

St. Joseph Parish

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"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.

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

New members please register at the office.

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Pope Francis' Christmas 2017 (*Urbi et Orbi*) Message...

As we conclude Christmas season let us take some time to reflect on the message of Pope Francis...

In Bethlehem, Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary. He was born, not by the will of humans, but by the gift of the love of God our Father, who “so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son to give us life. (*Jn* 3:16).

This event is renewed today in the Church, a pilgrim in time. The first people to see the humble glory of the Savior, after Mary and Joseph, were the shepherds of Bethlehem. Those humble and watchful people are an example for believers of every age who, before the mystery of Jesus, are not scandalized by his poverty.

Rather, like Mary, they trust in God’s word and contemplate his glory with simple eyes.

Today, as the winds of war are blowing in our world and an outdated model of development continues to produce human, societal and environmental decline, Christmas invites us to focus on the sign of the Child and to recognize him in the faces of little children, especially those for whom, like Jesus, “there is no place in the inn” (*Lk* 2:7).

We see Jesus in the children of the Middle East who continue to suffer because of growing tensions between Israelis and Palestinians. On this festive day, let us ask the Lord for peace for Jerusalem and for all the Holy Land. Let us pray that the will to resume dialogue may prevail between the parties and that a negotiated solution can finally be reached, one that would allow the peaceful coexistence of two States within mutually agreed and internationally recognized borders.

We see Jesus in the faces of Syrian children still marked by the war that, in these years, has caused such bloodshed in that country. May beloved Syria at last recover respect for the dignity of every person through a shared commitment to rebuild the fabric of society, without regard for ethnic and religious membership. We see Jesus in the children of Iraq, wounded and torn by the conflicts that country has experienced in the last fifteen years, and in the children of Yemen, where there is an ongoing conflict that has been largely forgotten, with serious humanitarian implications for its people, who suffer from hunger and the spread of diseases.

We see Jesus in the children of Africa, especially those who are suffering in South Sudan, Somalia, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Central African Republic and Nigeria.

We see Jesus in the children worldwide wherever peace and security are threatened by the danger of tensions and new conflicts. Let us pray that confrontation may be overcome on the Korean peninsula and that mutual trust may increase in the interest of the world as a whole. To the Baby Jesus we entrust Venezuela that it may resume a serene dialogue among the various elements of society for the benefit of all the beloved Venezuelan people. We see Jesus in children who, together with their families, suffer from the violence of the conflict in Ukraine and its grave humanitarian repercussions; we pray that the Lord may soon grant peace to this dear country.

We see Jesus in the children of unemployed parents who struggle to offer their children a secure and peaceful future. And in those whose childhood has been robbed and who, from a very young age, have been forced to work or to be enrolled as soldiers by unscrupulous mercenaries.

We see Jesus in the many children forced to leave their countries to travel alone in inhuman conditions and who become an easy target for human traffickers. I see Jesus again in the children I met during my recent visit to Myanmar and Bangladesh. Jesus knows well the pain of not being welcomed and how hard it is not to have a place to lay one’s head. May our hearts not be closed as they were in the homes of Bethlehem.

Dear Brothers and Sisters...the sign of Christmas has also been revealed to us: “a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes” (*Lk* 2:12). Like the Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph, like the shepherds of Bethlehem, may we welcome in the Baby Jesus the love of God made man for us. And may we commit ourselves, with the help of his grace, to making our world more human and more worthy for the children of today and of the future... Pope Francis.

NEW MEMBERS NEEDED....

Parish is seeking new members to join the parish council, St. Vincent de Paul Society and Fund-Raising Committee. If you think that you are interested and willing to serve in these ministries of our parish, please contact Fr. Francis.

Thank you...

As we end year 2017 and begin year 2018, I wish to express my gratitude to all the volunteers. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to our parish ministries. May God bless your generosity.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD—YEAR B: JANUARY 7, 2018

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 7

10:00am Parish Community of St. Joseph
PRO POPULO

Monday, January 8

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

Tuesday, January 9

9:00am † **Albert Rosettis**
Req. Evask Family

Wednesday, January 10

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

Thursday, January 11

9:00am **All Souls in Purgatory**
Req. Alfredo Costa

Friday, January 12

7:00pm + **Father of Christina Carvalho**
Req. Arrarte Family

Saturday, January 13

5:00pm † **Breid Keogh**
Req. Jim Keogh



The Archdiocese of Toronto together with
the Chaldean Catholic Community
invites you to a special Mass on the occasion of the 104th

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Sunday, January 14, 2018
1 p.m.
at Good Shepherd Chaldean Cathedral Parish
2 High Meadow Place, North York

Celebrant:
Bishop Bawai Soro

Homilist:
Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

TOTAL COLLECTIONS:

December 24th Sunday Mass	1103.80
Christmas Mass	1873.40
December 31st Sunday Mass	1541.40
New Year's Day Mass	906.20
Candles	625.00

FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN....

Next Sunday after the 10:00am Mass First Communion Children will be making their **FIRST RECONCILIATION**. We pray God's blessings upon them as they prepare for their First Communion.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING...

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in March 2018 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.



Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Monday, January 8, 2018

9:00 am

*This Feast brings the Christmas Season to its conclusion.
Winter Ordinary Time begins today.*

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2018

*Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power
(Exodus 15:6)*

Every year between January 18-25, Christians around the world are invited to:

- Celebrate a Week of Prayer for the unity of all Christians
- Reflect on scripture together
- Participate in jointly organized ecumenical services
- Share fellowship

Today, Caribbean Christians of many different traditions see the hand of God active in the ending of enslavement. The Caribbean ecumenical team chose the song of Moses and Miriam (Ex 15:1-21) - a song of triumph over oppression—as the motif of this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

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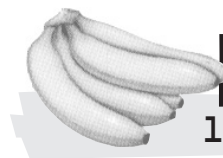
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