



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

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St. Vincent de Paul

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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.

Second Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

Second Sunday of Lent
(March 5, 2023)

Tuesday, March 7 *Sts. Perpetua and Felicity*

7:00p.m. † Peter Reilly

† Maria Cipriano

† Frances Longo

† Benidicto Ngo Tran

† Eun Shin

Private Intention

Intentions of Chrystlin, Ryon & baby Mira

Wednesday, March 8 *St. John of God*

8:00a.m. † Annette Fournier

Thursday, March 9 *St. Francis of Rome*

8:00a.m. † Eleanor & Luigi Friscolanti

† Marjan Pavich

Friday, March 10

8:00a.m. † Rita Black

Intentions of Kevin John & Kristina Um

Saturday, March 11

5:00p.m. † Victor Marasco

† Melina Ciccarelli

† Lily & C.J. Joseph

† Nicola, Maria, & Joe Bianco

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Week of the March 5, 2023

This week we especially pray for:

Monday Rev. Michael Downey

Tuesday Rev. Pawel Jamroz

Wednesday Disabled Persons

Thursday Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot

Friday Rev. Pablito Labado

Saturday Rev. Duy Van Nguyen

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday evening of Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 7pm.

EVENINGS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY

The next "Evenings with His Excellency" will be on Friday March 10 at 7:30pm at St Ann's Parish. We encourage all to join us for these wonderful evenings of reflection and discussion.

THE LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is a worldwide Catholic association of volunteers that has been in Canada since 1932. Legionaries strive to bring people "To Jesus, Through Mary" by meeting regularly to pray as well as through apostolic work assigned by our Parish Priest.

If you are interested or for more information, please call Julia Mastrangelo at 289 489 9487.

ST. ANN PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

"To sing is to pray twice". – St. Augustine

Children are welcome to join the children's choir! What a beautiful way to pray the mass and foster a love for music. The children's choir will practice at 10:00 AM and sing at the 11:00 AM service once a month. If you are interested in having your child participate, please fill out the online registration form at

<https://forms.gle/6bTf7ExjQw1N7C568>

ST. ANN'S MEN'S SATURDAY MORNING PROGRAMS

We very are very pleased to running a men's program this winter after a couple year hiatus. The program we have chosen for our winter session is from Father Dave Pivonka's Wild Goose Ministry called "Metanoia."

Metanoia means conversion, but it is much more than that. It means to change, to repent, to turn, to think differently. Metanoia is an ongoing process. As Christians we are to live a life of metanoia. This program will run every Saturday morning up to and including April 1st. The sessions are held here at St. Ann's in the Parish Hall. The doors open at 7AM with coffee and a light breakfast. The session starts a promptly at 7:15AM and ends at 8:30AM. The program is free for anyone who wants to attend. Come this weekend and bring a friend! For more information on the program follow the link below. Info:

<https://wildgoose.tv/programs/collection-dyy7fbd6cie>

Men's Program: Metanoia

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March 5, 2023

SPECIAL INVITATION BY FR. PETER

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Ann Parish:

We have begun the season of Lent. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and continues until Holy Thursday afternoon when we begin the great Triduum. During Lent, we are called to reflect on how we live, and we renew our relationship with others and with God through prayer, fasting and works of charity.

I invite you to come to St. Ann Church, Tuesday evening March 7 2023 @ 6:15 p.m. to spend time in a Holy Hour praying for the victims of sexual abuse.

“Lord, forgive us our many sins.

We grieve and repent with all our hearts
for having offended You,
for our great failings and neglect
of the young and vulnerable.

We place all of those who have been hurt
by the Church in any way
into Your loving hands

and under the protection of Our Blessed Mother.

Lord, bring peace to their broken lives
and show us all the way out of darkness
and into the light of your Word.

May we as the people of God be more fully human, more fully Christ-like and more fully Your people, that we may see the errors of the past and go forward with renewed hope and faith in Christ and in our Church. Amen.”

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Today is the second Sunday of Lent. Through his transfiguration, Christ reveals to us the glory that would be ours in future if we remain faithful and triumph. Through this, he encourages us to be strong and courageous in our journey this season of Lent.

In the first reading, God made a promise to Abraham and blessed him: *“I will make you a great nation...I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you.”* What is the condition for these blessings to be fulfilled? Abraham had to effectively respond to God’s call and command: *“Leave your country... for the land I will show you...”* In other words, his part of the covenant was to obey God’s command by accepting his difficult mission.

Most times, we are very fast to claim Abraham’s blessings and glory. This is good. However, it is important to note that the necessary condition for claiming this blessing is, obedience to God’s will and response to his call and mission for us.

This is not easy. At times, it demands that one must leave behind something very important. It may demand one to do something extraordinary. In short, response to the call must make you *“leave”* your comfort zone. This is the

condition for receiving Abraham’s blessing. It for those who remain steadfast to God’s will and obey his commands.

In the second reading, Paul encourages us to: *“bear the hardship for the sake of the good news.”* It is the grace of God that sustains us to respond fully to our call. This grace which existed *“before the beginning of time and of creation”* was revealed by the appearing of Jesus Christ. In other words, we must look up to this ancient grace which is Christ himself, who by his death and resurrection has guaranteed our future glory.

Today’s gospel is on the Transfiguration of Christ. Through it, Christ reveals himself and his future glory to us. Most importantly, with the transfiguration, Christ reveals one of the constants of human life to us. There is no life without death, neither joy without pain, nor regeneration without destruction. All, take place at the same time. Hence, his future glory is for those who have washed themselves pure in the blood of the Lamb. It is for those who have *“suffered”* for the sake of the good news (Rev 12:11).

Peter’s amazement and statement: *“Lord it is wonderful for us to be here...”* is interesting. However, he was wrong, and was only being human. No, it was not yet time to rest, or enter the fullness of this glory. *“A luta continua, vitória é certa”* (The struggle continues and victory is certain through Christ). The transfiguration drama is meant to remind us that, if we work hard and remain faithful to God’s call and command, we shall be among the triumphant church. This glory is only a glimpse of the future glory of our final destination.

So, in order to share in Christ’s glory, we must first walk with him to Calvary. Also, if we want to share in the blessings and glory of Abraham, first, we must be ready to *“leave something”* behind (Gen 12). If we want a double portion of Elijah’s anointing and spirit, first, we must contend with, and overcome the Jezebel and Ahab of our time (I Kg 19). If we want the prophetic power and glory of Moses, first, we must struggle against, and overcome the Pharaoh of this earthly kingdom (Ex 6: 13).

The glory revealed today should serve as the *“activation energy”* that motivates us to continue walking towards our final destination. The journey is not yet over, and truly, not an easy one. However, Christ is with us. So, He encourages and tells us: *“Do not be afraid!”*

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St. Ann, Pray For Us