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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

St. Ann's Parish

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<u>The Lord's Day Masses</u> Saturday 5:00p.m.; Sunday 9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Weekday Mass

Tuesday7:00 p.m.Wednesday—Friday8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Tuesday6:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.Saturday4:00 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

Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024

Tuesday, April 30th

7:00 p.m. Intentions of Andrea Antolich
† Elmo George Nunziato
† Almira Macperson

Wednesday, May 1st

8:00 a.m. **†** Jamie Blank **†** Wilton Suarez

Thursday, May 2nd

8:00 a.m. **†** George Lenio **†** Edward Schoniker **†** Rita Schoniker **†** Barbara Barlow

Friday, May 3rd

8:00 a.m. **†** Olga & Salim Gedeon Intentions of Rose Volpini-Hand

Saturday, May 4th

5:00 p.m. **†** Joseph Scime **†** Eleanor Agnello

Diocesan Prayer Calendar World Day of Prayer for Vocations Week of April 28, 2024

This week we especially pray for:MondayRev. Guillermo DiazTuesdayRev. Paul EdmondstoneWednesdayInternational Worker's DayThursdayRev. Duy Van NguyenFridayRev. Grzegorz OgorzalekSaturdayGrandparents & the Elderly

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 Gardeners

As spring graces us with its fresh air and radiant sunshine, from the windows of the rectory, I've observed our devoted gardeners beginning their seasonal duties in the parish garden. The sight of our church property is truly inviting to our faith community, and I'm deeply thankful, as I'm sure you all are.

At this time, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Our Team of Gardeners, who diligently maintain the beauty of our Parish Garden: Ruthann and Terrie Campbell, Myles and Margaret D'Arcey, Colin and Deanne Day, Cathy and Fred Stutz, Mike and Jane Reilly, and James Vallentin. Additionally, several parishioners have expressed their willingness to assist our current team.

Witnessing their tireless efforts in the sweltering heat is awe-inspiring. Despite the sweat pouring down their brows, their smiles radiate as though they were amidst God's heavenly garden.

Every Saturday morning, James and Myles diligently mow the lawn, ensuring its pristine condition for weddings and weekend gatherings.

Numerous parishioners have remarked on the beauty of our garden, while passersby pause to admire its splendor, often offering heartfelt compliments.

While our volunteers labor tirelessly, I am the fortunate recipient of their accolades. It brings me immense joy to relay their praises to all of you.

Thanks to our volunteers, both inside and out, the Church of St. Ann exudes warmth and hospitality. We deeply appreciate their unwavering commitment and dedication!

An Act of Kindness by a Parishioner

For over 2 years, I have had problems walking due to hip arthritis. Most of the time, I need a cane or walker to get around. I have noticed that most people I encounter offer to help. Of course, my fellow parishioners are leaders in this group of helpers. But even perfect strangers from the general public go out of their way to assist. It gives me hope that when a need arises, most will help.

Kevin Dwyer, St. Ann's parishioner

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Pre-Authorized Givings

Dear Friends & Parishioners of St. Ann's Parish:

Our Parish is a thriving community with almost 200 members who volunteer their time and talents for the benefit of all of us. Through God's blessing we all enjoy all of the fruits of those efforts.

Many parishioners already use direct banking in order to support the Parish financially. It is an easy way to provide such givings and this process also reduces the time and expenses relating to manual collections at Mass. It also provides a higher degree of financial certainty when the Parish is managing its expenses.

The Finance Committee is now appealing to other members of our Parish to consider using direct banking as well. In fact we have received comments from some parishioners who already use this method that this appeal should go out to all.

Should you be interested in contributing in this manner, Donna at the Parish office can assist you. She can be reached at 905-648-6874. Rest assured that these contributions can be tailored to your personal circumstances and there is always the flexibility to adjust or pause such payments as may be needed.

The financial support of all of us is an essential foundation to our ability to continue to serve God and each other through the good works of our Parish. Thank you for considering this request. May God

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - 2024

We wish to extend our congratulations to the St. Joachim's school students who are receiving the Eucharist for the first time on April 27th at St. Ann's Church. Their participation at the table of the Lord is a sign that they are growing up in their spiritual lives as well as physically. This is, indeed, a happy occasion for our parish community and for these children who share in the Eucharist for the first time.

We want to extend an open invitation to parents to bring these children to Mass regularly so that they can receive the Eucharist often. May God bless our First Communicants and all those entrusted with their spiritual growth and development. Special thanks to all who worked so hard in preparing our children for this sacrament. We would like to invite Parishioners to a "Get Together" on the weekend of May 18 & 19th, after all the Masses. Come to the Parish Centre and get to know one another. Hosted by the Apostola Group.

THANKS

We want to thank the Bishop Tonnos CSS in collaboration with our Catholic School Council, and St. Ann Parish, for their participation in our Home-School-Parish mass on April 21st. Special thanks to the staff and students of Bishop Tonnos who lead various parts of the mass last Sunday.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2024

Catholic Education Week 2024 begins on Sunday, May 5, 2024. The Catholic schools in our parish will be celebrating the gift of publicly funded Catholic education. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have made a significant contribution to the fabric of our society. The current generation of students will serve with the same spirit and generosity as previous generations. You are most welcome to visit your local Catholic school and attend the various Catholic celebrations. This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "We are called to love." The theme for Catholic Education Week 2024 was inspired by the following considerations: • With joyful anticipation of the Jubilee Year of 2025, we are inspired by Pope Francis announcing the theme of "Pilgrims of Hope." With open hearts of love, we can continue to "fan the flame of hope" for a bright future. • On the fifth anniversary of Renewing the Promise, we celebrate that Catholic Education is centred on our Christian call to love. This love permeates how we live in the world and as we act with love, we build a better future. • The theme of the synod, "Enlarge the Space of Your Tent," invites us to listen in love, to be a healing presence to one another and to strengthen relationships. • In his visit to Canada last summer, Pope Francis gave us hope for our continued work for Truth and Reconciliation. Through prayer and a commitment to love, stronger bonds are forming and a new way forward is emerging. The Catholic Education Week biblical quote is, "If we love one another, God lives in us." (1 John 4:12)

