

#### UNITY IN DIVERSITY

"Moved by the Good News of Jesus Christ... We Journey with St. Joseph"

Pastor: Fr. Roshan Loy D'Souza, CSC Secretary/Bookkeeper: Nerie Bernal Custodian: Allan Cobham

**OFFICE HOURS:** 

**Monday to Friday:** 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Music Ministry: Megan Montifar & Eric Fahn

#### **PARISH MINISTRIES**

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**Tel:** 416-466-7815 or 416-518-0276

St. Joseph Catholic School: Principal: David Comacchio Phone: 416-393-5209

#### **MASS TIMES:**

Monday No Mass
Tuesday, & Thursday 9:00 am
Wednesday & Friday 7:00 pm
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

#### CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS

## Sacrament of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage:

Please contact the office to begin the process of preparation.

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday before the vigil mass or on request anytime.

#### 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.

New members please register at the office.

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#### **Expectations**



Desire or the Aspiration is the conception of an idea of having, requiring or wanting something that emerges from an innate feeling or set of feelings inside our minds. In short they are our repetitive thoughts which are not fulfilled. Expectation is the outcome, a result, one that we foresee or anticipate in advance prior to taking any action on the path to fulfill our aspirations or desires.

Suffering is the emotion or combination of emotions that we experience when the outcome is not favorable. Its the opposite of Success. We're not alone in our expectations. Do you remember that John the Baptist struggled with his own sermon? He had proclaimed the Messiah's kingdom coming with power and justice. But instead, Jesus' ministry centered on preaching and on acts of mercy, and John found himself unfairly wasting away in prison at Machaerus near the blistering shores of the Dead Sea.

Gentle Jesus hardly seemed the political Deliverer everyone expected. Unable to reconcile the seeming contradictions, and imprisoned in his thoughts, John doubted his own message. John sent messengers to ask Jesus, "Are You the Expected One, or shall we look for someone else?" (Matthew 11:3).

In other words, the Expected One had certain expectations placed upon Him. When we find ourselves most disappointed with life, it's not because something in life has failed us. Rather, our expectations of what life "ought to be" have failed us.

Or understood a different way, when we find ourselves most disappointed with God, God has not failed us—but our expectations of God have failed us. In response to John in prison at Machaerus, Jesus graciously challenged him to shape his expectations from the Word of God and not from the circumstances that seemed to contradict it: "And blessed is he who does not take offense at Me" (Matthew 11:6). We should never judge God's love for us based on our present circumstances. Jesus was willing to disappoint everyone but the Father. Everyone.

Ponder that for a moment. Jesus loved His followers enough to disappoint them, to allow them to question His power and to struggle against their own expectations, in order that they could experience true joy in the long term.

"Our inability to understand God should give cause for praise and worship, not cause for doubt." Wayne Stiles

God Bless. Fr. Roshan Loy D'Souza, CSC



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#### The Week Ahead:

Jan 23: Memorial: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Jan 24: Memorial: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Jan 25: The conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Jan 26: Sts. Timothy and Titus.

Jan 27: memorial: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Jan 28: Memorial: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church





POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2023: FOR EDUCATORS: We pray that Educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

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**First Communion & First Reconciliation:** All the grade 2 students preparing for the sacraments are requested to be part of Sunday 10 am children's liturgy.



Confirmation Sessions: All the sessions will be shortly after the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass. January 15, 2023, January 29, 2023, February 12, 2023, February 26, 2023, March 12, 2023. All the candidates are requested to attend Sunday mass and be enriched spiritually.

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### Marriage Sunday

On the second Sunday of February, each year, the Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates Marriage Sunday. In 2023, it will be celebrated on the weekend of February 11/12. Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at the special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2023. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 12 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass beginning at 2:15pm. Please visit https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/ to view.



#### **WEEKEND COLLECTION:**

January 14-15, 2023 Total Amount: \$ 727.00

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Joseph Parish community sincerely thanks Knights of Columbus, Council 9079 for their continued support. God Bless You.

# † MASS INTENTIONS

#### **Sunday, January 22**

10:00 am For the Intentions of Nicole
Plach

Req. Audrey Weiss

#### **Monday, January 23**

No mass

#### Tuesday, January 24

9:00 am † Ida Marchase

Reg. Ron & Marilyn Roberts

#### **Wednesday January 25**

7:00 pm †

Req.

#### Thursday, January 26

9:00 am † Joseph Ikem

Reg. Josephine Ikem

† Pilar Dancel

Req. Dancel Children

#### Friday, January 27

7:00 pm *†* 

Req.

#### Saturday, January 28

5:00 pm For the Intention of St. Joseph Parish Community

St. Joseph, Pray for us

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