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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 - Dan Marranca dannymarranca@gmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul

Collection held first Sunday of the month.

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

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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 8:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m. Friday 8:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

<u>Baptism</u>

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.

Mass Intentions

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 28, 2024

Tuesday, January 30th

7:00 p.m. **†** Wanda Pawlikowski

Intentions of Kevin & Mary Dunn Intentions of Brian & Lynne Smith

† Eduard Josef Erl † Bill Pomeroy

Wednesday, January 31st

8:00 a.m. † Miki Laza

† Manuel F. Seixeiro

Thursday, February 1st

8:00 a.m. † Michael Lawlor Sr.

Friday, February 2nd

8:00 a.m. Intentions of the Hong Family

Intentions of the Choi Family

Saturday, February 3rd

5:00 p.m. **†** Terry Mazer

† Primo Canto

† Antonio & Palma Tancredi † Emilia & Pietro Tancredi † Rosa & Giuseppe Marchesano

† Alex Camillo

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Week of January 28, 2024 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week we especially pray for:

Monday Rev. Michael Bennett Tuesday Rev. James Curtin

Wednesday Hospitaller Order of St. John of

God (O.H.)

Thursday Rev. Ralph Diodati

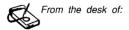
Friday The Presentation of the Lord

World Day for Consecrated Life

Saturday Rev. David Lewis

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

St. Ann, Pray for Us



FR. PETER NGUYEN

Dear Friends and Parishioners of St. Ann,

In the midst of the constant barrage of negative and distressing news through television, the internet, and newspapers, it becomes increasingly important to seek out and highlight stories of goodness and compassion. As the pastor of St. Ann, I've had the privilege of witnessing numerous acts of kindness from our parishioners. I consistently find great joy in hearing heartwarming narratives of these compassionate deeds. If you have experienced or witnessed such uplifting moments, I warmly encourage you to share your short stories with us by emailing me pnguyen@hamiltondiocese.com.

We eagerly anticipate learning about instances that have lifted your spirits. With your permission, we would like to share these uplifting stories with our fellow parishioners. Please be assured that your name will remain confidential unless you specify otherwise. Together, let us amplify the good news through our personal experiences and by bearing witness to the positive deeds of others.

Dear Parishioners,

I am overwhelmed with gratitude and joy as I extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you who responded to our recent appeal for office volunteers. Your willingness to step forward and offer your time and talents is truly heartwarming. Your response has exceeded our expectations, and we are blessed to have such a supportive and engaged community. Your dedication to the well-being of our parish is inspiring, and I am confident that, together, we will accomplish great things. The enthusiasm and sense of community you have demonstrated reinforce the strength of our parish family. While we can only accommodate a limited number of volunteers at the moment, please know that your willingness to serve does not go unnoticed. Your support makes a significant difference in the life of our parish.

I want to extend a special thank you to the two wonderful ladies who have graciously accepted the invitation to volunteer in the parish office. Your dedication and generosity exemplify the sense of community that makes our parish special. Thank you,

once again, to everyone who expressed their willingness to help. St. Ann! Pray for us.

In gratitude, Fr. Peter

5 CATHOLIC PRACTICES TO NOURISH YOUR FAITH IN 2024

In the ongoing pursuit of spiritual growth and a deeper connection with the sacred in our daily lives, exploring new avenues to strengthen your Catholic faith can be truly transformative. Here are five practices that may rejuvenate your faith journey in 2024.

- 1. Turn Your Gaze to Mary: On January 1, Pope Francis urged believers to entrust the new year to the Virgin Mary, emphasizing that she guides us to Jesus, who embodies the fullness of time. Engaging in the prayer of the rosary, a powerful means of seeking Mary's intercession, provides spiritual protection and guidance in our relationship with God. At St. Ann, we invite you to spend meaningful time with Mary at our illuminated grotto.
- 2. **Learn about a Saint:** Delve into the biographies of saints through books available in numerous Catholic online stores. Explore their lives through documentaries or movies like "Heaven Can't Wait" and "Padre Pio." Participate in prayers and devotions dedicated to saints, gaining insights into their remarkable contributions to the Catholic faith.
- 3. **Study the Bible and Catholic Documents:**Dedicate time to studying and meditating on Scripture and papal documents. Daily reading of the Bible, particularly the four Gospels, allows for reflection on teachings applicable to daily life. The Catechism of the Catholic Church serves as a concise summary of the faith, offering insights into important Catholic topics. *Join our upcoming fiveweek study on the Gospel of Mark led by Fr. Peter, Fr. Ed, and David during Lent.*
- 4. Immerse Yourself in Good Reading: Explore spiritually enriching books such as "The Way" by St. Josemaría Escrivá de Balaguer, "Confessions" by St. Augustine, "The Spiritual Exercises" by St. Ignatius of Loyola, and "The Imitation of Christ" by Thomas à Kempis. *Our parish hall features a*

- library of books available for borrowing, providing a valuable resource for your spiritual journey.
- 5. **Spend Quality Time with Jesus:** Prioritize spending time before the Blessed Sacrament for genuine encounters with the real presence of Jesus Christ. This act of adoration and respect towards the divine presence is a sacred moment for prayer, expressing gratitude, praise, and worship. Regular prayer before the Blessed Sacrament fosters spiritual growth, offering moments of reflection, contemplation, and intimate connection with the divine. *Join us in the coming days at St. Ann, where the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Marian Chapel (details will follow in the bulletin) for a powerful and meaningful time of intercession.*

Fr. Peter

THE WOMEN'S GROUP FAITH GROUP

Attention women of St Ann parish. Please join us for a 7 week Lenten study entitled The Mysteries of the Rosary beginning Tuesday, February 6th and ending Tuesday, March 19th at 7:30 pm after week day mass. The program features a 30 minute video on the sorrowful mysteries followed by approximately 30 minutes of discussion. There is no fee for the program but we will take a collection at the end so we can send a donation to the ministry that provided the program. Bring a pen, a journal and an open heart and hope to see you in the parish centre on Tuesday, February 6th at 7:30 pm. If you have questions please contact us at stannwomenoffaith@gmail.com

SUITABLE & AFFORDABLE RENTAL



Reliable family of 3 seeking suitable and affordable rental on the mountain to accommodate proximity to school. If you can help, please contact Margaret D'Arcey at 905 648 1019.