

# St. Joseph Parish

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**Pastor:** Fr. Roshan Loy D'Souza, CSC  
**Secretary/Bookkeeper:** Nerie Bernal  
**Custodian:** Allan Cobham

## OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 9:30am to 12:00noon  
Wednesday & Friday: 9:00am to 3:00pm

## PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Servers, Children's Liturgy  
Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers  
Fund Raising and Social Committee  
Girl Guides

**Music Ministry:** Megan Montifar, Gail and Maarten Bomers, Daniel Mehdizadeh & Eric Fahn

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** 416-546-4044

## St. Joseph Catholic School :

**Principal:** Anne Marie Cassin  
**Phone:** 416-393-5209

**The Knights of Columbus:** [www.kofc9079.com](http://www.kofc9079.com)

## MASS TIMES:

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday & Thursday	9:00 am
Wednesday & Friday	7:00 pm
Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am

## CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS

**FOR SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION AND MARRIAGE** please contact the parish to begin the process of preparation.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday before the vigil Mass

## MINISTRY TO AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please advise us if you have someone ill at home, hospital or in a nursing home so that we can minister to them.

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*From the  
Pastor's  
Desk*



**LENT: "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem" (Mt 20:18)**

**Lent: a Time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love .**

Jesus revealed to his disciples the deepest meaning of his mission when he told them of his passion, death and resurrection, in fulfilment of the Father's will. He then called the disciples to share in this mission for the salvation of the world.

In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who "humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (Phil 2:8). During this season of conversion, let us renew our faith, draw from the "living water" of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ. At the Easter vigil, we will renew our baptismal promises and experience rebirth as new men and women by the working of the Holy Spirit. This Lenten journey, like the entire pilgrimage of the Christian life, is even now illumined by the light of the resurrection, which inspires the thoughts, attitudes and decisions of the followers of Christ.

Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus (cf. Mt 6:1-18), enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (fasting), concern and loving care for the poor (almsgiving), and childlike dialogue with the Father (prayer) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity.

In this Lenten season, accepting and living the truth revealed in Christ means, first of all, opening our hearts to God's word, which the Church passes on from generation to generation. This truth is not an abstract concept reserved for a chosen intelligent few. Instead, it is a message that all of us can receive and understand thanks to the wisdom of a heart open to the grandeur of God, who loves us even before we are aware of it. Christ himself is this truth. By taking on our humanity, even to its very limits, he has made himself the way – demanding, yet open to all – that leads to the fullness of life.

*In these times of trouble*, when everything seems fragile and uncertain, it may appear challenging to speak of hope. Yet Lent is precisely the season of hope, when we turn back to God who patiently continues to care for his creation which we have often mistreated (cf. *Laudato Si'*, 32-33; 43-44).

God Bless. Stay safe and healthy.

## Statement from Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto (March 12, 2021 )

Earlier this week, a diverse group of faith leaders had the opportunity to meet virtually with Premier Ford, Minister Elliott and Dr. Williams to discuss our concerns. I wish to extend my profound gratitude to the provincial government for sharing generously of their time and for the healthy dialogue that was exchanged. I know that many Members of Provincial Parliament also advocated for a just and equitable approach for places of worship, on behalf of their constituents, and I thank them as well.

As Catholics, the source and summit of our spiritual life is participation in the Eucharist. The faithful have not been able to experience this reality since December 2020 in Toronto and Peel. In light of today's announcement, I have asked churches in these areas to begin to offer public Masses as soon as they are able to implement our Worship Safe health and safety protocols, as early as March 15, 2021 and no later than Thursday, March 18, 2021. Please contact your local parish for more details regarding their plans.

I do wish to stress that the Grey (Lockdown) Zones are still very much in areas where positive cases of COVID-19 are highest in the province. We must continue to take the necessary steps, out of love for neighbour, to protect one another.

We will continue to safely and thoughtfully support those who need us most during this period of pandemic, as we continue to pray for those who are sick, those who have died and those who continue to care for them.



### REMEMBERING ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, THROUGH A BEQUEST

Having a properly made will is one of the best gifts anyone can leave their loved ones in the event of their passing. It also ensures that charities and causes closest to their hearts will be sustained. By putting the parish in their will, parishioners can help the Church faithfully carry out the pastoral mission entrusted to her by our Lord, for generations to come.

For more information, please call the Parish office of St. Joseph's : 416 466 7815 or 416 518 0276

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**St. Joseph Parish Finance Council:**

Parish Finance Council assists the pastor in the administration of parish temporal matters. In active, well-formed Parish Finance Council is a key element for promoting the financial health of a parish, assuring accountability and assisting the pastor with his temporal responsibilities. If you wish to be part of Parish Finance Council, Kindly submit your name to the parish office.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Adoration on of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday of the month at 6:30 pm followed by the Eucharistic celebration.

**Holy Communion & Anointing of the sick & homebound:**

If you wish to have communion brought to you, please contact the parish office.

**The Week Ahead:**

Mar 23: Memorial: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Mar 25: Annunciation of the Lord



**WEEKEND COLLECTION:**

**March 13-14, 2021**

**Total Amount: \$ 405.00**

Since all our fundraising events can't be held due to pandemic, kindly increase your donations towards our Building Fund. Kindly contribute through Pre Authorize Giving. Forms are available in the foyer.



**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:**

There will be no Children's Liturgy of the Word Program at the 10:00 am mass due to Pandemic.



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**† MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, March 21**

**10:00 am For the of Emmanuel Costa**

Req. Alfredo Costa

**In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph & St. Bro. Andrei**

Req. Maria Costa

**Monday, March 22**

**9:00 am No mass**

**Tuesday, March 23**

**9:00 am † Rosa Costa**

Req. Alfredo Costa

**Thanksgiving Mass for the Gift of Life**

Req. Jose Aragon

**Wednesday March 24**

**7:00 pm † Helena Sousa**

Req. Delfina Sousa

**Thursday, March 24**

**9:00 am † Jaime Sousa**

Req. Delfina Sousa

**Friday, March 26**

**7:00 pm † Beatriz Sousa**

Req. Delfina Sousa

**Saturday, March 27**

**5:00 pm For the Intentions of**

**St. Joseph Parish Community**

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