

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.

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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

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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



"The Family That Prays Together Stays Together" - Fr. Patrick Peyton, CSC

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

9 - 10:00 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: MARCH 12, 2017

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Transfiguration of Jesus

By: Wilson Andrade, CSC

One this Second Sunday of Lent, in the readings we listen and reflect on this beautiful image of the **Promised Land**. The first reading is about the call of Abraham: *“Go to the Land I will show you.”*

Abraham believed in the call of God, and he was blessed by God for all generations to come.

Even though the Bible narrates the story of entering a promised land on earth, it becomes clearer to us of that image when Jesus preaches the gospel of the Kingdom of God. An extra-ordinary sight of that Promised Land is shown in today’s gospel – a glimpse of heaven itself.

The story of transfiguration of Jesus foreshadows of what is going to come for all the believers – as St. Paul calls it as – *a holy calling... a life of grace ... ‘that is promised before the ages began, is now revealed in Jesus, - who abolished the death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.’* (2 Tim. 1. 10) **Jesus** shows us today our promised land – a glimpse of heaven – that He is the *way to our Christian Promised Land*.

Let this vision strengthen our faith in living our Christian calling - never losing sight of heaven with Jesus, Mary and Joseph. May this Lenten season help us to take that – *a leap of faith* – towards our promised land and pray with the psalmist: *My soul waits for you, my Lord. Amen.*

On Heaven

- ❖ “In the beginning God created heaven, and earth.” - **Genesis 1:1**
- ❖ “Prayer is the wing where the soul flies to heaven, and meditation the eye wherewith we see God.” St. **Ambrose**
- ❖ “You must either suffer in this life or give up the hope of seeing God in Heaven. Let us endeavor to get to heaven! There we shall see God. How happy we shall feel! We must get to heaven! - St. **John M. Vianney**.
- ❖ “Earth hath no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.” St. **Thomas More**
- ❖ “I would willingly endure alone all the sufferings of this world to be raised a degree higher in Heaven and to possess the smallest increase of the knowledge of God's greatness.” - St. **Teresa of Jesus**
- ❖ “Perfection of life consists in drawing close to God. Heaven is the possession of God.” - St. **Teresa of the Andes**
- ❖ “O my soul, imitate Jesus faithfully: He is gentle and humble of heart. Those who are humble of heart will be glorified. How beautiful the heavenly crown will be for those who are genuinely humble despite outward humiliations, those who follow the humility of the Savior in every way.” St. **Bernadette Soubirous**
- ❖ “Heaven is not made for the slothful. Let us think, if we only got to heaven, what a sweet and easy thing it will be there to be always saying with the angels and the saints, Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus.” - St. **Philip Neri**

Spiritual Activities for Lent at the Parish

Fridays in Lent

Adoration: **6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

Stations of the Cross: **6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

Followed by Holy Eucharist

Parish Reconciliation Service: Monday, April 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Days of Confession

Sunday, March 26th: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday, March 31st: 5 p.m. – 8p.m.

Saturday, April 1st: 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.



Stations of the Cross schedule

Lenten Fridays Time: 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

March 17, 2017: Holy Cross Youth Movement

March 24, 2017: Parish Council

March 31, 2017: Holy Family Prayer

April 7, 2017: Development & Peace

April 14, 2017: Native Peoples Parish

In Good Company – Fontbonne Ministries

We welcome you for a short presentation on providing support and care to the sick, suffering and to the homebound. This presentation will take place on March 26th, 2017 after the 10: 30 am Mass at St. Ann Parish hall. There will be a special Brunch will be served by the Handmaids of the Lord.

Donations accepted – All are Welcome.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: MARCH 12, 2017 CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF THE FAMILY

Mass Intentions (March 11 – March 17, 2017)

Saturday, March 11:

5:00 p.m.: + Aristoteles Galicia
Req. Galicia Family

Sunday, March 12:

6:00 p.m.: + Emilio Esperancilla Jr.
Req. Rose Pilande

Friday, March 17:

7:00 p.m.: + Joseph Fernandes
Req. Maria Fernandes

ShareLife

Living the Gospel by providing for vocations to the priesthood...“Living and studying at St. Augustine's can bring untold blessings into the lives of those entering ministry,” shares Matt McCarthy, a current Seminarian. Matt's interest in sports and his desire to enter the priesthood and minister to those in his community, gives him an opportunity to serve the Church in a unique way. Through ShareLife, you are helping to sustain vocations to the priesthood and inspire discernment for God's call. Last year ShareLife helped support 70 seminarians in their formation studies.

**Sunday April 2, 2017 is ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.**

Raise a Roof Jamaica 2017

From March 10th to March 21st, 2017 - a group of 18 local teens, joined by Fr. Wilson and 5 other adult project leaders, are going to Kingston, Jamaica to build houses for families in need. Please keep them in your prayers. Thank you for your continuous support towards this project and generous donations. During the absence of Fr. Wilson, Fr. Roshan D' Souza will be looking after the pastoral needs of the Parish.

The Year of the Family: March, 2017 *Praying for the Sick and Suffering*

During this year of the Family in the month of March, we would like to highlight the importance of the sacrament of Anointing and pray for Pray for those who are physically, emotionally and spiritually suffering.

March 4/5: Announcement for the celebration of the Month long events for those who are suffering – to pray and to visit the sick and suffering in the community.

March 12: Distribution of forms to those who would like to be visited by the priest or a minister.

March 19: The Feast of St. Joseph: Prayer for Healing – to learn more about the ministry of St. Bro. Andre. We will be distributing the Holy Oils at St. Ann Parish.

March 26: Presentation on **In Good Company:** After the 13: 30 am Mass, we invite you for a special presentation on visiting the suffering and a breakfast by the Handmaids of the Lord.

“When I was sick and you visited me” (Mt. 25:36)

Faith Formation Materials

During this Year of the Family we will begin a program for faith formation in the parish. There are materials available at the back of the church on different topics. You are most welcome to take the materials and read it with your family and friends. This month, we have 3 issues from *Catholic Update*.

1. **Your Daily Lenten Journey with Fulton Sheen.**
2. **Pope Francis and the Environment.**
3. **Spirituality of Marriage.**

The cost of material is \$0.50 each. We accept donations towards the purchase of more materials.

Pilgrimage to Czech Republic, Germany, Poland, Hungary and Croatia.

September 17 - October 2, 2017. Under Spiritual Guidance of Fr. Wilson Andrade, CSC. CA\$3,549 plus taxes. Travel arrangements by QS Travel & Tours Inc. Please see flyer at the information table for more details. or call Ms. Bier at 416-297-0694.



Come and See Weekend

The Office of Vocations invites single Catholic men 18 years and older, to attend a Come & See Weekend from **Friday, March 17** (Begins at 7 p.m.) to **Sunday March 19, 2017** at St. Augustine's Seminary. Please contact Fr. Wilson or the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Fish and Chips

St. Ann Parish is hosting Fish and Chips Fridays. Join us at the parish hall every **Friday of Lent until Friday, April 14**, from 5:30 p.m. onwards. Suggested price: \$5.00. Proceed go towards the new Sound System project.





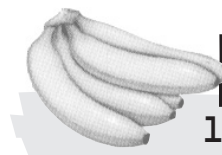
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