

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

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

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On the **Fifth Sunday of Lent in John's Gospel** Jesus says that the "hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." However, he describes this glory in a surprising way, which explains who he is for us and who we are called to be: "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be."

The first readings this week prepare for the gospels. We begin with the long, but well worth reading, story of Susanna, which ends in "blessing God who saves those who hope in him." The bronze serpent on a pole reminds us of Jesus' saving cross. Three young men refuse to commit idolatry and show us how God protects "the servants who trusted in him." God entered a covenant with Abraham. In the midst of his persecution, Jeremiah praises God, "For he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!" God promises to unite the people in an everlasting covenant.

Our gospels are again from the **Fourth Gospel**. Presented with a woman caught in adultery, Jesus replies, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Reminding us of the bronze serpent and his death, Jesus says, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM." To the children of Abraham and to us Jesus declares, "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." "Whoever keeps my word will never see death. ... Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham came to be, I AM." They heard what they thought was blasphemy and tried to stone him. Jesus simply told the truth, because, "the Father is in me and I am in the Father." After the raising of Lazarus, the plans were set to destroy Jesus. The high priest says the prophetic words, "it is better for you that one man should die instead of the people, so that the whole nation may not perish."

Next Sunday is **Palm Sunday**, we make our way into **Holy Week**. We read the gospel about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, Paul's invitation to us to imitate Jesus who emptied himself, and the whole **Passion**, this year from **Mark's Gospel**.

## Daily Prayer This Week

This is the last full week of Lent. We can feel the conflict and struggle developing in the readings. As we read about the drama that surrounded Jesus' last days on earth and reflect upon its meaning, we experience how the drama that is going on in our own hearts is more intense the closer we get to the end of Lent. The Spirit of the Lord is really trying to help us be more open and more free, to receive the graces our Lord wants to offer us. There is another spirit that is fighting just as hard to distract us, discourage us, and prevent us from being open and attentive to God's gifts. The closer we get to the mystery of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection for us, the more we can experience struggle. If I experience myself somewhat "at war" with myself, then these are very important days to keep deliberately asking our Lord to help me. It is also a great time to begin to prepare to renew the baptismal promises at Easter. We can reject the unloving choices we've made, all that is unjust, dishonest, disrespectful and violent. We want to refuse to be mastered by empty promises. Declaring our desire for freedom is a great preparation to receive this great gift.

If we have developed the habit of naming a desire the first thing each morning, and carrying on a conversation with our Lord in the brief background moments of the day, we are already comfortable with letting the Word or the Season interact with the concrete events of the week. This way of finding intimacy with our Lord, through our daily interaction - even in a very busy life - is so appropriate for the Fifth Week of Lent. We can discover areas that are still resistant to God's grace. We can ask for help to practice new ways of being free, or new ways of loving. We can find ways to make financial sacrifices to give to the poor this week.

Each night this week, we can give thanks. The closer we get to celebrating Holy Week and the events that brought us our salvation, each of us can express our gratitude, realizing this was all for me.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT —YEAR B: MARCH 18, 2018

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 24— Palm Sunday	Saturday	5:00PM
March 25— Palm Sunday	Sunday	10:00AM
March 26	Monday	9:00AM
March 27	Tuesday	9:00AM
March 28	Wednesday	7:00PM
March 29	Maundy Thursday	8:00PM
March 30	Good Friday	3:00PM
March 31— Easter Vigil	Saturday	8:00PM
April 01—Easter Sunday	Sunday	10:00AM
April 02—Easter Monday	Monday	NO MASS

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT March 18, 2018

#### Living the Gospel locally and around the world

“It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they’re invisible, but always they make a tangible difference in the lives of the people we are helping. **Please prayerfully consider how you can be supportive today on ShareLife Sunday.**”

—*Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.*

#### Today is ShareLife Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Big Thanks to the people who worked hard to host “Taste of the Philippines”. It was a wonderful time to celebrate the culture and beauty of Philippines.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, March 18

10:00am † Simplicio Perez  
Req. Laura & Allan Selman  
† Mariano Pascua  
Req. Family

#### Monday, March 19

9:00am † Vicente Montifar  
Req. Family  
In thanksgiving to St. Joseph  
Req. Alfredo Costa  
In honour of St Joseph  
Req. Angelina Tarasca

#### Tuesday, March 20

9:00am Lenten Weekday

#### Wednesday, March 21

7:00pm † Olena & Jose Gomes  
Req. Gomes Family

#### Thursday, March 22


9:00 am Lenten Weekday

#### Friday, March 23

7:00pm Lenten Weekday

#### Saturday, March 24

5:00pm Lenten Weekday

**FISH FRY** March 23 and 30 from  
 **FRIDAY** 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the  
Parish Hall.

Feast of St. Joseph... will be celebrated on March 19, 2018 at 9:00am Mass. All are welcome to be part of this special celebration.

**Easter Flowers...** You are invited to donate towards Easter flowers. Envelopes are available to make your donations. Thank you for your generosity.

#### TOTAL COLLECTIONS:

<b>Weekly</b>	1060.75
<b>Candles</b>	252.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	70.00

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