



# St. Ann's Parish

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## Welcome and Registration

Welcome to all who worship with us today! May the Lord bless you! If you would like to register with our parish, please fill out a registration form. These can be found at the main entrances. We ask you to inform our office if you are moving out of the parish.

**Memorial Donations:** Please keep our love for the parish alive: When recommending expressions of sympathy, please remember St. Ann Parish.

## Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight – Michael Moss

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## St. Vincent de Paul

Please call the parish office for more information.

## Parish Schools

St. Ann's	905.523.2340
St. Joachim's	905.523.2341
Holy Name of Mary	905.523.2342
Immaculate Conception	905.523.2463
Bishop Tonnos Secondary	902.523.2331

## The Lord's Day Masses

Saturday 5:00p.m.; Sunday 9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

## Weekday Mass

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday—Friday 8:00 a.m.

## Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Saturday 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

## Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 8:30 a.m.—9:15 a.m.

## Parish Office Hours

Monday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

## Baptism

Please call the parish office. Six weeks notice is usually requested.

## Marriage

You are asked to call the parish office to make wedding arrangements at least six months in advance.

## Anointing of the Sick

Upon request. Please call the parish office.

## Catholic Funeral Rites

When a death occurs in your family, please call the parish office and we will assist you in making the necessary liturgical arrangements.

## Nativity of our Lord

### Mass Intentions Nativity of our Lord (December 25, 2022)

**Tuesday, December 27** *St. John*

7:00p.m. † Daniel Santoni

† Ed Novak

† Donna Hansen

Intentions of Theresa Sarabura

**Wednesday, December 28** *Holy Innocents*

8:00a.m. † Casimen Ziolkoski

**Thursday, December 29** *St. Thomas Becket*

8:00a.m. † Daniel Santoni

**Friday, December 30** *Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary & Joseph*

8:00a.m. Special Intention

**Saturday, December 31**

5:00p.m. Missa Pro Populo

**Sunday, January 1** *Solemnity of Mary,  
Mother of God*

9:00am Missa Pro Populo

11:00am Missa Pro Populo

### Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Week of the December 25, 2022

This week we especially pray for:

Monday ***Feast of the Holy Family***  
Tuesday Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I.  
Wednesday Congregation of the Sisters of St.  
Anne (s.s.a.)  
Thursday Rev. Nishil Varghese, C.M.I.  
Friday Rev. Peter Nwachukwu, O.C.D.  
Saturday Very Rev. Cornelius O'Mahony, E.V.  
God, the source of creation and love, You invite each  
of us to serve You through the life which is your gift.  
May Your grace encourage men and women to  
heights of holiness through service to the Church as  
priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me  
an instrument to encourage others to give themselves  
and challenge me to do the same. Amen

### CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS:

December 24 - January 2 Closed

\*Regular office hours begin again January 3, 2022



From the desk of:

**FR. PETER TUYEN  
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Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Ann Parish:

At this special and sacred time of the year, I wish to extend to you and your loved ones my Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year.

I love Christmas! No, not Christmas shopping! The pressure of shopping, the expense of gifts and food, and the expectations of the season can make Christmas an extremely stressful time. If we look around us, Christmas is becoming a mere public holiday. For many, Christmas is celebrated by decorating their homes, setting up Christmas trees, attending plays or concerts and parties, gift giving and visits.

We, my friends, are blessed. We know the truth: That truly Christmas is far deeper than Santa Claus and decorations, Christmas trees and the exchanging of gifts. At Christmas, we celebrate the coming of God's most Precious Gift! "The Word became flesh and lived among us." God humbled Himself to become man – to become one of us – to share His Father's love with us and to show us how to live, to offer us eternal life by paying the price for our sins. This Gift was freely given, and like any gift, it has to be received, but unlike other gifts, there is no coercion to receive it. It is totally up to us if we receive it or not.

In 2010, I was invited to visit a remote village reserved only for lepers in South Vietnam. A young doctor gave us a tour around the village, visiting many different people. Some were seriously damaged by leprosy; some were without ears; others had lost their fingers, their toes ... And as we stopped to visit them, this doctor held their hands, asking them how they were and if they already took their medication for the day. This young doctor had been serving these lepers for a few years. He was married to a young lady whose parents were lepers, and they still live happily in that same village and continue to serve the lepers.

