# 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)

Pastor	Fr. Wilson Andrade CSC
In Residence	Fr. Francis Noronha CSC
Finance	Anne Francis
Pastoral Assistents	Maria Fernandes
RCIA	Rolly Cabas
<b>Development &amp; Peace</b>	Catherine Barry
Food Bank	Carlos & Colette Carreiro
Bantism	Fe Santos

**Pastoral Staff** 

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Celebration of Sacraments			
Baptism: 4th Sundays at 2:30pm			
(Parents please contact office: preparation required)			

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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: SEPTEMBER 27, 2015**

# **Reflections on Laudato Si - A Call to embrace the Creation**

#### How can a Catholic integrate the pope's wisdom more fully into his or her prayer life?

"Christian spirituality proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little. It is a return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things in life..." — No. 222

Windley-Daoust who teaches at Saint Mary's University in Minnesota notes that "We're so busy. Do we enjoy 'our common home,' as the pope calls it? This can be as simple as to sit by a window and watch the sunset. Go on a walk in the woods. Look up, look at clouds if you have nothing else accessible to you! And remember that looking at a human being, seeing and appreciating the depth of that person, honors God's creation as well." Besides pointing us to the created world and to other people, Pope Francis emphasizes the important place of the sacraments in a spirituality that embraces creation. He calls them "a privileged way in which nature is taken up by God to become a means of mediating supernatural life." Water, oil and other created goods are "incorporated in our act of praise."

"It is in the Eucharist that all that has been created finds its greatest exaltation," he writes. "It is the living center of the universe, the overflowing core of love and of inexhaustible life. Joined to the incarnate Son, present in the Eucharist, the whole cosmos gives thanks to God. Indeed the Eucharist is itself an act of cosmic love... The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation" (No. 236).

**Growing in Prayer.** Pope Francis wants to awaken us to recognize God's goodness, manifest in the created world. To open our eyes to God's presence and grow deeper in prayer, we could:

- Take five minutes to notice something beautiful in the world
- Plant a seed and let it remind you to marvel at creation and God's providence
- Name five blessings before you go to sleep
- Pick a different country to pray for each day
- Create a space for silence

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- Leave a holy card as a reminder to see Christ in the people you meet
- Go on a prayer walk and silently thank God for everything that you see

**Question to Reflect...** In his opening words, Pope Francis calls the earth "a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us." How can we embrace the earth and protect the creation?

Source: https://www.osv.com/TodaysIssues/EncyclicalontheEnvironment/Article

<b>Bulletin Notices:</b> 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 <b>stannparishtoronto@gmail.com</b>	
September 20, 2015	Total
<b>Offertory- Envelopes</b>	\$ 886.00
Offertory - Loose	\$ 425.35
<b>Total Collection</b>	\$ 1,311.35

# St. Ann's Parish Hall

For the next 50 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. 26 – October 2, 2015)

Saturday, Sept. 26 - 5:00 p.m.: + Jack Stevens req. Anne Otterson

Sunday, Sept. 27 – 6:00 p.m.: Thanksgiving for Fei Shi req. Fei Shi

**Monday, Sept. 28 – 8:00 a.m.: Thanksgiving for the Jiang Family** Req. Yu Ming Jiang

Tuesday, Sept. 29 – 8:00 a.m.: Healing of Kevin req. Ai Yun

Thursday, Oct. 1 – 8:00 a.m.: Thanksgiving for Fei Shi req. Fei Shi

Friday, Oct. 2 – 7:00 p.m.: Healing of Kevin req. Ai Yun Thanksgiving for the Youth Group req. the Holy Cross Youth Group



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

### Anointing of the Sick

Please call the parish office at 416-466if you have someone ill at home, hospital 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. 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.

# St. Ann's Parish Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and St. Ann's Parish needs your support to help feed the hungry in our community. Please participate in our 2015 Thanksgiving Food Drive by donating non-perishable food and dropping off donations at the church's altar until Sunday, October 11. Support our Food Bank and help us to continue our mission of providing assistance and nutritious meals to those in need.

# Mass Attendance Weekend

As announced last year, Cardinal Collins is requesting that a weekend Mass attendance count be conducted annually in all parishes and missions of the archdiocese. This exercise will take place in the month of October, on the weekends of **October 17/1**: **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 first meeting to be held on **Wednesday, September 30, 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



