

St. Joseph Parish

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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 to 7:00pm
Office is closed on Fridays

PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Servers, Children's Liturgy
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Music Ministry: Megan Montifar, Gail and Maarten Bomers, Daniel Mehdizadeh & Eric Fahn

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

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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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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated Veni ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.



Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

Pray that you may begin to see the practical reasons for the Church's crying out in the desert world, and even into your own interior soul and heart:

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord: Make straight in the wilderness His paths; Every valley shall be exalted; Every mountain and hill shall be made low; And the crooked shall be made straight; And the rough ways plain" (Is. 40:3, 4). Then shall you see the salvation of God!



- Catholic Culture (2019), Advent: Third Sunday of Advent. Retrieved from <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2019-12-15>

UPCOMING EVENTS.....

- ◆ 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.



RECONCILIATION



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Bake Sale

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT — YEAR A: DECEMBER 15, 2019

RED CHRISTMAS BALLS: Each December, Christmas balls are available for sale to be placed on the Parish Christmas trees in memory of loved ones . 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.

**Christmas and
New Year Mass
Schedule**



Tuesday, December 24: Christmas Eve :

Family Mass at 7:00pm

Midnight Mass.

Carols will be played/sung 30 minutes prior to the Masses.



Wednesday, December 25:

Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 AM

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

New Year's Eve : Mass at 7:00 PM



Wednesday, January 1, 2020:

New Year's Day: Mass at 10:00 AM

Please note...

There will be no morning Mass on December 24 and December 31.

There will be no Mass on December 26.

MASS INTENTIONS †

Sunday, December 15

10:00am **St. Lucy**

Req. Alfredo Costa

Monday, December 16

9:00am **Advent Weekday Mass**

Tuesday, December 17

9:00am **Advent Weekday Mass**

Wednesday, December 18

7:00 pm **† Michael James Borja**

Req. Family

Thursday, December 19

9:00am **Advent Weekday Mass**

Friday, December 20

7:00pm **Advent Weekday Mass**

Saturday, December 21

5:00pm **†† Antonio & Gilda Novo**

Req. Raposo Family

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8

COLLECTION:

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: **3481.00**

WEEKLY COLLECTION : **1455.35**

CANDLES: **290.00**

BUILDING FUND: **115.00**

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