

# St. Joseph Parish

*Established in 1878*



**Pastor:** Fr. Francis Noronha, C.S.C.  
**Secretary:** Megan Montifar  
**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 to 7:00pm  
Office is closed on Fridays

## **PARISH MINISTRIES**

Altar Servers, Children's Liturgy  
Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers  
Fund Raising and Social Committee  
Girl Guides

**Music Ministry:** Megan Montifar, Gail and Maarten Bomers, Daniel Mehdizadeh & Eric Fahn

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## **St. Joseph Catholic School :**

**Principal:** Anne Marie Cassin  
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## **CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS**

**FOR SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION AND MARRIAGE** please contact the parish to begin the process of preparation.

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Saturday before the vigil Mass

## **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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MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS  
POPE FRANCIS  
FOR THE  
**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION**  
1 SEPTEMBER 2019



Now is the time to rediscover our vocation as children of God, brothers and sisters, and stewards of creation. Now is the time to repent, to be converted and to return to our roots. We are beloved creatures of God, who in his goodness calls us to love life and live it in communion with the rest of creation.

For this reason, I strongly encourage the faithful to pray in these days that, as the result of a timely ecumenical initiative, are being celebrated as a *Season of Creation*. This season of increased prayer and effort on behalf of our common home begins today, 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on 4 October, the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. It is an opportunity to draw closer to our brothers and sisters of the various Christian confessions. I think in particular of the Orthodox faithful, who have celebrated this Day for thirty years. In this ecological crisis affecting everyone, we should also feel close to all other men and women of good will, called to promote stewardship of the *network of life* of which we are part.

This is *the season for letting our prayer be inspired anew* by closeness to nature, which spontaneously leads us to give thanks to God the Creator. Saint Bonaventure, that eloquent witness to Franciscan wisdom, said that creation is the first “book” that God opens before our eyes, so that, marvelling at its order, its variety and its beauty, we can come to love and praise its Creator (cf. *Breviloquium*, II, 5, 11). In this book, every creature becomes for us “a word of God” (cf. *Commentarius in Librum Ecclesiastes*, I, 2). In the silence of prayer, we can hear the symphony of creation calling us to abandon our self-centredness in order to feel embraced by the tender love of the Father and to share with joy the gifts we have received. We can even say that creation, as a *network of life*, a place of encounter with the Lord and one another, is “God’s own ‘social network’” (*Audience for the Guides and Scouts of Europe*, 3 August 2019). Nature inspires us to raise a song of cosmic praise to the Creator in the words of Scripture: “Bless the Lord, all things that grow on the earth, sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever” (*Dan 3:76 Vg*).

Part 2 of 4

**Sunday September 15 Collection:**

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## Praying for the sick and visiting the sick...

If you have your loved ones in the hospital, nursing home or homebound, kindly let Fr. Francis know so that he can visit and bring them communion. We pray for the sick during every Mass at St. Joseph.



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## COFFEE HOUR...

Thank you very much for staying after Sunday Mass for coffee hour. Coffee hour is a great time to connect and build community. I invite you all to stay and enjoy a fresh cup of coffee and some goodies. Thanks to all the volunteers who help with coffee hour. Feel free to bring baked goods to share with others.



Starting this month, we will celebrate all the birthdays of the month on the last Sunday of the month. We will pray, sing and have cake for all the birthday celebrants.

*Thank You*

A special thanks to all those who helped organize the potluck and BBQ last Sunday, and all those who participated. God bless you all.



**PLEASE NOTE THAT ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, MASS WILL BE IN THE MORNING AT 9:00AM.**

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The Annual “Needs of the Canadian Church” is on September 29. Kindly use the ‘Bishop’s collection’ envelopes to make your donations.

# MASS INTENTIONS †

## Sunday, September 22

10:00am *In honour of St. Catherine*  
Req. Alfredo Costa

## Monday, September 23

9:00am † *Maria Madalena & Alcina Lopes*  
Req. Alfredo Costa

## Tuesday, September 24

9:00am † *Fr. Manuel Gedes*  
Req. Alfredo Costa

## Wednesday, September 25

7:00 pm *Success of Biopsy through Divine Mercy and intercession of St. Joseph*  
Req. Dulce

## Thursday, September 26

9:00am *Good results through the intercession of St. Joseph*  
Req. Dulce

## Friday, September 27

9:00am † *Jose and Antonia Canito*  
Req. the Kids

*Thanksgiving for Kids and Grandkids*

Req. Dulce

## Saturday, September 28

5:00pm † *Manuel Benevedis*  
Req. Maria Carmo Oliveira

† *Froilan Pascua*  
Req. Family

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