



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.

Prayer Network — 905-648-3341

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Knights of Columbus

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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

The Lord's Day Masses

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

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.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 10, 2025

Tuesday, August 12th

7:00 p.m. Intentions of Fred & Cathy Stutz
† Vyvyan Reilly
† Lina Belfiore

Wednesday, August 13th

8:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory
† Domenic Musitano
† Gerry Rich

Thursday, August 14th

8:00 a.m. † Isabelita Andraneda
† Vyvyan Reilly
† Joan & Linus McKenny

Friday, August 15th

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Stella Um
Intentions of John Stones &
Sabrina Pinto Da Costa

Saturday, August 16th

5:00 p.m. Intentions of Stewart & Basia MacLean
† Stan & Maria Filice
† Francesco, Maria & Natale Gallo
† Josh Macri
† Socorro Camus
† Giuseppe Carofano

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Week of August 10, 2025

This week we especially pray for:

Monday	Rev. Ken Miskiewicz
Tuesday	Very Rev. Ian Duffy
Wednesday	Legionaries of Christ, L.C.
Thursday	Rev. John Iyekowa, O.S.A.
Friday	<i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Saturday	Rev. Paul Panaretos, S.J.

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 married couples, priests, consecrated virgins, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give of themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.

St. Ann, Pray For Us!



From the desk of:

DAVID DAYLER

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

During the month of August we celebrate and honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary and so, as we begin this month, I thought we might reflect on this beautiful devotion and the place it holds in our Catholic lives. The Immaculate Heart of Mary holds a profound and cherished place in Catholic theology and devotion. This spiritual symbol, which reflects the interior life, love, and virtues of the Virgin Mary, especially her maternal compassion and sorrow for the sufferings of Christ and humanity, serves as a powerful focus for prayer, contemplation, and imitation among the faithful. Rooted in both Scripture and centuries of tradition, devotion to the Immaculate Heart is not merely a sentimental exercise—it embodies deep theological truths and offers Catholics a model of perfect discipleship and love.

Scriptural and Theological Foundations

The roots of the Immaculate Heart devotion can be traced to the Gospel of Luke, where it is said that Mary "kept all these things, pondering them in her heart" (Luke 2:19). Later, during the prophecy of Simeon, she is told that "a sword will pierce your own soul too" (Luke 2:35), foretelling the immense suffering she would endure as the mother of Christ. These verses form the biblical basis for understanding Mary's heart not only as the seat of her emotions but as the core of her total, faithful response to God's will.

Theologically, the Immaculate Heart is intimately connected with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. While Christ's heart reveals divine love incarnate, Mary's heart represents human love, purified and perfectly aligned with God's will. Together, they reflect the unity of love and suffering in the redemptive mission of Christ and His Mother.

Historical Development and Devotion

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart gained significant prominence in the Church from the 17th century onward, particularly through the work of saints like St. John Eudes, who helped to establish formal feasts and devotions to both the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts. The devotion grew exponentially after the apparitions of the Virgin Mary at Fatima in 1917, where Mary

explicitly called for the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart and the practice of the First Saturdays' devotion.

Pope Pius XII, in his 1942 consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart, affirmed the central role of this devotion in fostering peace and drawing souls closer to Christ. He later instituted the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, celebrated on the Saturday following the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Spiritual and Pastoral Significance

For Catholics, the Immaculate Heart of Mary is more than a symbol; it is a call to transformation. It invites the faithful to cultivate purity of heart, humility, and unwavering trust in God. Mary's heart, filled with grace and free from sin, becomes a mirror of what every Christian is called to become through sanctifying grace and a life of virtue.

The Immaculate Heart also represents Mary's maternal intercession. Catholics believe that Mary, as the Mother of the Church, continually intercedes for humanity, offering prayers, comfort, and guidance. Through devotion to her heart, believers entrust themselves to her loving care and ask for her help in drawing nearer to her Son.

The Call to Consecration and Reparation

One of the most powerful aspects of this devotion is the call to consecrate oneself to the Immaculate Heart. This act of spiritual entrustment is a way of aligning one's life with the virtues of Mary—purity, obedience, love, and faithfulness. Consecration signifies a complete giving of oneself to God through Mary, trusting in her guidance on the path of holiness.

Additionally, devotion to the Immaculate Heart involves acts of reparation for the sins committed against God and Mary. Through prayer, penance, and the offering of sacrifices, Catholics respond to Mary's call for repentance and the conversion of sinners—a theme consistently emphasized in her apparitions.

Conclusion

The Immaculate Heart of Mary stands as a beacon of love, purity, and maternal care within the Catholic Church. It embodies the ideal Christian response to God's call—one of total surrender, interior reflection, and deep compassion. By venerating Mary's heart, as Catholics we do not worship her, but we honour the woman who perfectly cooperated with God's redemptive plan and continues to lead others to Christ. In a world often marked by division, suffering, and

moral confusion, devotion to the Immaculate Heart remains a timeless source of hope, peace, and spiritual renewal.

— David Dayler —



From the desk of:

**FR. PETER T.
NGUYEN**

ST. ANN'S PRAYER NETWORK

You Are Not Alone in Prayer

Did you know St. Ann's has a devoted Prayer Network?

If you—or someone you love—needs prayers for healing, peace, strength, or a special intention, we are here for you.

To request prayers, please contact Lynn at:

jamantval@hotmail.com

Please provide only a first name and last initial.

Examples:

- Healing for Lynn V.
- In memory of John S.
- Special intention for Mary S.

Our Prayer Network is made up of parishioners who quietly and faithfully pray for these intentions—both individually and as a group.

Would you like to be part of this gentle ministry of compassion and prayer?

To learn more or to join, contact:

Lynn Vallentin at 905-648-3341 or

jamantval@hotmail.com.

With heartfelt thanks to Lynn and all Prayer Network members for their prayerful dedication to our parish family. St. Ann, pray for us.

— Fr. Peter —

ST. ANN'S YOUTH GROUP CALL FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

📢 We're bringing back our St. Ann's Youth Group
— and you're invited to the kickoff event!

📍 WHERE: St. Ann's Parish Hall, Ancaster

📅 WHEN: Sat., August 23rd @ 6:00 p.m.
(right after Mass!) Pizza & Hangout Night!

👥 WHO: All students going into Grades 9–12

Questions? Contact saintannhsyg@gmail.com