

# The Parish Community of St. Ann

## Served by the Holy Cross Fathers

120 First Ave. Toronto, ON M4M 1X1 (Corner Gerrard East & Degrassi St).

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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

**Pastor** Fr. Wilson Andrade CSC

**In Residence** Fr. Francis Noronha CSC

**Finance** Anne Francis

**Pastoral Assistents** Maria Fernandes

**RCIA** Rolly Cabas

**Development & Peace** Catherine Barry

**Food Bank** Carlos & Colette Carreiro

**Baptism** Fe Santos

**Music** Vengie Fabre

**Custodian** Ed Keenan

**Caretaker** Rosalie Tolentino

**Cook** 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**

6:00 pm: 1st Saturdays - **Healing Service**

6:00 - 8:00 pm: **Holy Family Prayer Group**

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

# THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: NOVEMBER 15, 2015

## Are we living in the “last days”?

Are we, as many Christians believe, living in the last days? In fact, the “last days” refers not only to the “end of time,” but to the last two thousand years. Scripture teaches that the Incarnation ushered in “the last days.” According to Hebrews 1:1-2, “God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.”

At Pentecost, Peter preached that “the last days” had arrived, in fulfillment of the words of the prophet Joel: “For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day; but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel: ‘And it shall be in the last days,’ God says, that I will pour forth my spirit on all mankind . . .” (Acts 2:15-17; cf. Joel 2:28-32).

“The last days” or “the end times,” properly understood, refers to the time of the New Covenant, the gathering together of God’s people in the Church, which is “on earth, the seed and the beginning of the kingdom” (*Catechisms: 567, 669; Lumen Gentium*). The Holy Spirit, the “soul of the Church,” has been and is being poured out, because of the redemptive work of Jesus Christ:

The Holy Spirit is at work with the Father and the Son from the beginning to the completion of the plan for our salvation. But in these “end times,” ushered in by the Son’s redeeming Incarnation, the Spirit is revealed and given, recognized and welcomed as a person. Now can this divine plan, accomplished in Christ, the firstborn and head of the new creation, be embodied in mankind by the outpouring of the Spirit: as the Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting (*Catechisms: 686*).

This understanding of the “last days” differs from that of those who believe in the Rapture. Catholics agree that there will definitely be an “end of time” and that history as we know it will one day be complete. But we also recognize that each of us will face the end of our time on earth, and that this should, in many ways, concern us more than the end of the world.

(see Carl E. Olson. “Are We Living in the Last Days?” *The Catholic Faith* 5, no. 6 (November/December 2001): 46-47. CCC 1007).

### Update Your Records - Parish Registration Form

If you or any member in your household changed address or contact information during this past year, let us know by filling out a Parish Registration Form. Please return it by no later than November 22, as it helps us keep updated records, ensuring the efficient delivery of parish services and tax receipts.

November 8, 2015	Total
Offertory - Envelops	\$ 868.00
Offertory - Loose	\$ 424.80
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,292.80</b>

### Thank you Fr. Valerian

We would like to thank Fr. Valerian Serrao, CSC for his service here at St. Ann Parish during the past 2 months. We wish him all success in his ministerial life as a Holy Cross missionary in India.

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## Mass Intentions

(November 14 – November 20, 2015)

**Saturday, Nov. 14:**

**5:00 p.m.:** + Eusebia Cabas

Req. Rolly Cabas

**Monday, Nov. 9:** *St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin*

**8:00 a.m.:** + Margaret Dillman

Req. Sisters of St. Joseph

+ Jasper & Vera- parents

Req. Sr. Mary Fatta

**Tuesday, Nov. 17:** *St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious.*

**8:00 a.m.:** + Margaret Dillman

Req. Sisters of St. Joseph

+ Victor Fatta

Req. Sr. Mary Fatta

**Wednesday, Nov. 18:** *Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin*

**8:00 a.m.:** + Maria Yansu

Req. Wang Zhu Mei

+ Ungaro & Fatta families

Req. Sr. Mary Fatta

**Thursday, Nov. 19:**

**8:00 a.m.:** + Joseph Li Bao Fu

Req. Mr. and Mrs. Chen

**Friday, Nov. 20:**

**7:00 p.m.:** + Maria Yansu

Req. Wang Zhu Mei

+ Joseph Power

Req. Desmond & Darlene Harte

## Project Hope

In response to the global refugee crisis, Cardinal Thomas Collins has launched "Project Hope," a special emergency appeal. Visit: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org) to make a donation to support the appeal, or call (416) 934-3411. You can also donate through our parish with a cheque made payable to NAME OF PARISH – PROJECT HOPE – REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP. We continue to pray for those suffering, mindful of our call to welcome the stranger in our midst. Those interested in assisting with volunteer committees should contact the Office for Refugees at (647) 780-0827.

## St. Ann's Resettlement Group

St Ann Parish is planning to help with the resettlement of a refugee family. We are currently looking for 10 volunteers interested in being part of St. Ann's Resettlement Group. If you would like to volunteer, please fill out the form keep at the back of the church and send it to the parish office as soon as possible.

## Shepherds' Trust Collection

**This Sunday** is the annual Shepherds' Trust collection. The Shepherds' Trust ensures our priests can live their retirement years with dignity. Every year, as a sign of appreciation and care for all their tireless service, parishioners from across the Archdiocese give to the Shepherds' Trust. We hope you will join in that effort. Your generosity is appreciated.

## Sacrament of Confirmation

St. Joseph Parish's preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation has begun. The Introduction and Registration meeting will take place at St. Joseph Church on Tuesday, **November 17 at 7:00 p.m.** There will be a fee of \$35.00 requested to cover the cost of resources: Confirmation gown rental and books. Preparation classes will be held at the church and a day of retreat will be set for April. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St. Joseph Parish on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. mass.

## 30th Bishops' Altar Servers Awards Ceremony

This past Saturday Nov. 7, 2015, 4 altar servers from St. Ann parish received the "Bishop's Altar Server Award for Service" from the Most Reverend Wayne Kirkpatrick, Auxiliary Bishop – Northern Pastoral Region of the Archdiocese of Toronto. We offer our sincere thanks and congratulations to the following altar servers: **Princess Nikita Layne-Austin, Kathy Teng Molina Lopez, Jasmine Tolentino and Lukas Piette**

## Holy Cross Youth Group Christmas Raffle

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

## Christmas Play

Sign-ups for the Christmas pageant will be held this weekend **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> until Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>** in the basement, after 10:30 mass. Rehearsals begin on the 29th 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](mailto:melody.mcmullan@ryerson.ca)

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