

# The Parish Community of St. Ann

## Served by the Holy Cross Fathers

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

RECTORY **Phone:** (416) 466-2127 **Fax:** (416) 778-6545 **Native Peoples' Parish:** (416) 463-2500

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**

# TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

## “Children - the greatest blessing of God” :- Pope Francis

Dear Brothers and Sisters: We continue our reflection on children, the greatest blessing which God has bestowed on man and woman. I wish to focus our attention on the suffering which many children are experiencing. From the first moments of their lives, some are rejected, abandoned, and robbed of their infancy and future. There are those who say it is a mistake to bring these children into the world, due to their fragility, and the hunger and poverty they suffer. But children are never a mistake, and their sufferings are only reasons for us to love them even more.

Every child who begs on the streets, who is denied an education or medical care, is a cry to God. Too often, these children become prey to criminals, who exploit them for commerce or violence. Even in wealthy countries, they suffer due to family crises and living conditions which are at times inhumane. In every case, their childhood is violated in body and soul. How did Jesus respond to the children and their parents who brought them to him: “*Let the children come to me... for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven*” (Mt 19:14). How beautiful the trust of these parents, and the response of Jesus! And there are many extraordinary parents who daily make sacrifices for their children.

The Church offers her maternal care to all children and their families, and she brings them the blessing of Jesus. May we always care for our children, not counting the cost, so that they may never believe themselves to be mistakes, but always know their infinite worth.

### Reflections of the Saints on the Virtue of Humility:

“If you long for the virtue of humility, you must not flee from the way of humiliation.”

– *St. Bernard*

“No one reaches the Kingdom of Heaven except by humility.” – *St. Augustine*

“As long as we are in this mortal life, nothing is more necessary for us than humility.”

– *St. Teresa of Avila*

“Holiness consists simply in doing God’s will, and being just what God wants us to be. Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love.”

- *St. Therese of the Child of Jesus*



**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](mailto:stannparishtoronto@gmail.com)

September 13, 2015	Total
Offertory- Envelopes	\$ 884.00
Offertory - Loose	\$ 317.80
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$1,201.80</b>

### St. Ann’s Parish Hall

For the next 60 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 throughout the coming months as we accommodate everyone.

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## Mass Intentions

(Sept. 20 – Sept. 26, 2015)

**Sunday, Sept. 20 – 6:00 p.m.:**  
+ **Kee Sau Yuan** req. Veronica Yuen

**Monday, Sept. 21 – 8:00 a.m.:**  
**Thanksgiving for the Jiang Family**  
Req. Yu Ming Jiang

**Sept. 22 & Sept. 24 – 8:00 a.m.:**  
**Thanksgiving for Fei Shi** req. Fei Shi

**Wednesday, Sept. 23 – 8:00 a.m.:**  
**Healing of Kevin** req. Ai Yun  
**Joseph Fernandes** req. Maria  
Fernandes

**Friday, Sept. 25 – 7:00 p.m.:**  
**Thanksgiving for the Jiang Family**  
Req. Yu Ming Jiang

**Saturday, Sept. 26 - 5:00 p.m.:**  
+ **Jack Stevens** req. Claire Richard

## 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](http://www.archtoronto.org) 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 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.

## Eucharistic Ministers, Readers and Choir Members

We are currently accepting volunteers for Eucharistic Ministers, Readers or Choir members. Should you be interested, please sign-up with your name, phone number and desired volunteer position on the sign-up sheet located at the back of the church.

## Special Mass Offered to End Woman Abuse

On **Thursday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m.** St. Timothy's Parish (21 Leith Hill Rd., Toronto) welcomes all to come and pray for the many women and families affected by abuse. Light refreshments will follow the Mass. For more information please contact Catholic Family Services of Toronto at **Phone:** 416-921-1163 **Email:** [info@cfstoronto.com](mailto:info@cfstoronto.com) **Web:** [www.cfstoronto.com](http://www.cfstoronto.com).

## Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

The process of becoming a member of the Catholic Church involves the actual practice of study, belonging, prayer and service. The formal process of RCIA starts in September. If you would like to find out more about becoming a Roman Catholic, contact Fr. Wilson after mass or call the office at 416-466-2127

## Laudato Si – On Care for Our Common Home

On **Thursdays, September 24 and October 1, 8 – 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** - St. Bonaventure Parish (1300 Leslie St., Don Mills) will offer a series of four workshops that explore the contents of Pope Francis' encyclical using the four permanent principles of Catholic Social Teaching: Dignity of Life, Common Good, Solidarity and Subsidiarity. Discussion will focus on practical steps toward what Pope Francis calls an "ecological conversion." **Contact:** Brenda Voisin **Phone:** 416-934-3400, ext. 523 **Web:** [www.archtoronto.org/discipleship](http://www.archtoronto.org/discipleship)

## 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.



Anointing of the sick.

## How to Study the Bible for Lay Catholics

On **September 23, 30, October 7, 14 – 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.**, St. John XXIII Parish (150 Gateway Blvd., Don Mills) will offer four sessions of reflective study to help increase understanding of the Bible. Sessions will introduce major New Testament themes, demonstrate Catholic approaches to Scripture study and invite participants to see its application to their lives. It is hoped that participants will be encouraged to make Scripture study a greater part of their prayer lives. **Contact:** Brenda Voisin **Phone:** 416-934-3400, ext. 523 **Web:** [www.archtoronto.org/discipleship](http://www.archtoronto.org/discipleship)

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