

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

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*



EASTER JOY

The joy of Easter is a greater, deeper joy than the transitory happy moments of this life. Just like the Apostles, we cannot have our Easter joy without the remembrance of Christ's words after he washed their feet, "For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you" (John 13:15).

While this was the institution of the priesthood, it also was a call to all of us who are baptized to participate in the sacrifice of Christ. Our sacrifices, which we have practiced for all of Lent, are to help us offer ourselves alongside Christ. Being Christian means being like Christ and giving of our whole selves to the will of God and to the sufferings he calls us to. The mortifications of Lent strengthen us to weather the challenges of our daily lives during Lent, Eastertide, after Pentecost, Advent, Christmastide—the whole year through, year after year.

We cannot expect to enter into Eastertide with a blissful forgetfulness of suffering. We cannot have Easter without bearing our own crosses, "For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison" (2 Cor. 4:17).

In the First Exercise on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ in The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, St. Ignatius examines three reasons why Jesus appeared to the Apostles after the Resurrection, and compares them to the interior visits we have from Christ in prayer. The situation of the Apostles at that time is similar to ours in that they still had to live out the life God had called them.

First of all, Jesus appeared to them to strengthen their faith. Faith is a theological and infused virtue—we cannot have it without God's help, yet, we all need it to live our lives according to his will. He wants us to live our lives well, so if we ask it of him, he will give it to us. He makes us aware of his presence in prayer and when we are mindful of him to strengthen our faith.

Jesus was also preparing his apostles for the long separation from him. They had the joy of seeing him, walking with him, knowing him in person. They were preparing to have him present to them differently. And their memory of his consolation would sustain them the rest of their lives.

Finally, Jesus wanted them to be aware of the sacrifices that he was going to ask of them. The pursuit of holiness requires many sacrifices, and the coming of Easter does not remove that fact. We are all called to offer our lives as completely as Christ did. The offering, though, is unique to each of us. No offering is the same, but he asks that each be complete. Even after the Resurrection, the Apostles knew that they, too, had to make an offering of themselves to God's will. We too, have to combine the joy and the hope of the Resurrection with the knowledge that our Christian lives are to be an offering.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS APRIL 25, 2021

The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly recognize vocations in all its forms. "It's the joy of simplicity, the joy experienced daily by those who care for what truly matters: faithful closeness to God and to our neighbor. How good it would be if the same atmosphere, simple and radiant, sober and hopeful, were to pervade our seminaries, religious houses and presbyteries! I pray that you will experience this same joy, dear brothers and sisters who have generously made God the dream of your lives, serving him in your brothers and sisters through a fidelity that is a powerful testimony in an age of ephemeral choices and emotions that bring no lasting joy.

May Saint Joseph, protector of vocations, accompany you with his fatherly heart!"

-Pope Francis, World Day of Prayer for Vocations, 2021



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: 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.

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:

April 3-4, 2021

Total Amount: \$ 1439.55

Since all our fundraising events can't be held due to pandemic,

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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.

† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 11

10:00 am † Maria Alcina Lopez

† Maria Magdalena

Req. Alfredo Costa

† Nicolas Manzanero

Req. Myrna Montifar

Thanksgiving to the Divine Mercy

Req. Divine Mercy Group of

St. Joseph

Monday, April 12

9:00 am No mass

Tuesday, April 13

9:00 am For Spiritual Needs of Rai Hoffbauer

Req. Rai Hoffbauer

Wednesday April 14

7:00 pm † for the unborn

Req. Toni Muise &

Marilyn Roberts

Thursday, April 15

9:00 am Thanks & Praise to the Sacred

Heart of Jesus

Req. Hoffbauer Family

Friday, April 16

7:00 pm Thanksgiving to the

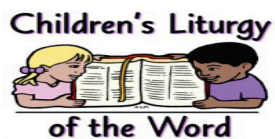
Immaculate Heart of Mary

Req. Hoffbauer Family

Saturday, April 17

7:00 pm For the Intentions of

St. Joseph Parish Community



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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