**Lenten Schedule**

**Ash Wednesday (February 14)**

Morning Mass – 8:00 a.m.

Evening Mass – 7:00 p.m.

**Fridays in Lent**

6:00 p.m. - Adoration

6:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

**Mass Intentions**

**(February 2 – February 9, 2018)**

**Friday, February 2:** 7:00 p.m. Mass

**+** **Purita Masongsong** *Req. Fe Santos*

**+ Alexander Tuballa** *Req. Isidra Tinguha*

**Thanksgiving Mass** *Req. Isidra Tinguha*

**Saturday, February 3:** 5:00 p.m. Mass

**Intentions of Lidia Grima** *Req. Agnes Caruana*



**Canada Summer Jobs Program – Reach Out to Your Member of Parliament**

The federal government has introduced new requirements for employers applying for the Canada Summer Jobs grant. Many Catholic organizations throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto and many other faiths involved in charitable activity at soup kitchens, shelters, refugee welcome centres or summer camps are impacted by this decision. For more information and to find a template letter to send to your MP and the minister responsible for this portfolio, please take a moment to visit ww.archtoronto.org/summerjobs

**Fish and Chips**

St. Ann Parish will host Fish and Chips Fridays during Lent. Join us at the parish hall every **Friday of Lent until Friday, March 30**,

from 5:30 p.m. onwards. Suggested price: $5.00. Proceed go towards the new Heating System project.



**TAX Receipts for 2017**

Please do pick up your 2017 TAX Receipts at the Main Entrance of the Church. These are from your donations made to St. Ann parish only. Donations made to Family of Faith campaign are mailed directly to you. If you have any questions with the Tax Receipts please call the office or email us.

Envelopes for 2018 are available at the back of the church. If you are a new parishioner and would like to register for a box of envelopes, please drop by our table at the back of the church so we can assign you an envelope number.

**Marriage Sunday**

The [Celebration of Marriage Mass](https://www.archtoronto.org/marriage/Pages/Celebration-of-Marriage-Mass.aspx) will take place at Blessed Trinity Parish on Sunday, **February 11, 2018** at 3 p.m. Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB will preside over this special Mass where couples celebrating their milestone 25th, 40th, 50th and 60+ wedding anniversary will be honoured. Registration for milestone couples runs through February 6, 2018. Please visit: https://www.archtoronto.org/marriage



**Valentine’s Day Dinner and Dance**

The Youth of St. Ann Parish will be hosting a Valentine’s Day dinner and dance at St. Ann Parish hall next **Saturday,** **February 10 at 6:30 pm**. Tickets are available for sale at $20 per ticket. We will have music,

dance, bingo and fun games. Proceeds will go towards the new heating system project.

**Year of Ministry – February 2018**

During the month of February, please keep in your prayers and support our **Couples’ Ministry and Vocation Promotion**. Thank you for supporting with your time and talents by effectively ministering at St. Ann parish and Native Peoples’ Mission. May God bless you with love and joy.

**Seminar on** **the Joy of Love:**

***Amoris Laetitia***

The Holy Family Prayer group is hosting a seminar on Pope Francis’ latest letter: ***The Joy of love Amoris Laetitia***. This is a special invitation for couples and families to register for the Sessions to be held on the **fourth Saturday of the month after the 5 p.m. Mass**

**Dates**: February 24,

March 24 and

April 28

**Time**: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**Place**: Parish Hall

For more information please contact St. Ann Parish office staff or call 416 466 2127



**St. Ann’s Resettlement Committee Meeting - Sunday February 18th**

(at 11:45am in the church rectory after mass at 10:30am)

Good news! In late November, our family attended their first immigration interview with Canadian officials and it went well.  If all goes as planned, our family will be arriving in Canada in September 2018 and we need to get ready!  New committee members are welcome to attend this meeting.

If you have any questions please contact Theresa at 416-700-3358 or theresaspohn@gmail.com

**Five Ways We Can Make a Difference**

After much prayer and reflection, we come to know that we had to be humble and work on surrendering and conforming to Christ before we could make a positive difference in the lives of others. Here are five simple ways we have learned to make a difference in our lives and the lives of those around us:

1. ***Knowing what is necessary for spiritual growth.***We will not grow in our faith without daily prayer. We have to make prayer time a priority and stop making excuses. “The first rule for prayer, the most important first step, is not about how to do it, but to just do it; not to perfect and complete it but to begin it. Once the car is moving, it’s easy to steer it in the right direction, but it’s much harder to start it up when it’s stalled. And prayer is stalled in our world.” (Dr. Peter Kreeft, from the essay *Time*)
2. ***Remember we are called to lead lives of holiness.***As unpopular and out of step with our modern culture as this may be, we are all called to become saints. “The call to holiness is rooted in baptism and proposed anew in the other sacraments, principally in the Eucharist. Since Christians are reclothed in Christ Jesus and re­freshed by his spirit, they are ‘holy.’ They therefore have the ability to manifest this holiness and the responsibility to bear witness to it in all that they do. The Apostle Paul never tires of admonishing all Christians to live ‘as is fitting among saints’ (Ephesians 5:3).”  (John Paul II, *Christifideles Laici*, Apostolic Exhortation, 16)
3. ***Live as a Catholic; speak as a Catholic.***We can’t be cafeteria or cultural Catholics. We are called to live authentic Catholic lives and be true to our beautiful faith. “To acknowledge God before all is to be a living witness to his life and to his words. We want to fulfill our daily tasks, to carry out everything we do, according to the doctrine of Jesus Christ, and we should be disposed to make our faith transparent in every one of our family and professional obligations. Let us stop and think for a moment of our work, of our colleagues, of our friendships: are we seen as people whose lives are totally consistent with our faith?”  (Francis Fernandez, *In Conversation with God*, Vol. 1, p.44)
4. ***We can’t serve God AND the world****.* We can’t have it both ways. There is no way to pursue a life of holiness and worry about chasing illusory pleasures and the things of this world that don’t matter. We can’t serve God and the world at the same time.
5. ***Be a light for Christ to others.***One of the most profound ways to affect others is to radiate joy and let people see Christ at work in us. Our personal example can be the catalyst that helps lead someone into the Church. “Do everything without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine like lights in the world, as you hold on to the word of life, so that my boast for the day of Christ may be that I did not run in vain or labor in vain” (Philippians 2:14–16).

***http://www.integratedcatholiclife.org/2013/02/randy-hain-five-ways-catholics-can-make-a-difference/***

**Development and Peace Coffee Sundays**

Please note that for the month of February only, the sale of fair trade products will take place on the 2nd Sunday of the month **(February, 11)**.

“Peace will be lasting in the measure that we arm our children with the weapons of dialogue, that we teach them to fight the good fight of encounter and negotiation.” – Pope Francis