

# 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.

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## Sixth Week of OT and First Four Days of Lent

The **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** offers a dramatic look at leprosy. The first reading from **Leviticus** has clear instructions: A leper has to live away from the community, cover his head and call out, “Unclean, unclean!” as people go near him. It emphasizes even more what it means that Jesus speaks with and touches someone who was such a pariah as he heals the leper in **Mark's Gospel**.

The first reading for the next two weeks is from **James**. It begins with instruction for living our lives in Christ. “Consider it all joy when you encounter various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.” “What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works?”

In **Mark's Gospel** the Pharisees are asking for a sign of Jesus' authenticity. Jesus warns his disciples not to be as unbelieving as the Pharisees in the face of the signs he has given them.

The **Season of Lent** begins with four days that serve as an introduction to the four Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting, Repentance and Almsgiving.

**Ash Wednesday** is a day of fasting and abstinence. We wear ashes on our foreheads to remember who we are and express our desire to turn away from sin and to believe the Good News. The Prophet **Joel** helps us begin our journey: “return to me with your whole heart.” “Rend your hearts, not your garments,” reminds us that this is an interior journey. The **Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 51**, has the antiphon: “Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.” Paul, in his **First Letter to the Corinthians** says, “be reconciled to God ... we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain ... Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” In **Matthew's Gospel** Jesus gives us a guide for our Lenten practices, “Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them.”

On Thursday we read in **Deuteronomy** how Moses urges his people to turn away from sin. “Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live, by loving the LORD, your God, heeding his voice, and holding fast to him.”

**Friday and Saturday:** It is the long tradition of Lent to prepare us for our journey by having us reflect on **Isaiah, Chapter 58**, as we begin. “This is the fasting that I wish” gives us the true picture of fasting: letting God's Spirit transform us. It is a call to conversion. Jesus confirms his desire to help us, “I have not come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners.”

On the **First Sunday of Lent**, as we begin our Lenten journey, we remember how God re-established the covenant, after the flood, and we reflect on how Jesus began his public ministry with a retreat of forty days, driven to the desert by the Spirit.

Source: Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's **Online Ministries** web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html> Used with permission.

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## **Resolution of Pope Francis for February.... *Let yourself be moved by suffering ... and then do something...***

You know, brothers and sisters, that hypocrites do not know how to weep, they have forgotten how to weep, they do not ask for the gift of tears.

When one performs a good work, the desire arises almost instinctively in us to be esteemed and admired for this good action, to gain satisfaction from it. Jesus calls us to perform these gestures without ostentation, and to rely solely on the reward of the Father “who sees in secret” (Matthew 6:4, 6, 18). (Ash Wednesday homily, February 18, 2015)

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME —YEAR B: FEBRUARY 11, 2018

**The Knights of Columbus...** will be doing a membership drive on the weekend of February 24/25. Please feel free talk to any of the Knights present to know more about them.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, February 11

10:00am † William Rogers  
Req. Mercedes Rogers and Family

#### Monday, February 12

9:00am † Breid Keogh  
Req. Kim Keogh

#### Tuesday, February 13

9:00am In honour of the Blessed Sacrament  
Req. Alfredo Costa  
Birthday Thanksgiving for Jocelyn Salvador  
Req. Jocelyn Salvador

#### Wednesday, February 14

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

#### Thursday, February 15

9:00 am Lenten Weekday

#### Friday, February 16

7:00pm Lenten Weekday

#### Saturday, February 17

5:00pm † Jacinto Maria Tavares  
Req. Maria Noemia

**St. Ann Resettlement Committee** cordially invites members of St. Joseph's Resettlement Committee and any parishioners interested in refugee work to join us on Sunday February 18th. We are very excited since our Syrian family is progressing well through the immigration process and if all goes as planned, they will be arriving in Toronto in September 2018. If you are able to assist us in this vital work, please join us on **February 18<sup>th</sup> for a meeting at 11:45am at St. Ann Parish rectory.** We would greatly appreciate your help! If you have any questions please contact Theresa at [416-700-3358](tel:416-700-3358) or [theresaspoehn@gmail.com](mailto:theresaspoehn@gmail.com).

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**Season of Lent....** Begins on Wednesday February 14 with **Ash Wednesday.** Mass will be at 7:00pm.

During the Season of Lent we will have **Stations of Cross on Every Friday at 6:30 pm** followed by Mass at 7:00pm.



### Where

St Joseph's Parish Hall  
65 Curzon Street  
Toronto, Ontario

### When

Every Friday night from  
**February 16 to March 30, 2018**

### Time

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

### Price

Single Fish and Chip \$8.00  
Double Fish and Chip \$ 10.00  
Child (under 10) \$5.00

The meal includes Tea, Coffee, Dessert,  
Juice box for the child,  
Take out is available  
50/50 Draw Tickets if you wish to buy

**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.

### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST:**

St. Joseph's Fund-Raising Committee will be holding a Pancake Breakfast this Sunday commencing at 11:15 a.m. Please come and join us for a delicious breakfast. All proceeds will be applied to parish projects.

### **TOTAL COLLECTIONS:**

Weekly	1237.25
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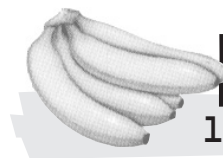
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