

# 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.  
**Secretary & Finance:** Erma Relunia  
**Custodian:** Allan Cobham

**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.

## CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS

**Music Ministry:**  
Megan Montifar, Daniel Mehdizadeh and Eric Fahn

**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.

## 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	

**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

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

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT —YEAR B: DECEMBER 10, 2017

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Preparing our Hearts and asking for the Grace

We prepare this week by stepping up the longing. We move through this week by naming deeper and more specific desires.



**Each morning this week**, if even for that brief moment at the side of our beds, we want to light a second inner candle. We want to let it represent “a bit more hope.” Perhaps we can pause, breathe deeply and say,

*“Lord, I place my trust in you.”*

**Each day this week**, as we encounter times that are rushed, even crazy, we can take that deep breath, and make that profound prayer. Each time we face some darkness, some experience of “parched land” or desert, some place where we feel “defeated” or “trapped,” we hear the words, “Our God will come to save us!”

The grace we desire for this week is to be able to hear the promise and to invite our God to come into those real places of our lives that dearly need God's coming. We want to be able to say:

*“Lord, I place my trust in your promise. Please, Lord, rouse your power and come into this place in my life, this relationship, into this deep self-defeating pattern. Please come here and save me.”*

**Each night this week** we can look back over the day and give thanks for the moments of deep breath, that opened a space for more trust and confidence in God's fidelity to us. No matter how difficult the challenges we are facing - from the growing realization of our personal sinfulness, to any experience of emptiness or powerlessness, even in the face of death itself - we can give thanks for the two candles that faithfully push back the darkness. And, we can give thanks for the graces given us to believe that “Our God will come to save us” because we were given the courageous faith to desire and ask boldly.

*Come, Lord Jesus. Come and visit your people.  
We await your coming. Come, O Lord.*

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### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE...

**December 23/24:** Fourth Sunday of Advent... Masses as usual

**December 24:** Christmas EVE: Family Mass at 7:00pm and Midnight Mass

**December 25:** Christmas Day... Mass at 10:00am

**December 30/31:** Masses as usual (There will be no evening Mass on New Year's Eve).

**January 1, 2018,** New Year Day: Mas at 10:00am

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### SOCK DRIVE...

The Knights of Columbus are organizing a sock and children's mitten drive at the parish. Please bring new pairs of socks (adult or children) and children's mittens and put them in the red boxes at the entrance of the church.

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### ENVELOPES FOR 2018...

The envelopes for 2018 are ready to be picked up. **Those who do not have envelopes and wish to have one please pick one that is not labelled and write your full name, address and phone number on the envelope.** I encourage you to consider **PRE-AUTHORIZED** giving. Thank you for your generosity to St. Joseph Parish.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT — YEAR B: DECEMBER 10, 2017

Message of Pope Francis for the **FIRST WORLD DAY OF THE POOR**

*Let us love, not with words but with deeds*

3. We may think of the poor simply as the beneficiaries of our occasional volunteer work, or of impromptu acts of generosity that appease our conscience. However good and useful such acts may be for making us sensitive to people's needs and the injustices that are often their cause, they ought to lead to a true *encounter* with the poor and a *sharing* that becomes a way of life. Our prayer and our journey of discipleship and conversion find the confirmation of their evangelic authenticity in precisely such charity and sharing. This way of life gives rise to joy and peace of soul, because we touch with our own hands the *flesh of Christ*. If we truly wish to encounter Christ, we have to touch his body in the suffering bodies of the poor, as a response to the sacramental communion bestowed in the Eucharist. The Body of Christ, broken in the sacred liturgy, can be seen, through charity and sharing, in the faces and persons of the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters. Saint John Chrysostom's admonition remains ever timely: "If you want to honour the Body of Christ, do not scorn it when it is naked; do not honour the Eucharistic Christ with silk vestments, and then, leaving the church, neglect the other Christ suffering from cold and nakedness" (*Hom. in Matthaemum*, 50.3: PG 58). We are called, then, to draw near to the poor, to encounter them, to meet their gaze, to embrace them and to let them feel the warmth of love that breaks through their solitude. Their outstretched hand is also an invitation to step out of our certainties and comforts, and to acknowledge the value of poverty.....

.... to be continued....

### RED CHRISTMAS BALLS

Christmas balls are on sale before and after weekend Masses and 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.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF ST. JOSEPH....

St. Vincent de Paul will be distributing Christmas gifts to neighbours in need on December 16 from 9:00am onwards. They are also looking for volunteers to help distribute Christmas help. Those willing to help please come to St. Joseph Parish hall around 9:00am.

### Bake Sale and Visit of Santa...

Next Sunday December 17, 2017 we will be having a bake sale and coffee hour after the 10:00am Mass. Please bring baked goods to sell/share with other parishioners. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Church. There will be also a visit from Santa. Children will be receiving special gifts. **Hope to see you all there!**

### TOTAL COLLECTIONS:

Weekly	1,407.45
Candles	305.00
Building Fund	505.00

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, December 10

10:00am *St. Joseph Parish Community*

#### Monday, December 11

9:00am *In honour of St. Joseph*  
Req. Alfredo Costa

#### Tuesday, December 12

9:00am *In honour of the Blessed Sacrament*  
Req. Alfredo Costa

#### Wednesday, December 13

7:00pm *For the Unborn*  
Req. Toni Muise & Marilyn Roberts

#### Thursday, December 14

9:00 am † *Michael Romano*  
Req. Marisa Romano

#### Friday, December 15

7:00pm *Thanksgiving for the Good News*  
Req. Maria Teves

#### Saturday, December 16

5:00pm † † *Olema & Jose Gomes*  
Req. Gloria & Jose Gomes

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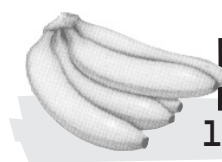
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