

# The Parish Community of St. Ann

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RECTORY **Phone:** (416) 466-2127 **Fax:** (416) 778-6545 **Native Peoples' Parish:** (416) 463-2500

OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday -Friday



### Holy Eucharist



#### Daily Mass

Monday-Thursday	8:00 am
Friday	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

### UNITY IN DIVERSITY

"Moved by the Good News of Jesus Christ... We value our diversity" **(Mission Statement)**

#### Pastoral Staff

<b>Pastor</b>	Fr. Wilson Andrade CSC
<b>Associate Pastor</b>	Fr. Francis Noronha CSC
<b>In Residence</b>	Fr. Francis Salasiar CSC Fr. Jinto Mathew CSC

<b>Finance</b>	Anne Francis
<b>Pastoral Assistants</b>	Maria Fernandes, Fe Santos, & Rolly Cabas
<b>Music</b>	Vengie Fabre
<b>Custodian</b>	Ed Keenan
<b>Caretaker</b>	Rosalie Tolentino
<b>Cook</b>	Cristina Acosta

#### Celebration of Sacraments

**Baptism: 4th Sundays at 2:30pm**  
(Parents please contact office: preparation required)

**Reconciliation:**  
Saturdays 4:15-4:45 p.m. or by appointment

**Matrimony** (couple contacts office one year in advance)

### Parish Happenings

#### Sundays

10 am: **Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary.**  
10: 30 am Mass: **Pre-School and Children's Liturgy.**  
4pm - 6pm: **Handmaids of the Lord.**  
11:30 am: 1st Sundays: **Coffee Sunday**  
**Development and Peace group**  
11: 30 am: 2nd Sundays: **Youth Activities**  
11: 30 am: 3rd Sundays: **Pastoral Council**  
11: 30 am: 4th Sundays: **Couples Group**

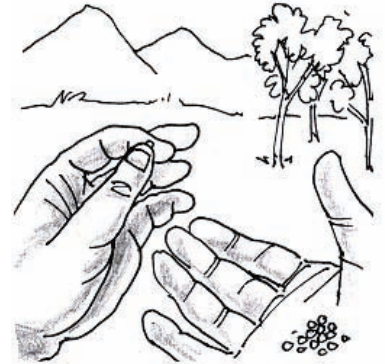
#### Saturdays

8 - 9:00 am **Tai Chi Group**  
10 -11:30am: **Food Bank**  
4: 15 pm: **Novena to St. Bro. Andre**  
4: 30 pm: **Novena to St. Ann**  
6 pm: 1st Saturdays - **Healing Service**  
6 - 8 pm: **Holy Family Prayer Group**

**Tuesdays: 1:00PM - SENIORS BINGO**

# ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: JUNE 14, 2015

## PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. ANN JOURNEY FORWARD IN GOD'S HOUSEHOLD



Everyone knows the parable of the mustard seed (Mk 4:30-32). Many interpret its message as “a little faith will go a long ways.” But did you know that the mustard seed Jesus refers to, when planted, grows into a weed—one so prolific and hardy that farmers could do little to eradicate it?

For those of us who would not know, as the mustard seed grows and ages, it siphons more nutrients from the soil, making it difficult for anything else to grow; and if it is eaten, its bitter leaves can wreak havoc on the digestive system. When Jesus spoke about the mustard seed, he likened it to the beautiful and robust Lebanon Cedar referred to in Ezekiel 17:22-2. In this passage, the prophet uses the image of the cedar to describe the future Israel, and its temple, as a place of refuge for all people’s, who are symbolized by the “birds of every kind” in need of a place to nest. The prophet then points out that God will “. . . bring down the high tree, exalt the low tree, dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will perform it.”

Jesus is intentionally comparing the kingdom of God (the Cedar mentioned in Ezekiel) to a menacing weed because, like the weed, the kingdom is so prolific and all-consuming that many who encounter it won’t want anything to do with it. Jesus is also pointing out that, like the weed, the kingdom of God will be, for some, a “bitter pill” to swallow.

