

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. 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

Altar Servers	Finance Council
Children’s Liturgy	Girl Guides
Collection Counters	
Communion to the Sick	<i>If you feel called to</i>
Lectors & Eucharistic	<i>serve the church</i>
Ministries	<i>through any of these</i>
Social Action Committee	<i>ministries, please call</i>
Parish Council	<i>the parish office.</i>

St. Vincent de Paul Society: 416-546-4044
The Knights of Columbus: www.kofc9079.com

St. Joseph Catholic School:
Principal: 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.

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

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*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



Advent: A Time of Waiting

Advent derives from the Latin *adventus* meaning 'arrival' or 'approach'. For thousands of years the world waited for the coming of the Messiah to redeem and to save the human race, restoring mankind's relationship to God.

We, too, experience this same longing for the coming of Christ. Spiritually, we long for the coming of Christ into our hearts as the Holy Spirit draws us into ever deepening relationship with Him; we also long for Christ in his Second Coming, when He will return physically to earth—as He promised—to restore all things to Himself.

Advent is our liturgically built-in time of spiritual preparation for Christmas. If you want to get the most out of the Christmas season and fill up your soul with love for Christ, the best way to do that is to "let every heart prepare Him room" and celebrating Advent is the Church's way to do it!

The people of Israel waited for generations for the promised Messiah to arrive. Their poetry, their songs and stories, and their religious worship focused on an awaited savior, whom God had promised, over and over, would come to them to set them free from captivity, and to lead them to the fulfillment of all that God had chosen for them.

Israel longed for a Messiah, and John the Baptist, who came before Jesus, promised that the Messiah was coming, and could be found in Jesus Christ, God's Son, the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world."

Advent is a season in the Church's life intended to renew the experience of waiting, and longing, for the Messiah. Though Christ has already come into the world, the Church invites us to renew our desire for the Lord more deeply into our lives, and to renew our desire for Christ's triumphant second coming into the world. Advent is the time in which we prepare for Christmas, the memorial of Jesus Christ being born into the world. Preparations are practical, like decorating a tree or stringing lights, but they're also intended to be spiritual.

During Advent, we're invited to enter more frequently into silence, into prayer and reflection, into Scripture, and into the sacramental life of the Church, all to prepare for celebrating Christmas. "**Maranatha : come, our lord!**"

Fr. Roshan Loy D'Souza, CSC



REMEMBERING ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, THROUGH A BEQUEST

Having a properly made will is one of the best gifts anyone can leave their loved ones in the event of their passing. It also ensures that charities and causes closest to their hearts will be sustained. By putting the parish in their will, parishioners can help the Church faithfully carry out the pastoral mission entrusted to her by our Lord, for generations to come. For more information, please call the Parish office of St. Joseph Church : 416 466 7815 or 416 518 0276

The Week Ahead :

Nov 30: Memorial: St. Andrew, Apostle

Dec 03: Memorial: St. Francis Xavier, Priest,

Dec 04: Memorial: St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Dec 06: Memorial: St. Nicholas, Bishop

Dec 07: Memorial: St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Dec 08: Memorial: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Joseph, Pray For Us

Update on COVID-19 Policies in the Archdiocese of Toronto:

The Archdiocese of Toronto is not asking for proof of vaccination to worship in our churches. **Although the Archdiocese of Toronto encourages all Catholics to be vaccinated for the common good**, we are making every effort to ensure that our churches remain open to all. The Worship safe protocols have kept our parishioners safe throughout the pandemic and will continue to do so as COVID-19 restrictions are gradually removed throughout the province.



Pope Francis Prayer Intension for

December 2021: Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH
December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

December 08, 2020 to December 08, 2021

The Year of St. Joseph began with the apostolic letter of Pope Francis on Dec. 8, 2020, and ends on Dec. 8, 2021. It's almost hard to believe it's been a full year already,

in light of all the other events going on throughout the world. We have certainly been in desperate need of a fatherly saint to emulate, and to intercede for the needs of our challenging times.

To celebrate the "Year of St. Joseph" in our parish, there will be nine days of Novena Prayers beginning from November 30, 2021 after the masses to Solemn Eucharistic Celebration on December 08, 2021 at 7.00 pm at St. Joseph Church. St. Joseph, Pray for us.

Christmas Extravaganza:



1. Remembrance Christmas tree Balls. From November 27, 2021 at all weekend masses



2. Christmas Bake sale: On December 19, 2021 after Sunday Mass.

3. Christmas Flower Donations: Envelops are available in the foyer/ pews.



✝ MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 28

10:00 am † **Pedro Luciano**

Req. *Escolastica Medeiros*

Monday, November 29

No mass

Tuesday, November 30

09:00 am † **For All the souls in Purgatory**

especially deceased members of Foss Family

Req. *Donor*

†† **Manuel Villarino & Maria Jose**

Req. *Maria Villarino*

Wednesday December 01

7:00 pm **Blessings to Dr. Vivian Fischer**

Req. *Donor*

Thursday, December 02

9:00 am **For The Consecration of Russia**

Req. *Donor*

Friday, December 03

7:00 pm † **Bryan Hamer**

Req. *Dorothy Hamer*

Saturday, December 04

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

GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER

WEEKEND COLLECTION:

Nov. 20-21, 2021

Total Amount: \$905.55

Since all our fundraising events can't be held due to pandemic, kindly increase your donations towards our Building Fund. Kindly contribute through Pre Authorize Giving. Forms are available in the foyer.

Thank you for your constant support and generous contribution. A special thanks to our volunteers for your dedication during these unprecedented times.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
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