#### **Holy Eucharist**

# The Parish Community of St. Ann

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

10:30 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

Native Peoples' Mass 12:30 p.m. Bridgepoint Hospital 2:30 p.m.

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## CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF MINISTRY

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#### **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

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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

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: JANUARY 28, 2018 CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF MINISTRY

Mass Intentions (January 26 – February 2, 2018)

<u>Sunday, January 28:</u> 6:00 p.m. Mass + **Eva Zaprazala** *Req. Frank McMahon* 

+ Anthony Fernandes Req. Maria Fernandes

<u>Friday, February 2:</u> 7:00 p.m. Mass + **Purita Masongsong** *Reg. Fe Santos* 

#### Canada Summer Jobs Program – Reach Out to Your Member of Parliament

The federal government has introduced new requirements for employers applying for the Canada Summer Jobs grant. To be eligible for funding, employers must attest that both the job and the organization's core mandate respect certain "values" as determined by the federal government including the government's position on abortion, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression. Organizations unable or unwilling to make this attestation in whole or in part will be deemed ineligible for the grant. This requirement is clearly unjust.

Many Catholic organizations throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto and many other faiths involved in charitable activity at soup kitchens, shelters, refugee welcome centres or summer camps are impacted by this decision. Please take a moment to visit www.archtoronto.org/summerjobs for more information and to find a template letter to send to your MP and the minister responsible for this portfolio.

# Seminar on the Joy of Love: *Amoris Laetitia*

The Holy Family Prayer group is hosting a seminar on Pope Francis' latest letter: *The Joy of love Amoris Laetitia*. This is a special invitation for couples and families to register for the Sessions to be held on the **fourth Saturday of the month after the 5 p.m. Mass** 



**Dates**: February 24, March 24 and April 28

**Time**: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Place**: Parish Hall

For more information please contact St. Ann Parish office staff or call 416 466 2127

#### Workshops for Music Ministers and Ministers of Hospitality

On **Saturday**, **March 10**, there will be two workshops offered at Saint Margaret of Scotland Parish (222 Ridley Blvd., Toronto). From 9 a.m. to noon will be a workshop for music ministers. From 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. will be a workshop for ministers of hospitality (ushers and greeters). The workshops will cover the theology and liturgical importance of music and hospitality, respectively. Both workshops are free to attend but registration is required, there will be no onsite registration. Each event must be registered for separately. The forms can be found online: http://bit.ly/musicworkshop2018 and http://bit.ly/hospitalityworkshop2018. For more information, contact Rebecca Spellacy, Office of Formation for Discipleship, at 416-934-3400, ext. 525 or email rspellacy@archtoronto.org

#### **Envelopes for 2018**

Envelopes for 2018 are available at the back of the church. If you would like an envelope box, or to contribute through P.A.G., please fill out and submit the respective form. Those who have given the form for Envelopes, can now receive them at the entrance. If you are a new parishioner and would like to register for a box of envelopes, please drop by our table at the back of the church so we can assign you an envelope number.

### Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance

The Youth of St. Ann Parish will be hosting a Valentine's Day dinner and dance at St. Ann Parish hall on **Saturday, February 10 at 6:30 pm**. Tickets are available for sale at \$20 per ticket. We will have music,



dance, bingo and fun games. Proceeds will go towards the new heating system project.

### Handmaids of the Lord Sunday Breakfast



**Today Sunday, January 28,** the Handmaids of the Lord will be hosting their first Breakfast Sunday of the year. Please come down to the hall after the 10:30 a.m. mass and join us

for a freshly made pancake breakfast and fellowship.

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## **Listening to God in Prayer**

**Pope Francis** 

The response is found in the refrain of the Responsorial Psalm (95[94]): "Oh that today you would hear God's voice! Harden not your hearts". Therefore, "stop in order to listen. Stop. Stop for a moment.' It was as if the Lord had told his people: 'The things I will tell you are for your happiness. Do not be foolish. Believe in this. Stop, listen.' This advice fell on deaf ears, so much so that "the Lord complains a bit; it is the lament of a grieving father", as if God were to say: "But they did not obey or incline their ear, but walked in their own counsels and the stubbornness of their evil hearts, and went backward and not forward".

"When we do not stop to listen to the voice of the Lord, we end up becoming distant from him; we turn our backs": "If we do not listen to the Lord's voice, but listen to other voices; if we often close our ears, we become deaf, deaf to God's Word". No one is excluded from this situation. "If we all stop and look into our hearts today, we would see how many times — how many! — we have closed our ears and how many times we have become deaf".

And what does this deafness mean? "When a people, a community, but let us say, even a Christian community, a parish, a diocese closes its ears and becomes deaf to the Word of God, it seeks other voices, other lords, and it ends up involving idols, the idols which the world, worldliness, and society offer", we become distant "from the living God."

"Turning our backs hardens our hearts. And when we do not listen, the heart becomes harder, more closed within itself, hard and incapable of receiving anything". The result is "not just closing off" but also "hardness of heart".

When we have no loving reference to the Living God we are walking on the path of unfaithfulness". Our unfaithfulness creates an interior void, and with confusion ... we do not know where God is, and where he is not". And so often we confuse God with the devil" or the pleasures of the world than the joy of the Gospel.

The encounter with Jesus opens the door to the Word of God. "Each of us today can ask himself- or herself: 'Do I stop to listen to the Word of God? Do I take the Bible in my hands and is He talking to me?' and, 'has my heart become hardened? Have I distanced myself from the Lord? Have I lost my faithfulness to the Lord and do I live with the idols that everyday worldliness offers? Have I lost the joy of the marvel of the first encounter with Jesus?". Thus, "today is a day for listening. "Listen today to our Lord's voice", and "do not harden your heart". Let us ask for this grace: the grace to listen so that our hearts may not harden".

(Taken from the Homily: 23 Mar. 2017, by L'Osservatore Romano, n. 14, 7 April 2017)

### **Year of Ministry – January 2018**

During the month of January, please keep in your prayers and support our **Pastoral Staff, Liturgy/faith Formation group, and Volunteer Screening Committee**. Thank you for supporting with your time and talents by effectively ministering at St. Ann parish and Native Peoples' Mission. May God bless you with love and joy.

#### **Development and Peace**

Please note that for the month of <u>February only</u>, the sale of fair trade products will take place on the 2nd Sunday of the month (**February**, **11**).

"Peace will be lasting in the measure that we arm our children with the weapons of dialogue, that we teach them to fight the good fight of encounter and negotiation." – Pope Francis "Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you."- St. Augustine

"Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words." - St. Francis

"To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them." - St. Thomas Aquinas

"For me prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look towards Heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." - St. Therese of Lisieux

"When you pray the Lord's Prayer, God's ear is next to your lips." – **St. Bro. Andre** 

"I always begin my prayer in silence, for it is in the silence of the heart that God speaks. God is the friend of silence – we need to listen to God because it's not what we say but he says to us and through us that matters." – **St. Teresa of Kolkota.** 



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