

# St. Joseph Parish

*Established in 1878*

*Served by the Holy Cross Fathers*



**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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**HAPPY  
EASTER**

Easter Sunday, of course, is the most important day for us in the year. It is the celebration of the rising of Jesus from the dead. It is the beginning of a whole new way of looking at life and we, as Christians, look upon life no longer through our eyes, but

through the eyes of the One who broke through the terror of death and into a new way of being.

Easter teaches us two important lessons for life. The first one, of course, is that God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, and His Son so loved his Father and the world that he suffered such a grievous and terrible ordeal as he passed through death into new life.

And we must remember that nowhere in the world can we say of God that He is short of love. For Jesus, on the cross, at the moment when his whole world collapsed, when everything that he believed in and trusted seemed to fall about his ears, when he said to his Father, "Father, why have you forsaken me?" as that happened, he turned to the screaming mob in front of him and he said, "Father, forgive them."

This is when he becomes our Messiah, not when he does all the wonders, all the healing, all the things that he said, the beautiful things that he has said. It only comes when everything is taken away from him and he is on the edges of despair, and he turns to his Father and says, "I do this for you. I have only one request: that you hold back your arm of justice and, from now on, only forgiveness."

And that's the first great lesson of today, because he is asking us to do the same thing. If we are followers of Jesus, we must hold back justice and offer forgiveness. And, in this way, the world turns around. It is no longer eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth, what is right and what is wrong. There is only love, forgiveness, caring. And this is how we enter into the new life, following in the footsteps of Jesus, our Lord.

On the other hand, he passes through death not alone but with us, every last one of us. He passes through death and gives us a share in the new life that he himself now lives.

Let us live the lives of "Resurrection people": Easter gives us the joyful message that we are a "Resurrection people." This means that we are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits, dangerous addictions, despair, discouragement, or doubts. Instead, we are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the living Presence of the Risen Lord in all the events of our lives and amid the boredom, suffering, pain, and tensions of our day-to-day life.

We need to live aware of the presence of the Risen Lord with us. Our awareness of the all-pervading presence of the Risen Lord in and around us, and the strong conviction of our own coming resurrection, help us to control our thoughts, desires, words and behavior. This salutary thought inspires us to honor our bodies, keeping them holy, pure, and free from evil habits and addictions. Our conviction about the presence of the Risen Lord in our neighbors and in all those with whom we come into contact should encourage us to respect them, and to render them loving, humble and selfless service.

We need to radiate the Risen Lord all around us: We are called to be transparent Christians, showing others through our lives the love, mercy, compassion, and the spirit of self-sacrificing service lived by the Risen Jesus dwelling in our hearts. We need to share in the power of the Risen Lord: Let us recall that, each time we try to practice Christian charity, mercy and forgiveness and each time we fight against temptations, we share in the Resurrection of Jesus. **May the Risen Lord Bless you.** :Fr. Roshan D'Souza



**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 Church : 416 466 7815 or 416 518 0276**

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on 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.

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**St. Joseph Parish ministries:** Altar Servers, Children's Liturgy, Collection Counters, Communion to the Sick, Eucharistic Ministries, Finance Council, Fundraising Committee, Girl Guides, Hospitality, Knights of Columbus, Lectors, Liturgical Planners, Music Ministry, Parish Council, Prayer Group, Refugee Sponsor, Sacristans, Seniors Group, Social Justice, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Youth Group, Ushers/Usherettes .

If you wish to be part of any of these, please call the parish office.



**WEEKEND COLLECTION:**

March 27-28, 2021

Total Amount: \$ 882.00

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.

**Thank you for your constant support and generous contribution. A special thanks to our volunteers for your dedication during these unprecedented times.**



**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, April 04**

10:00 am † Mary Stewart

Req. Irene Waterson

**For the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Req. Alfredo Costa

**Monday, April 05**

9:00 am **No mass**

**Tuesday, April 06**

9:00 am † **For the Souls in Purgatory & Deceased members of**

**Foss Family**

Req. Foss Family

**For the Family Intentions**

Req. Alfred Costa

**Wednesday April 07**

7:00 pm † **Idalina & †Agostino Oliviera**

Req. Domingo Oliviera

**Thursday, April 08**

9:00 am **For the Souls in Purgatory**

Req. Alfredo Costa

**Friday, April 09**

7:00 pm **Weekday Mass**

**Saturday, April 10**

7:00 pm **For the Intentions of**

**St. Joseph Parish Community**

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