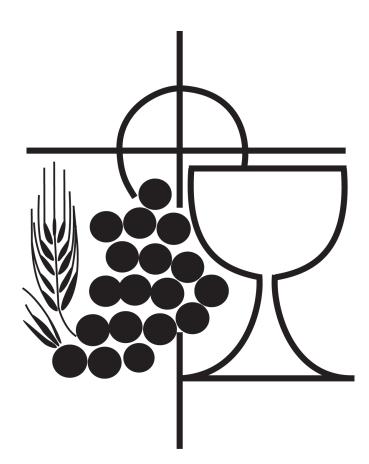
# The Parish Community of St. Ann

## Served by the Holy Cross Fathers

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On Thanksgiving, Give thanks to the Lord for His many Blessings

## **TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: OCTOBER 11, 2015**

## Happy Thanksgiving Day

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This week we celebrate Thanksgiving Day in Canada. Eucharist means "thanksgiving," and in the liturgy, we as a community express thanks at many levels. For example, in the *Gloria* we offer a song of praise that not only thanks God for taking away sin, but also adores God's own being.

The striking aspect of thanksgiving at the Mass is the constant, generous, mutual exchange between God and us during the *Liturgy of the Eucharist*. That generosity's first movement begins with God. We thank God for the gifts that we are able to offer to be consecrated. Without God's first having given us "the fruit of the earth," we could not offer back to God "the work of human hands," the elements of bread and wine.

When the celebrant lifts up the gifts, we lift up our hearts as gifts to God, too. We remember that to give thanks is both "right and just." After the *consecration*, we are thankful for the presence of Christ in the consecrated host—Christ who is gift. But that gift of the Body and Blood of Christ also makes us increasingly a gift to God, as what is consumed transforms us, and we become more and more Christ's body.

This back-and-forth exchange of gift from God to God, and back again, characterizes ordinary life as well. Everything that we have is a gift, whether material goods like fresh air, clean water, and healthy food; the gifts of family and friends; or natural talents that we might possess. We are asked to offer these gifts to God, wholly and without reserve, as in the *Suscipe:* "Take, Lord, and receive." When we make the offer of all that we have and are to God, we find that we are never left empty for long. Rather, God always makes a generous return, even offering the presence of God's self to us—sometimes in place of the other, more limited goods that we thought we desired but that do not truly satisfy.

Why is God so generous? In the eyes of God, we are cherished children. God desires to transform us, too, so that we who are already gifts to God can increasingly become people who are gift for one another. We can give thanks for God's many gifts to us and make a full return of them to God, knowing that God's generosity and cherishing of us never end.

- Source: <u>http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/</u> Prof. Marina McCoy from Boston College.

**Development and Peace:** Climate change is dramatically altering our planet. The poorest in the Global South are least to blame, yet are hit the hardest – but we are all affected. Please read Development and Peace's insert "**Create a Climate of Change**" to find more about what you can do to take action.

Bulletin Notices: If you would like to put any notices in our weekly bulletin, please send it to the office by Monday afternoon through our parish email stannparishtoronto@gmail.com	
October 4, 2015	Total
<b>Offertory- Envelopes</b>	\$ 1,292.75
Offertory - Loose	\$ 342.55
<b>Total Collection</b>	\$ 1,635.30

#### St. Ann's Parish Hall

For the next 40 days, St. Ann's Parish will be renting the Hall to Elections Canada. During this time, the hall will be restricted to only washroom access. Washrooms can be accessed through the south-eastern entrance to the hall (entrance closest to the parking lot). We appreciate your consideration and patience as we accommodate everyone.

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#### **Mass Intentions**

(October 10 – October 16, 2015) Sunday, Oct. 11 – 6:00 p.m.: Thanksgiving for Fei Shi req. Fei Shi Wednesday, Oct. 14 – 8:00 a.m.: Thanksgiving for Fei Shi req. Fei Shi Thursday, Oct. 15 – 8:00 a.m.: + Kathleen Avin req. Kathy and Rick Mitchell Saturday, Oct. 17 – 5:00 p.m. + Fee Otterson req. Claire Richard



All Soul's Day

We are call to remember and pray for all the people who have died in our family, our community and the world. Please consider lighting up a candle for your departed love ones on this day. We will have special candles for purchase at the back of the church that will be later place at the altar steps to commemorate All Soul's Day on November 1. Candles are \$5. Proceeds will support St. Ann Parish projects.

#### **RCIA October Schedule** Saturdays: 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

My journey of life October, 10: Catholic Bible October, 17: Catholic Church October, 24: Catholic Faith

#### Anointing of the Sick

Please call the parish office at 416-466-2127 if you have someone ill at home, hospital or in a nursing home so that we can minister to them.

#### **Project Hope**

In response to the global refugee crisis, Cardinal Thomas Collins has launched "Project Hope," a special emergency appeal. This 100-day campaign aims to raise \$3 million in order to settle 100 refugee families in the Archdiocese of Toronto as soon as possible. The effort will also require 100 volunteer committees to assist with settlement services. To make a donation to support the appeal, visit: www.archtoronto.org or call (416) 934-3411. We continue to pray for all 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.

#### Sacraments First Reconciliation and Holy Communion

Along with St. Joseph Parish, we have begun the preparation of Children for First Reconciliation. The meeting for Introduction and Registration will be held at St. Joseph Parish on **October 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** There is a fee of \$35.00 requested to help cover the cost of resources. Please bring a copy of your child's Baptism certificate when you come to the meeting. The preparation classes will be held on **Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at St. Joseph's school library. For more information, please call St. Joseph Parish office at (416) 466-7815.

#### **World Mission Sunday**

Next Sunday, **October 18, 2015** we celebrate the World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and supports many Catholic missionary works. It provides financial support for the daily needs of all missionaries, Please pray for the missions and be generous on World Mission Sunday.

## Mass Attendance Weekend

Please remember that the annual weekend Mass attendance count will be conducted at St. Ann's Parish and in all parishes and missions of the archdiocese next weekend **October 17/18 and October 24/25**. The purpose of the count is to help provide an accurate profile of Mass attendance in the archdiocese.

## **Aftercare for Bereaved Parishioners**

Following the death of a loved one, many people struggle in silence to resume anything resembling their former lives. St. Ann Parish recognizes these challenges and will be introducing an initiative of Aftercare for those who may be interested. You are most welcome to attend our next meeting to be held this **Wednesday, October 14, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00p.m.** For more information, please call Fr. Wilson Andrade at the parish office number (416) 466-2127.