After the tour, a Catholic nun who also served these lepers asked me to visit the Catholic lepers who wished to see a priest. I hesitated for a long moment, but I went. Some wanted their confessions heard; others wanted a blessing ... And again, as we visited them, the Sister held their hands, touching them to express her compassion for them. I could not bring myself to touch them. Instead, I placed my hand on their heads, touching their hair, reassured that I would not be in contact with their skin.

The doctor and the Sister were living examples of the true meaning of Christmas: They humbled themselves to live with the lepers, to serve them and to show God's love for them. And now, throughout the Covid pandemic, there

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have been many doctors, nurses and volunteers who have given us a glimpse of God's love through their sacrificial service.

Christmas reminds us that Love stepped into the messiness of life through Jesus. That first Christmas, God became one of us. For thirty-three years, He lived among us. He still walks among us, living among us through those who show sacrificial love. He holds the children. He touches the people, the sick, the dying. He eats with sinners. He has compassion for the hungry and feeds them. He is Immanuel: God with us. Our world and we ourselves are in desperate need to discover the real meaning of TRUE UNCONDITIONAL LOVE.

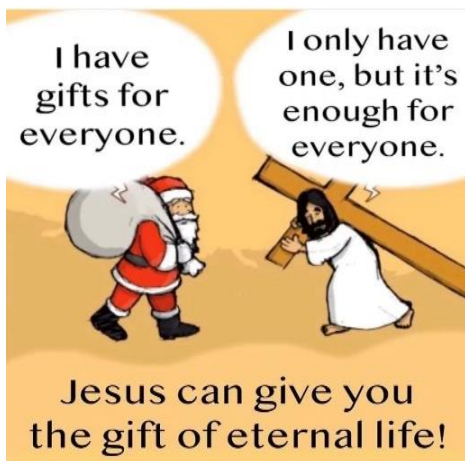
Let our Christmas prayer be for our focus to shift from "the world's definition of Christmas" to one where we open our hearts to desire to receive God's greatest gift: The gift of TRUE LOVE, the gift of Jesus.

May we desire and receive God's love! And with His love, may we recognize Christ in each other, reaching out to those around us, especially those who are difficult to love. For Christ came to earth for all of us! And only Christ, who is LOVE INCARNATE, can transform us into being genuinely loving to others. But Mary and Joseph can show us how to receive Him more fully. And in doing this, we can truly be His hands and His feet, His arms outstretched to the lonely and forgotten.

On behalf of Father Ed and the staff of St. Ann Parish, I wish you and yours a Holy and Happy Christmas! May the Christ Child bless you and keep you safe. I pray that the divine love of the Holy Family serves as an inspiration to us all throughout the year 2023.

A Blessed Christmas and the Happiest of New Years!

Yours in Christ,  
Father Peter



BISHOP OF HAMILTON



Christmas 2022

*"Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."*

Luke, Chapter 2

Dear Friends,

Christmas is a time of familiarity. We sing familiar songs, share familiar greetings, we pray and gather and celebrate in all those ways to which we are accustomed. Yet does this familiarity numb us to the awe-inspiring reality of the Lord's Nativity? Look into the Christmas crèche: what do we see here? The King of the Universe - lying helpless in a manger. The Lord God Almighty - wrapped in swaddling clothes. The Eternal Word - an infant, unable even to speak!

The Creator of Heaven and Earth is held in the arms of one he has created, and upon opening his eyes *looks up at his mother* - and so looks up at each of us. God so loves us that *he comes to us*, he lowers himself for us, he refuses to be distanced from us and so becomes one of us - taking on the frailty of the human form, yet losing nothing of the greatness of his Divine power.

May we never grow tired of discovering anew these jarring truths, which turn upside-down our expectations of power, greatness, kingship, and so much else. May we renew with fervour our adoration of the God who has become a child, who for love of each one of us has inserted his very self into our human story. This is the blessing of Christmas - may it fill our hearts during these holy days!

*May God, who by the Incarnation brought together the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you with the gift of his peace and favor and make you sharers with the Church in heaven!*

(From the solemn blessing of  
Midnight Mass)

Merry Christmas!

+*Douglas Crosby*, OMI

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI Bishop of Hamilton.