



St. Ann Roman Catholic Parish

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Dear Parishioners of St. Ann Parish.

Welcome to our first edition of “Electronic Friday’s With Father”. It is my plan, during the length of this virus, to electronically send out a message and information each Friday. I hope this will help to keep you connected to St. Ann Parish and informed about the Church’s response and directives during this outbreak and to keep you informed of our Parish activities. Please feel free to share this with anyone you think may be interested.

The first piece of exciting news that I wish to share with you is the fact that our Daily and Sunday Masses are now available on YouTube. In this bulletin you will find the link to our new YouTube Channel and there you can join in the Mass each day from your own Parish Church. The link is also available on our Facebook Page. Many thanks to Kevin Dunn for his generosity and service to make this possible. If anyone would like to help sponsor the cost of providing this service, please contact the Parish Office (905-648-6874) for details.

Another piece of exciting news is the way our staff is pulling together in this time of crisis. Everyday at 11:30 a.m., our staff is gathering together to pray the Rosary. We invite you to join us in this petition to our blessed Lady. Sadly, we cannot gather together physically, but we can join together spiritually, uniting our prayer into one loud cry to Heaven for graces, blessings and Divine help. Also, this Tuesday is pew cleaning day. All our staff will come together to clean our pews: remove the gum from under the pews, disinfect and wash all the pews and then oil the pews to help preserve the wood. We have a great staff here at St. Ann. We are truly blessed.

The third piece of exciting news is that our renovations to the loft have been able to continue. Thanks to those who have given of their time and labour to complete this work. On Monday, the organ will be transferred to the loft. Watch our new YouTube Channel, we’ll be sure to post a small video of the move.

And the final piece of exciting news is, we have had returned to St. Ann Church, two large, beautiful statues that used to be in our church until the late 70’s or early 80’s. We found some old pictures in our archives showing the statues and miraculously, we found both of them and we were able to arrange for them to be returned to our parish. God bless those who have kept these statues safe all these years.

Wow! A whole page of good and exciting news in these times of struggle. God is good! Sadly, we have had to stop all public celebrations of the Eucharist and literally close and lock the doors of the church, but God’s love and mercy can never be locked out of our hearts. The Eucharist continues to be celebrated everyday, with all the Angels and Saints attending. Unite your hearts with the Hosts of Heaven, join us in prayer in your own homes and offer this time of trial for the salvation of the world. Fr. Greg, Seminarian Kevin and I continue to be available to assist you however we can. Give us a call or send us an email, we are only too happy to serve you. Praying for God’s continued protection for you and all you love. St. Ann, pray for us!

God bless,  
Very Rev. W.L. Lobsinger, E.V., P.P.

## Solemnity of the Annunciation:



This Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of our Lord. It recalls the Angel Gabriel's visit to Mary, asking her to be the Mother of God's Son and her Yes to God's Holy Will. We too are called to say Yes to God, even when we do not fully understand what is involved in that Yes. As we struggle with the affects of the COVID 19 virus, may we continue to say Yes to whatever God asks of us. This day is also the Principal Patronal Feast of our Diocese. Pray for our Diocese and our Bishop in a special way this day, asking our Lady of the Annunciation to watch over and protect all of us. It's also Bishop Ustrzycki's birthday.

### Weekly Donation to St. Ann Parish

With the cancelation of the Sunday Masses, St. Ann Parish has lost its source of income, since our only income is from the weekly collection that occurs at Mass. We urgently need you, our faithful parishioners, to continue to support St. Ann Parish. I realize that this is a time of significant insecurity, financially and in other ways, for many people, but if you are able to continue your contribution to St. Ann Parish, it would allow us to pay salaries and keep the building heated. Currently there are four methods to make your weekly donation to St. Ann Parish:



- ✚ Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) is a great way to provide your regular offering to our Parish. To register for EFT, call the Parish Office and we will email you the necessary forms.
- ✚ Drop off your weekly envelope by putting it through the mail slot in the Parish Office door.
- ✚ Post-dated cheques. Instead of coming every week, put several post-dated cheques into the same envelope.
- ✚ We have registered for "Canada Helps", an online service to help charities receive donations. This would allow you to donate to the parish without registering for EFT and remain in the safety of your home. Log onto [www.canadahelps.ca](http://www.canadahelps.ca) and search for St. Ann Parish, Ancaster. You can make a one-time donation or schedule a recurring donation. (*Canada Helps takes 3% of the donation as their service charge.*)

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of St. Ann Parish. Without you we cannot be the amazing parish that we are.

### New St. Ann Parish YouTube Channel



St. Ann Parish has begun a YouTube Channel. Here you will find a video of the Daily (Monday – Friday) and Sunday Mass from St. Ann Church. You can also access the Mass from our Facebook page. Thanks to Fr. Greg for setting this up and to Kevin Dunn for recording the Daily Mass. Donations to help cover the cost of this endeavor are greatly appreciated. Please call the Parish Office to enquire as to how to help. The link is: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiR7MKdwrp8gQcPm7EaCb0Q/featured>

### **Pope Francis' Prayer to Our Lady, Health of the Sick**

*O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.*

*We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.*

*At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,  
with steadfast faith.*

*You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.*

*We are certain that you will provide, so that,  
as you did at Cana of Galilee,*

*joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.*

*Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the Father's will  
and to do what Jesus tells us:*

*He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,  
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

*We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.*

*Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

- Pope Francis, March 2020



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**MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED AND TELEVISED FOR ALL THESE INTENTIONS.**

**Monday, March 23**

*St. Turibius*

7:30a.m. Stanley & Jennie Durkacz

**Tuesday, March 24**

7:30a.m. † Margaret Barr † Gabriella Antonucci

† Frank Szostak † Allegrina Bozzo

† Giovanni Sferrazza † Aleide Alexandre

Intentions of Charles Poelmann

**Wednesday, March 25** *The Annunciation of the Lord*

7:30a.m. Missa Pro Populo

**Thurs., March 26**

7:30a.m. Elizabeth Rodzoniak

**Friday, March 27**

7:30a.m. Olga & Saleem Gedeon

**Saturday, March 28 (CELEBRATED BUT NOT TELEVISED)**

X:00a.m. † Philomene Upendran

X:00p.m. † Lauren Montague † Emanuele Fazio

† Agustina Ravarra † Alberto Valende

† Sara Bonotti

**All Catholics are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further notice.**

**The Share Lent collection through Development and Peace has been cancelled for this year. Those wishing to make their donation directly may do so through the following link.**

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