

St. Joseph Parish

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UNITY IN DIVERSITY

"Moved by the Good News of Jesus Christ... We *Journey with St. Joseph*"

Pastor: Fr. Francis Noronha, C.S.C.
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MASS TIMES:
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am
Wednesday & Friday 7:00 pm
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 9:30am to 12:30pm
Wednesday: 5:00pm - 7:00pm & Office is closed on Fridays.

Music Ministry:

Megan Montifar, Daniel Mehdizadeh and Eric Fahn

PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Servers	Parish Council
Children's Liturgy	Prayer Group
Collection Counters	Refugee Sponsorship
Communion to the Sick	Sacristans
Eucharistic Ministries	Seniors Group
Finance Council	Social Justice
Fundraising Committee	St. Vincent de Paul
Girl Guides	Youth Group
Hospitality	Ushers/Usherettes
Knights of Columbus	
Lectors	<i>* If you feel called to serve the church through any of these ministries, please call the parish office.*</i>
Liturgical Planners	
Music Ministry	

CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism:

Celebrated on Sundays at 2:30pm or during Sunday Mass.
Please contact the office for more details.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday before the vigil mass or on request anytime.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Please contact the office for more information.

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.

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

New members please register at the office.

St. Joseph's School: 416-393-5209

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This Sunday is the **Thirty-Fourth or Last Sunday in Ordinary Time** and the **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King**. Jesus tells the marvelous parable about how we will all be judged - as a shepherd separates sheep from goats, based upon our care for the poor: “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.”

We celebrate the **Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle** on the 30th.

The first reading this last week of the liturgical year is from the Book of Daniel. These apocalyptic and mystical readings were written to give encouragement to the Jewish people in the face of persecution.

The stories in the Gospel of Luke this week offer a look at the meaning of generosity as the poor widow offers her two small coins. Jesus cautions against those who will come in his name promising salvation: “Do not follow them!” The cost of following his teaching is made clear, “You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.” In a dramatic look at the end time, echoing the Daniel readings, Jesus says, “And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.” Jesus continues the “end time” message saying, “know that the Kingdom of God is near. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.” He cautions, “Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap.”

Next Sunday is the beginning of a new liturgical year with the **First Sunday of Advent**. The first reading from the **Prophet Isaiah** as the people repent before God: “Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways!” **Mark's gospel** offers the image of the master who leaves his servants in charge while he is away. Be watchful! Be alert!

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In the next few weekends we will take sometime to reflect on the message of Pope Francis for the **FIRST WORLD DAY OF THE POOR**

Let us love, not with words but with deeds

“Little children, let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and in truth” (1 Jn 3:18). These words of the Apostle John voice an imperative that no Christian may disregard. The seriousness with which the “beloved disciple” hands down Jesus’ command to our own day is made even clearer by the contrast between the *empty words* so frequently on our lips and the *concrete deeds* against which we are called to measure ourselves. Love has no alibi. Whenever we set out to love as Jesus loved, we have to take the Lord as our example; especially when it comes to loving the poor. The Son of God’s way of loving is well-known, and John spells it out clearly. It stands on two pillars: God loved us first (cf. 1 Jn 4:10.19), and he loved us by giving completely of himself, even to laying down his life (cf. 1 Jn 3:16).

Such love cannot go unanswered. Even though offered unconditionally, asking nothing in return, it so sets hearts on fire that all who experience it are led to love back, despite their limitations and sins. Yet this can only happen if we welcome God’s grace, his merciful charity, as fully as possible into our hearts, so that our will and even our emotions are drawn to love both God and neighbour. In this way, the mercy that wells up – as it were – from the heart of the Trinity can shape our lives and bring forth compassion and works of mercy for the benefit of our brothers and sisters in need... to be continued.....



Shepherds' Trust Collection

Thank you so much for donating towards Shepherds' Trust. We raised \$ 990.00.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING...

As the year 2017 comes to end soon it is time for new envelopes. I would encourage you to consider pre-authorized giving. It's easy and convenient both for the donor and parish. For more information please talk to Fr. Francis.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at St. Joseph's Parish is accepting names of families in need of Christmas assistance until **Monday, November 27**. Please call us at **416-546-4044** to register your name. Please note - Families must live within the Parish boundaries (Ashdale Ave. to Carlaw Ave.; CN railway tracks to Lake Ontario) to be served by this group

Also, our list is screened through the Christmas Bureau to ensure that you are being assisted by only one organization. This ensures everyone has an opportunity to receive help. Except for the Christmas Bureau, your information is not shared with any other service.

Annual St. Vincent de Paul collection... will be taken up on the first (December 2/3) and the second weekend (December 9/10) in December. Please use the **St. Vincent De Paul** envelopes to make your donations. This money will be used to help families in need during Christmas. Thank you for your generosity.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS:	
Weekly	1008.50
Candles	290.00
Shepherd Trust	990.00

RED CHRISTMAS BALLS... BAKE SALE

Each December, Christmas balls are available to be placed on the parish Christmas trees in memory of loved ones. Christmas Balls will be available after all weekend Masses commencing December 2, 2017, and will cost \$5.00 each. Upon purchase of a Christmas Ball, your name will be entered into a draw for a Christmas Basket. The draw will take place on Sunday, **December 17, 2017, at our Annual Bake Sale** in the Parish Hall after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please keep the date open as Santa Clause will be a special guest.

Please bring baked goods for the sale. All proceeds will be applied to Parish Projects.

Sacrament of Confirmation... This Wednesday, November 29 at 7:30pm we will have first meeting for Confirmation Candidates and their parents at the Church. All those who want to be confirmed are invited to attend this meeting. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on April 7 at 5:00pm Mass by Bishop Bob Kasun.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 26

10:00am † *Joe & Senhorina Costa*
 Req. Frank Costa
 † *John Mulhern*
 † *Nikolas Tsiriatakis*
 Req. Jacinta Mulhern

Monday, November 27

9:00am *Thanksgiving for all the Saints*
 Req. Jenny Lee

Tuesday, November 28

9:00am † *Manuel Costa*
 Req. Alfredo Costa

Wednesday, November 29

7:00pm † *Angela & Bento Teves*
 Req. Maria Teves
Maria Jose 88-bday thanksgiving
 Req. Maria Jose

Thursday, November 30

9:00 am *Holy Souls in Purgatory*
 Req. Teresa Tower

Friday, December 1

7:00pm † *Keith Foster*
 Req. Wife

Saturday, December 2

5:00pm † *John Scannell*
 Req. Pat Scannell

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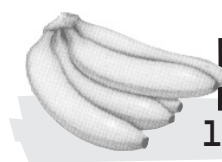
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