Jesus describes this menacing weed that comes from the mustard seed as a big tree (cedar), a great place for birds to build their nests. But for some, the mustard seed, like the kingdom of God, will be thought of as a menacing weed, causing more harm than good, yet it is a place of refuge as well as an unstoppable force for positive change.

In other words, God has little concern for conventionalism—the way things have always been done. The “cedar” that God plants, through Jesus, is both shocking and new, menacing and wonderful. As Jesus said, “Those who have ears to hear, let them hear” (Mk 4:9).

*Parts of Reflections by Matthew Halbach*

Fr. Francis Noronha has been appointed as the administrator for St. Joseph’s Parish. He will begin his fulltime ministry in St. Joseph’s as of July 1, 2015. We would like to thank him for his ministry here at St. Ann’s Parish and wish him all the best at St. Joseph’s.

Thank you for your Offerings		<p><b>Martyrs’ Shrine Pilgrimage</b>  <b>Date:</b> Saturday August 8, 2015  <b>Time:</b> 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  <b>Cost:</b> \$45.00 per person. Includes Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross and the Holy Rosary. Contact Maria Fernandes at (416) 469-5277 or Fr. Wilson Andrade at (416) 466-2127</p>
May 7, 2015	Total	
Offertory- Envelopes	\$ 1,062.00	
Offertory - Loose	\$ 250.70	
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,312.70</b>	

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### ShareLife – Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

#### Working wonders with families in our neighbourhoods...

The Smith family came for counselling to deal with the sudden death of their parent. As this grief stricken family learned about each other, how to relate, how to trust, how to love and build a new definition of “family”, they began to open up to their counsellor and share what their life was like before their parent’s tragic death. Closer family intimacy, safety, and a brighter future resulted for the Smith Family. Last year, ShareLife-supported Family Service agencies provided family counselling to over 5,100 people in the Greater Toronto Area.

**Thank you for your generosity.  
Together we can work wonders!**



### Restoration Project Update

The work on Phase 4 of the restoration is progressing beautifully. Restoration work has been done to some of the more intricate points like the angels, the new cornice's and pediments, and most recently the detailed leaves at the column capitals of the front facade. Some of the scaffolding on the west side will be coming down this week. The restoration is expected to be completed by the end of June.

### Catholic Life in the Spirit Seminar

A two-day retreat will be held at St. Ann Parish on **Saturday June 20 - Sunday 21, 2015** from **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

With in-put sessions, prayer, adoration, confession and the Holy Eucharist. All are welcome to be part of the Retreat and receive many graces in the Spirit of God. For more information contact Bro. Glenn Jover at (416) 918-9445

### St. Ann Parish Multicultural Festival

The Handmaids of the Lord will be hosting St. Ann’s annual Multicultural Festival.

**When:** Saturday, July 18, 2015

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

**Where:** St. Ann Parish Hall

Tickets will be available for \$20.00. Come and join us for this fun filled event.

### Our Family of Faith

People in our parish are talking about the Family of Faith campaign! Through the efforts of a wonderful group of volunteers, we already have received **\$56,200** in pledges from 14 parishioners that have contributed so far towards our parish goal!

The Family of Faith campaign is designed to support parishes, and address other priorities too. One of these is to help ensure our youth continue to grow in their faith not only in our parishes, but as they become more independent and attend university. Through this campaign, we will support 20 youth ministers in parishes, assisting with funding and expansion of campus chaplaincy resources.

Our parish has needs too, and the funds we will receive from the Family of Faith campaign will help us renovate the hall. Our hall is the focal point for parish social and pastoral life. It is used for food bank services and social outreach meetings. We will make renovations to better serve our parish community. We also look forward to being able to earn income off the hall once the renovation is complete.

Please continue to pray for the success of our campaign, both in our parish and throughout the archdiocese.

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