

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

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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

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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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: MARCH 19, 2017 CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF THE FAMILY

HOLY MASS, BLESSING AND IMPOSITION OF THE ASHES

“Return to me with all your heart... return to the Lord” (Joel 2:12, 13). The prophet Joel makes this plea to the people in the Lord’s name. No one should feel excluded: “Assemble the aged, gather the children, even infants at the breast, the bridegroom... and the bride” (v. 16). All the faithful people are summoned to come and worship their God, “for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love” (v. 13).

We too want to take up this appeal; we want to return to the merciful heart of the Father. In this season of grace that begins today, we once again turn our eyes to his mercy. Lent is a path: it leads to the triumph of mercy over all that would crush us or reduce us to something unworthy of our dignity as God’s children. Lent is the road leading from slavery to freedom, from suffering to joy, from death to life. The mark of the ashes with which we set out reminds us of our origin: we were taken from the earth, we are made of dust. True, yet we are dust in the loving hands of God, who has breathed his spirit of life upon each one of us, and still wants to do so. He wants to keep giving us that breath of life that saves us from every other type of breath: the stifling asphyxia brought on by our selfishness, the stifling asphyxia generated by petty ambition and silent indifference – an asphyxia that smothers the spirit, narrows our horizons and slows the beating of our hearts. The breath of God’s life saves us from this asphyxia that dampens our faith, cools our charity and strangles every hope. To experience Lent is to yearn for this breath of life that our Father unceasingly offers us amid the mire of our history.

The breath of God’s life sets us free from the asphyxia that so often we fail to notice, or become so used to that it seems normal, even when its effects are felt. We think it is normal because we have grown so accustomed to breathing air in which hope has dissipated, the air of glumness and resignation, the stifling air of panic and hostility.

Lent is the time for saying no. No to the spiritual asphyxia born of the pollution caused by indifference, by thinking that other people’s lives are not my concern, and by every attempt to trivialize life, especially the lives of those whose flesh is burdened by so much superficiality. Lent means saying no to the toxic pollution of empty and meaningless words, of harsh and hasty criticism, of simplistic analyses that fail to grasp the complexity of problems, especially the problems of those who suffer the most. Lent is the time to say no to the asphyxia of a prayer that soothes our conscience, of an almsgiving that leaves us self-satisfied, of a fasting that makes us feel good. Lent is the time to say no to the asphyxia born of relationships that exclude, that try to find God while avoiding the wounds of Christ present in the wounds of his brothers and sisters: in a word, all those forms of spirituality that reduce the faith to a ghetto culture, a culture of exclusion.

Lent is a time for remembering. It is the time to reflect and ask ourselves what we would be if God had closed his doors to us. What would we be without his mercy that never tires of forgiving us and always gives us the chance to begin anew? Lent is the time to ask ourselves where we would be without the help of so many people who in a thousand quiet ways have stretched out their hands and in very concrete ways given us hope and enabled us to make a new beginning?

Lent is the time to start breathing again. It is the time to open our hearts to the breath of the One capable of turning our dust into humanity. It is not the time to rend our garments before the evil all around us, but instead to make room in our life for all the good we are able to do. It is a time to set aside everything that isolates us, encloses us and paralyzes us. Lent is a time of compassion, when, with the Psalmist, we can say: “Restore to us the joy of your salvation, sustain in us a willing spirit”, so that by our lives we may declare your praise (cf. Ps 51:12.15), and our dust – by the power of your breath of life - may become a “dust of love”.

(HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS. Basilica of Santa Sabina. Wednesday, 1st March 2017)

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: MARCH 19, 2017
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Mass Intentions
(March 18 – March 24, 2017)

Saturday, March 18:

5:00 p.m.: + Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Rodrigues
Req. Maria Fernandes
: **Thanksgiving for Rosablanca Pilande**
Req. Rose Pilande

Sunday, March 19: *Feast of St. Joseph*

6:00 p.m.: + Vicente Montifar
Req. Montifar Family
: + Mr. & Mrs. Rigo and Sedanto
: + Manuel and Saturnino Rigo
Req. Dolly Tecson
: **Intentions of Isa & Leon**
Req. Mavic Galicia

ShareLife

Living the Gospel by providing for homeless youth...

On a given night, 6,000 people across Canada between 16 and 24 have nowhere to call home. This represents 20 per cent of the total homeless population. In Toronto, estimates of homeless youth range from 900 to 2,000 nightly. The ShareLife-supported Rights of Passage program at Covenant House have been active in making a positive difference in the lives of homeless youth on the streets of Toronto. In addition, the ShareLife funded Youth In Transition programs helps youth in foster care to transition to independent living.

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

Parish Spiritual Activities for Lent

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



Lenten Days of Confession

Sun., March 26th: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Fri., March 31st: 5 p.m. – 8p.m.
Sat., April 1st: 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Parish Reconciliation Service

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

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 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 10:30 am Mass, we invite you for a special presentation on visiting the suffering and a breakfast by the Handmaids of the Lord.

“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.

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.

Stations of the Cross schedule

Lenten Fridays Time: 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.
March 24, 2017: Parish Council
March 31, 2017: Holy Family Prayer
April 7, 2017: Development & Peace
April 14, 2017: Native Peoples Parish

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.





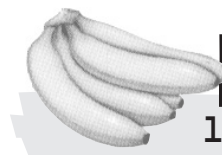
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