

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.

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2018 Lenten Message of His Holiness Pope Francis

“Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold” (Mt 24:12)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Once again, the Pasch of the Lord draws near! In our preparation for Easter, God in his providence offers us each year the season of Lent as a “sacramental sign of our conversion”. Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life.

With this message, I would like again this year to help the entire Church experience this time of grace anew, with joy and in truth. I will take my cue from the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew: “Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold” (24:12).

These words appear in Christ’s preaching about the end of time. They were spoken in Jerusalem, on the Mount of Olives, where the Lord’s passion would begin. In reply to a question of the disciples, Jesus foretells a great tribulation and describes a situation in which the community of believers might well find itself: amid great trials, false prophets would lead people astray and the love that is the core of the Gospel would grow cold in the hearts of many.

False prophets

Let us listen to the Gospel passage and try to understand the guise such false prophets can assume.

They can appear as “snake charmers”, who manipulate human emotions in order to enslave others and lead them where they would have them go. How many of God’s children are mesmerized by momentary pleasures, mistaking them for true happiness! How many men and women live entranced by the dream of wealth, which only makes them slaves to profit and petty interests! How many go through life believing that they are sufficient unto themselves, and end up entrapped by loneliness!

False prophets can also be “charlatans”, who offer easy and immediate solutions to suffering that soon prove utterly useless. How many young people are taken in by the panacea of drugs, of disposable relationships, of easy but dishonest gains! How many more are ensnared in a thoroughly “virtual” existence, in which relationships appear quick and straightforward, only to prove meaningless! These swindlers, in peddling things that have no real value, rob people of all that is most precious: dignity, freedom and the ability to love. They appeal to our vanity, our trust in appearances, but in the end they only make fools of us. Nor should we be surprised. In order to confound the human heart, the devil, who is “a liar and the father of lies” (Jn 8:44), has always presented evil as good, falsehood as truth. That is why each of us is called to peer into our heart to see if we are falling prey to the lies of these false prophets. We must learn to look closely, beneath the surface, and to recognize what leaves a good and lasting mark on our hearts, because it comes from God and is truly for our benefit.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT — YEAR B: FEBRUARY 18, 2018

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



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

Sign-Up Sundays! February 24/25 & March 3/4. We Need Your Help!

Cardinal Collins and bishops across Ontario are asking for an email address from every Catholic family in their community, with a goal of 100,000 email addresses collected by the end of February 2018. This information will be used locally by Cardinal Collins and trusted faith partners to communicate periodically (approximately 6-8 times each year) on issues of particular importance for the Catholic community.

The first campaign of 2018 is the Call for Conscience, inviting our elected Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) and those seeking office this June to increase funding/access to palliative care, to protect health care workers wishing to abstain from any involvement in euthanasia/assisted suicide and to protect faith-based facilities from participation in euthanasia/assisted suicide. The work builds on a similar campaign in 2017.

Please visit <http://bit.ly/SignUpSundayRegistration> to register yourself for this initiative. Thank you for living a faith that acts!

TASTE OF PHILIPPINES

St. Joseph parish will be hosting a “**TASTE OF PHILIPPINES**” on Saturday, March 10 from **6:30pm to 11:30pm** in the parish hall. The price of the ticket is \$15. Tickets will be on sale starting this weekend. All proceeds will be applied to parish projects. Please come and enjoy the beauty and culture of the Philippines.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 18

10:00am † Stephen Montrichard
Req. Julie Ordoña &
Mary Anna Law
† Eileen D'Souza
Req. Family

Monday, February 19

9:00am Family Intention of Alfredo & Maria
Costa
Req. Alfredo Costa

Tuesday, February 20

9:00am Lenten Weekday

Wednesday, February 21

7:00pm Lenten Weekday

Thursday, February 22

9:00 am Chair of St. Peter, Feast

Friday, February 23

7:00pm Lenten Weekday

Saturday, February 24

5:00pm † Alexandrina Pavao
Req. Maria Noemia

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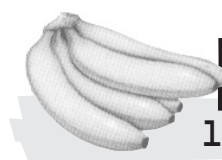
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