

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

September 8: The Feast of the Birth of Mother Mary

The Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary has been celebrated in the Church at least since the 8th Century. The Church’s calendar observes the birthdays of only two saints: Saint John the Baptist (June 24), and Mary, Mother of Jesus.

John the Baptist is considered especially sanctified even before his birth. His birth to Elizabeth and Zachariah is foretold in the first chapter of Luke, and it is also recorded (Lk 1:41) that Elizabeth felt the infant John “leap in her womb” when Mary approached her soon after the Annunciation.

The birth of Mary was also miraculous. She was conceived without sin as a special grace because God had selected her to become the mother of His Son (the feast of her Immaculate Conception is celebrated on December 8). The dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, though generally believed throughout the Church for many centuries, was formally declared by Pope Pius IX in 1854.

There is nothing contained in Scripture about the birth of Mary or her parentage, though Joseph’s lineage is given in the first chapter of the Gospel of Matthew. The names of Mary’s parents, Joachim and Anna, appear in the apocryphal “Gospel of James”, a book dating from the 2nd Century AD, not part of the authentic canon of Scripture. According to this account, Joachim and Anna were also beyond the years of child-bearing, but prayed and fasted that God would grant their desire for a child.

According to one tradition, the house in which Mary was born in Nazareth is the same one in which the Annunciation took place. By another tradition, the Annunciation site is beneath the Crusader church of Saint Anna in Jerusalem, under a 3rd Century oratory known as the “Gate of Mary”. St. Andrew of Crete in the beginning of the eight century preached several sermons on this feast.

In celebrating the nativity of Mary, Christians anticipate the Incarnation and birth of her Divine Son, and give honor to the mother of Our Lord and Savior.



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

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.

August 30, 2015	Total
Offertory- Envelopes	\$ 891.00
Offertory - Loose	\$ 227.30
Total Collection	\$ 1,118.30

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

Mass Intentions

(Sept. 6 – Sept. 12, 2015)

Sept. 8 Tues. + Virgilio Manaquil

Req. by Edel Sampang

Saturday, Sept. 12 - 5:00 p.m.:

+ Fee Otterson Req. Anne Otterson

World Day for Care of Creation

Pope Francis invited us to join our eastern rite brothers and sisters in observing September 1 as a day of pray for creation. The Global Catholic Climate movement asked us to extend our prayer and action until October 4, the feast of St. Francis. We have a short few years to save our planet from destruction by our toxic emissions. We invite you pray and choose leaders who care for our earth and the poor.



The Global Catholic
Climate Movement

Refugee Family Update

As you know our parish helped sponsor a refugee family from Iraq to come and settle in Canada. Batool and her 4 children have been in Canada 2 years now and are doing well. They have recently moved to Windsor where they will rent a house. They have relatives in the area, and will feel more comfortable there. The boys are working and one is in school, the two girls are also in school. Batool, the mother is well and learning English quickly. They want to express thanks to the Parish for sponsoring them to come to Canada.

Mustard Seed: Training for Friendly Visitors

The In Good Company ministry of Fontbonne Ministries, Sisters of St. Joseph, Toronto (791 Queen St. E., Toronto) will offer a training program for people who visit homebound or isolated individuals, on **Saturday, September 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** It deals with issues such as listening skills, boundaries, mental health, grief and loss, dealing with the elderly. For more information or to register: **phone:** 416-465-6069 **email:** infoingoodcompany@csj-to.ca (registration deadline is September 11 and pre-registration is required) **cost:** \$30 per person covers materials, refreshments and a light lunch.



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

Mix & Mingle (8th Annual)

Faith Connections and the Religious communities of Toronto (15 Laxton Ave., Toronto) invite all young adults (18-39, student, working professional, single, married, young parent) to evening prayers followed by a barbecue supper on **Sunday, September 20, at 4 p.m.** Come and hang out with other young adults, and meet with men and women religious and explore how their spiritualities can nourish your faith journey. **RSVP:** September 15 **email:** faithconnections@csj-to.ca

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 **Web:** www.cfstoronto.com.

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

The Children's liturgy Program

We welcome back those of you who have been away on holidays as we return to some of our church activities. The children programs which are held during the 10:30 am Mass will resume next Sunday, **September 13, 2015.**

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