

# 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

**New members please register at the office.**

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

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For the Second Sunday of Lent we read of how God tested Abraham's faith. In the gospel we witness how Jesus showed his disciples his glory, to prepare them for what is to come. A voice from a cloud said, "This is my Son, my beloved. Listen to him." All we need to do for the journey ahead is to listen to him.

Each day the first reading is chosen to prepare for the gospel and the theme of both readings is complementary.

The second week begins with Jesus telling us: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful... For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." All week we will be taught by Jesus about the simple lessons of being his followers. "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." Jesus predicts his passion again. Again, they misunderstand, and so he says, "whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant." Jesus tells the Pharisees a parable about a poor man and a rich man. The rich man asks Abraham to warn his brothers about the consequences of this behavior. Abraham answers: "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead." Then Jesus tells the scribes and religious leaders the parable about the farmer whose servants were abused by his tenants. Finally, they killed his own son. Jesus concludes, "the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." While tax collectors and sinners are being drawn to Jesus the Pharisees complain, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus tells them the wonderful parable of the Prodigal Son.

For the Third Sunday of Lent we read the Ten Commandments and witness Jesus driving the money changers out of the temple. He says, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." John's Gospel tells us the point. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

### **Daily Prayer This Week**

During this second week of Lent we continue to try to make use of more reflective time each day. We are using all the resources available to us to practice new habits and patterns. We are still in the beginning stages of that process, so we shouldn't be discouraged if it takes more practice.

It is good to begin by being reminded that God is rich in mercy to us and that we should therefore be merciful to others. It is great to remember that exalting ourselves is dangerous and that there will be consequences for our mistreatment of the poor. We are like tenants of our Father's gifts to us. We can ask ourselves if we use them gratefully and return the fruits that our Lord desires, or do we reject the prophetic words that come to us? Do we reject Jesus himself?

This can all be part of the background of our busy, daily life. Each morning, when our feet hit the floor, if only for a few moments, we can ask for a simple grace. At first, it might only be, "Dear Lord, help me today." As we brush our teeth, wash and get dressed we might specify our prayer more: "Dear Lord, give me the grace to recognize my impatience, anger and judgment today. Help to soften my heart to hear your love. I need your healing, Lord." Or we might get even more concrete, "Lord, Pat is such a struggle for me. Help me to remember how much you love me when I see Pat today. And, when I am tempted to be impatient or angry, just help me pause and give that over to you, in gratitude for your love."

Each of us will be able to grow in our ability to have brief conversations with our Lord. Whether driving or shopping, doing laundry or paying bills, working in our office or walking down the hall to the bathroom, we can use brief "background" moments to connect with our Lord. These moments of "contemplation in action" will give a character and shape to our day. Lent becomes a living reality for us when our days are spent with the Lord, listening to his love for us, calling us to gratitude and freedom.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT — YEAR B: FEBRUARY 25, 2018

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

### 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 25

10:00am *St Joseph Parish Community*

#### Monday, February 26

9:00am *All Souls in Purgatory*

Req. Alfredo Costa

#### Tuesday, February 27

9:00am *Lenten Weekday*

#### Wednesday, February 28

7:00pm *† Felicisima Rivera Diaz*

Req. Nicolas and Angeles Blanco

#### Thursday, March 1

9:00 am *In honour of St. Joseph*

Req. Alfredo Costa

#### Friday, March 2

7:00pm *In honour of the Blessed Sacrament*

Req. Alfredo Costa

#### Saturday, March 3

5:00pm *Lenten Weekday*

### World Day of Prayer 2018

Date: Friday, March 2, 2018

Time: 2:00PM

Message: “All God’s Creation is Good”

Place: St Ann Church, 120 First Avenue, Toronto

All Are Welcome



### 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.

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

### TOTAL COLLECTIONS:

Weekly	1283.35
Candles	290.00
Building Fund	35.00

**EASTER BASKET:** Tickets for a delightful Easter Basket will be on sale at weekend Masses, commencing Saturday, March 3, 2018. Tickets will cost \$2.00 each or 3 tickets for \$5.00. The draw for the Basket will be held on Sunday, **March 25, 2018, after the 10:00 a.m.** Mass. All proceeds will be applied to Parish Projects.

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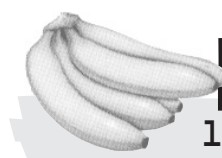
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