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OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday & 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sunday



Holy Eucharist



Daily Mass

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am

Friday (Adoration) 6:00 pm
(Holy Eucharist) 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

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF MERCY

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

Pastoral Staff	
Pastor	Fr. Wilson Andrade CSC
In Residence	Fr. Francis Noronha CSC Fr. Roshan D'Souza, CSC
Finance	Anne Francis
Pastoral Assistants	Maria Fernandes
Baptism	Fe Santos
RCIA	Rolly Cabas
Development & Peace	Catherine Barry
Food Bank	Carlos & Colette Carreiro
Music	Vengie Fabre
Custodian	Ed Keenan
Caretaker	Rosalie Tolentino
Cook	Cristina Acosta
Celebration of Sacraments	
Baptism: preparation required (please contact office)	
Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:15-4:45 p.m. or by appointment	
Matrimony (couples contact 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
6:00 pm: 1st Saturdays - Healing Service
6:00 - 8:00 pm: Holy Family Prayer Group
1st Wednesday: 7:00pm - GRIEF MINISTRY
Tuesdays: 1:00PM - SENIORS BINGO

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**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: NOVEMBER 13, 2016
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**Catholic 101: What Do Catholics Believe About the End Times?
By Rev. Larry Rice, CSP**

Occasionally I encounter someone who asks, with breathless suspicion, whether I think we're in the End Times. You can almost hear the capital letters when they speak the words. What they generally mean by the question is do I think that we're in a special period of history foretold by biblical prophesy, that supposedly precedes the return of Christ and the end of the world.

I usually explain that for Catholics, the "End Times" stretch from the Ascension of Christ until his return in glory. So, yes, these are the end times, they've always been the end times, and they're always going to be the end times. The Catholic understanding of the Scriptures is that what they call "prophesy" we call Apocalyptic literature. We don't believe that God has left us a series of secrets or a trail of breadcrumbs to follow to figure out the time of Christ's return. In fact, one of the hallmarks of Catholic Christianity is that we have no secrets. Everything that we believe is right out in the open for anyone to examine and consider.

I'm often astounded by people who base all of their religious belief on a supposedly literal interpretation of Scripture, and then ignore the words of Jesus in the Gospels, telling us plainly that the time of his return is not ours to know. In fact, Jesus says that even he doesn't know—that's for the Father alone to know. That being the case, what's the point of looking for hidden clues?

To my way of thinking, the more important question is: what difference does it make? I mean, I could be run over by a bus tomorrow, and for me, that's the End Time. The truth is, we all have limited time. So am I going to live my life differently because Christ could return to me tomorrow, or because I could return to him tomorrow? What's the difference?

There's no point in living in fear. As followers of Christ we have work to do—a mission he left us. Excessive worry about the time of his return is an unnecessary distraction. The Scriptures tell us to be alert and ready for Christ's return; not because we should be afraid, but because we should be working on the tasks he's given us.

November 6, 2016	Total
Offertory - Envelopes	\$655.00
Offertory - Loose	\$299.55
Total Offertory	\$954.55

Shepherds' Trust Collection
The Shepherds' Trust does more than just support our priests in their retirement years; it represents a very tangible gesture of thanks for the blessings we have received. The collection takes place **this weekend November 12/13** in all parishes in the Archdiocese. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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Mass Intentions

(November 11 – November 18, 2016)

Friday, November 11: *St. Martin of Tours*

7:00 p.m.: **Thanksgiving for Christine Fernandes**
Req. Maria Fernandes

Sunday, November 13:

6:00 p.m.: + **Cecilia Kosar & Frank Sehovic**
Req. Mary Sehovic & Family

Thanksgiving Jesus Toro

Req. Toro Young Family

Thursday, November 17: *St. Elizabeth of Hungary*

8:00 a.m.: + **Joseph Fernandes**

Req. Maria Fernandes

**50th Ordination Anniversary
of Fr. Frank Wagner**

On **Saturday, December 10** we will be joining Fr. Frank Wagner, CSC in celebrating his 50 years of ordination anniversary. You are most welcome to attend the mass here at St. Ann's and congratulate him on his anniversary. A formal reception will be held in the parish Hall after the 5:00 p.m. mass.



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Christmas Play

Sign-ups for the Christmas pageant have started at the Hall, after 10:30 a.m. mass. **Rehearsals begin next Sunday, November 20th** and will be every Sunday until Christmas Eve. For more information or to sign up, please email Nancy and Melody McMullan at melody.mcmullan@ryerson.ca

**Benefit Concert to End Abuse to
Women and Girls**

Enjoy live music with Enrico Galante and Friends, food and a silent auction, all for a good cause. On **Wednesday, November 23**, at Hugh's Room (2261 Dundas St. W.) starting at 6:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased at Hugh's Room for \$40 or \$45 at the door. Proceeds go to Catholic Family Services of Toronto's Women Abuse Programs. For more information call 416-531-6604

**The Source of Mercy: Special Event
for the Closing of the Year of Mercy**

On **Saturday, November 19**, St. Peter's Church (840 Bathurst St.) and the Sisters of Life will be hosting an event for the end of the Year of Mercy. It starts at 7:00 pm and includes a holy hour with testimonies of mercy, music by local musician Joe Zambon and a Eucharistic procession. Confessions will be available. Receive a jubilee indulgence at the temporary holy door, designated specially for this event. For more information, contact Sisters of Life at 416-463-2722 or email toronto@sistersoflife.org

November 26, 2016 - Parish Ministry Day.



St. Ann's Parish Ministry Day is back! Please join us on **Saturday, November 26** after the 5 p.m. mass, for a wonderful evening celebrating our Parish Ministries and Volunteers. Invitations will be handed out by Ministry Coordinators this week.

Holy Cross Youth Group Christmas Raffle

St. Ann Parish Youth has organized a Christmas Raffle to be drawn on Christmas day (after the 10:30 a.m. mass). There will be 10 prizes to be raffled and prize details can be found at the back of each ticket. Tickets are currently available at \$5 per ticket, with proceeds going to parish projects.



Christmas Craft & Bake Sale

Mary, Mother of God School warmly invites you to join their Christmas Sale at **St. Vincent de Paul Church Hall** (263 Roncesvalles Ave) On **Sunday, November 27, from 9:00 - 3:00**, come and savour yummy baked goods, lunch bar of delicious sandwiches and soup, sweets, and shop for one-of-a-kind Christmas gifts.

Humanitarian Relief - Haiti Emergency

The Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting financial contributions for humanitarian relief following the devastation caused by Hurricane Matthew in Haiti on October 4, 2016. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. We offer our prayers for the victims of this natural disaster and those who have been displaced. Thank you for your ongoing efforts to help those in crisis in Haiti.



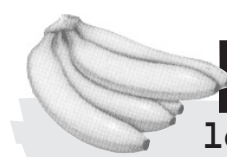
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