

St. Joseph Parish

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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

St. Vincent de Paul Society: 416-546-4044

St. Joseph Catholic School :
Principal: Anne Marie Cassin
Phone: 416-393-5209

The Knights of Columbus: www.kofc9079.com

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.

Hall Rental: Please contact **Margaret MacDonald** at 416-463-8638

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“As the journey of Advent continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist's call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God Who comes among us to make divine judgement manifest. The Father, writes St. John the Evangelist, does not judge anyone, but has entrusted the power of judgement to the Son, because He is the Son of man.

And it is today, in the present, that we decide our future destiny. It is with our concrete everyday behavior in this life that we determine our eternal fate. At the end of our days on earth, at the moment of death, we will be evaluated on the basis of our likeness or otherwise to the Baby Who is about to be born in the poor grotto of Bethlehem, because He is the measure God has given humanity.

Through the Gospel John the Baptist continues to speak down the centuries to each generation. His hard clear words bring health to us, the men and women of this day in which even the experience and perception of Christmas often, unfortunately, reflects materialist attitudes. The 'voice' of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ.”

- Pope Benedict XVI, 2006



UPCOMING EVENTS.....

- ♦ St. Joseph School Christmas party, today Sunday, **December 8 from 11:00am to 2:00pm**. All are invited.



- ♦ Advent School Reconciliation will take place on Monday, **December 9 from 9:30am to 12:30pm**

- ♦ Parish Reconciliation will be on Wednesday, **December 18 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm** (English) and Thursday, **December 19 from 8:30am to 10:00am** (Portuguese)



- ♦ School Advent Mass will take place on **Thursday, December 19 at 9:45 am**

- ♦ Parish Annual Bake Sale will take place on **Sunday, December 22 after the 10:00am Mass**.

All are invited to bake something and bring to the Church.



FINANCIAL PLANNING AND POTLUCK

December 9, 2019 from 5:00pm onwards at
St. Joseph Parish Hall

Is your nest egg resting under your pillow?

Learn more about financial planning in preparation for retirement and retirement with particular attention to taxes and estates. Two experts will be at St. Joseph parish hall on Monday, December 9, 2019 from 5:00pm onwards to address these issues and answer your questions.



Come along, invite your friends and family to join. Bring a dish to share with others. **All are welcome.**

RED CHRISTMAS BALLS: Each December, Christmas balls are available to be placed on the Parish Christmas trees in memory of loved ones. Christmas Balls will be available after all weekend Masses commencing **December 7, 2019, and will cost \$5.00 each.** Upon purchase of a Christmas Ball, your name will be entered into a draw for a beautiful Christmas Basket. The draw will take place on Sunday, December 22, 2019, at our Annual Bake Sale in the Parish Hall after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please keep the date open as Santa Clause will be a special guest.



All proceeds will be applied to Parish Projects.

Calling on all of Santa's Helpers!!



Members of the Society of St Vincent de Paul need your assistance to prepare for and deliver baskets to needy families in our community. You can assist us on **December 14 at 10:00 a.m.** by joining volunteers in the parish hall to sort toys and make deliveries. Routes are provided. We start at 10 AM and work until we are done usually by 1PM!

Please call 416-546-4044 to leave your contact information, if you can help with the sorting or delivering. A volunteer will follow up with you!

MASS INTENTIONS †

Sunday, December 8

10:00am **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Req. Alfredo Costa

Monday, December 9

9:00am **Advent Weekday Mass**

Tuesday, December 10

9:00am **Blessed Sacrament**
Req. Alfredo Costa

Wednesday, December 11

7:00 pm **Advent Weekday Mass**

Thursday, December 12

9:00am **Advent Weekday Mass**

Friday, December 13

7:00pm † **Virgilio Ordana**
Req. Julia Ordana

Saturday, December 14

5:00pm †† **Maria Alexandrina & Manuel Pavao**
Req. Emmanuel Medeiros

REFRESHMENTS AND SNACKS

Please join us after Mass for a little friendly social gathering to get to know each other in our community.



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