Greek word meaning “walking together on the road.” There have been many synods in the history of the Church, but these have traditionally been opportunities for bishops to come together to determine the path forward for the Church. With the Synod on Synodality, Pope Francis is asking every Catholic to help discern what the Holy Spirit is telling us at this moment as the Church enters its third millennium. The first phase of the Synod on Synodality will last through the first half of 2022 and will see the world’s faithful sharing their thoughts at a diocesan level.



All those diocesan-level responses will be collected and summarized. Then the bishops of Canada will meet to discuss what they heard in their respective dioceses, followed by larger multinational meetings and, ultimately, culminating in a synod of bishops in the Vatican in 2023. Your participation is incredibly important for the success of the Synod on Synodality, kindly join in for the online questionnaire posted at the website:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/>

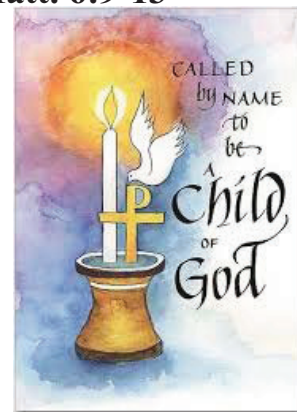
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### YEAR OF PRAYER 2021 – 2022: “Lord, teach us to Pray” Matt. 6:9-13

#### January 2022 – Contemplative Prayer      Baptism

Holy Cross Family Ministries – Canada would like to invite and thank you for your contributions towards our work of promoting family prayer and Rosary Makers. Recent research done in USA by the Holy Cross Family Ministries shows that 64% of the families do not have family prayer. We invite you reflect on your prayer life in your homes. Do make an effort to pray as a family and for families. We encourage everyone to have a Bible, a Rosary, and a Family Prayer book in your homes.

During the Month of January, let us learn about Contemplative Prayer as we reflect on the Sacrament of Baptism. Pope Francis said: “*in Baptism we put our signature to become saints.*” We dedicate all the newly baptised in the church and reflect on our baptismal promises. Let us become the Beloved Children of God.



#### Envelopes for 2022



Envelopes for 2022 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. If you have changed your address in 2021, please inform the Parish office. Thank you for your support. The Tax-receipts for 2021 will be issued only for the donations collected before December 31, 2021.

#### “We are God’s Family”

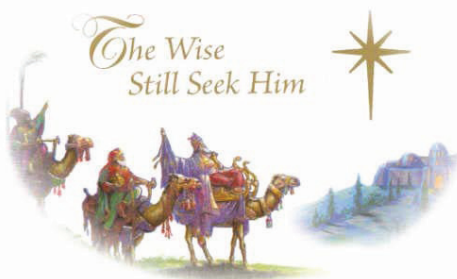
Reflections by Rev. Wilson Andrade, CSC

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The term epiphany comes from the Greek term *epiphaneia*, which means “*manifestation, striking appearance.*” For us it is to say that God manifested or appeared in Jesus Christ. This feast is powerfully symbolized in the ‘*arrival of the three wise men who offered gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.*’ That is to proclaim the child born to Mary in Bethlehem is the ‘*long awaited Messiah and King.*’

We know and experience creation, especially our surrounding nature, as an Epiphany of God. Creation reveals God’s presence. Great mystics of our times have said that the *world is charged with God* (Gerard Hopkins) and saw *creation as the Divine milieu* (Teilhard de Chardin). We realize that we are created *in the image and likeness of God*, so we reveal God’s presence. We belong to God and we are an *epiphaneia – a striking image* of God. In the Scriptures, especially, St. John often refers to each one of us as God’s Children. We belong to God and truly the family of God. Do we live like God’s Children? That question each one of us has to answer before God. So let’s live as the children of God, accepting everyone as our brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

Today, God becoming one like us in Jesus Christ helps us to deepen our awareness of God’s presence. As Christ fully revealed God’s presence, we, baptized Christians, *are called to reveal and proclaim the presence of Christ to all.* May the feast of the Epiphany deepen our awareness of God’s presence in this world. We may become God’s instruments of love, peace and joy to everyone in this world. *O’ Come Let us adore Christ our Lord*

In the Huron Christmas Song: *T’was in the Moon of Wintertime* (written in 1642 by Jean de Brebeuf) the Magi are portrayed as “Chiefs from afar” who bring Jesus “fox and beaver pelts.” What gifts are you bringing to honor Jesus, Our Lord?





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