

# The Parish Community of St. Ann

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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**

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: MAY 3, 2015

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

## I am the True Vine

Reflections by Rev. Wilson Andrade

Today let us reflect on this beautiful Gospel where Jesus proclaims: "I am the True Vine," and invites each one of us to "remain in Him," so that together we can "bear much fruit." The Scriptures invite us to reflect on our relationship with God and the fruitfulness of our relationship in the Christian community.

**Vine:** *"I am the True Vine."* Jesus reminds us that God is the source of all energy in creation. He is the creator. In the Gospel of John we read about the famous "I am" statement of Jesus. This statement makes a reference to the Divine name "I am who I am" in Exodus 3:14. Jesus refers to himself as the True Vine, revealing his close relationship with the Father as the "vine grower." The Holy Spirit abides in the love between the Father and the Son. Here we can reflect on the Trinitarian relationship between the Father, the Son and the Spirit. What is my image of God, who is love?

**Branches:** *"I am the vine, you are the branches. Remain in me as I remain in you."* This statement brings to our awareness the unique relationship between God and the People of God. In nature we know of the amazing process where plants derive nutrients from the earth, from the stem to the branches to the leaves and flowers and fruit. This example from nature could help us in our inner spiritual relationship with God. We need to abide in God so that we become energized to carry out our daily tasks in life. This energy of love comes from God, is supposed to be mutual. God's love is not demanded or forced on others. Love is not possessing or being possessed by someone. It is a relationship to experience the depth of grace and God's energy with one another. How is my relationship with God?

**Fruit:** *"Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit."* Nature teaches us that any fruitfulness is a result of communal effort. It is not an individual endeavour, not the least attainable alone. We can also observe that without the flow of this energy within the vine the branches dry out. Love brings about life and fruitfulness. Our relationship with God could be witnessed in the way we live our daily life: in our behaviour, our words, our attitudes, and our actions. How can I bear much fruit in God?

As the healthy vine gives good fruits, a healthy community rooted in Christ will help to build authentic relationships expressed in love, forgiveness, joy and peace. St. John invites all of us: "let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." (1 John 3:18) The Acts of the Apostles gives an account of the First Church that grew in numbers led by the Holy Spirit and was at peace. (Acts. 9: 31) Even in the modern world, like the First Christians, we can bear much fruit if we remain in Christ, the true vine.

***How can we explain Trinity? The famous theologian of the third century Tertullian explains Trinitarian understanding of God as Father – Son – Holy Spirit in the examples of nature as: Sun – Ray – Illumination, or Root – Shoot – Fruit, or Spring – Stream – Channel.***

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### Mass Intentions (May 3 – May 9, 2015)

**Sunday May 3, 6:00 p.m.:** + Eva Zaprazala Patashnik req. **Frank McMahon**

**Saturday May 9, 5:00 p.m.:** Intentions of Bea Palanca req. **Mavic Galicia**

Thanksgiving for Ace and Carla Ignacio req. **Mavic Galicia**

### ShareLife – Fifth Sunday of Easter (Third ShareLife Sunday)

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**Today is the Third ShareLife Sunday.**

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

### Martyrs’ Shrine Pilgrimage

**Date:** Saturday August 8, 2015

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$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

### “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-pur 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

### Sacred Heart Novena: Feast Celebration

**Date:** June 12, 2015, Friday

**Where:** St. Ann Parish.

**6:00 p.m. to 6:45 pm:** Novena /Chaplet of the Sacred Heart

**6:45p.m. to 7:00 p.m.:** Benediction

**7:00 p.m.:** Memorial Mass (Followed by Fellowship in the Parish Hall). For more information please contact: Sister Prosy Labo at (416) 320-2782

Joy of the  
Gospel

### (Encyclical of Pope Francis)

We will take time to discuss and reflect on Pope Francis's Encyclical on **Tuesdays** July 07, 14, 21, 28, August 4 and 11, 2015 **from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

If you are interested please sign up in the sheet provided at the back of the Church or call the parish office.

### Our Family of Faith

Since 2007, Cardinal Collins along with the bishops, clergy and laity has come up with a Pastoral Plan for the Archdiocese of Toronto and its 225 parishes. This plan is called *Our Family of Faith*. This is a collaborative effort to strengthen our faith with the five priorities: parish life, youth and vocations, catholic outreach, evangelization, and building new churches. We will hear more about it in the coming months. You can also find more information on the website: [ourFamilyofFaith.ca](http://ourFamilyofFaith.ca). or [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org). St. Ann parish will participate in the campaign from April to July of this year.

### A Fundraising Dinner

The Holy Family Prayer Group is organizing a fundraising Dinner towards our St. Ann’s church renovations. There will be Door Prizes, DJ and Wine so join us for a fun evening of music and dance.

**Date:** Saturday May 23, 2015

**Venue:** St. Ann Parish Hall.

**Dinner:** 6:30p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are at \$20 and will be available for sale at the back of the church.

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