

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*



“IT’S beginning to look a lot like Christmas”.

These are words of a Christmas song that we might echo now, for, with just a few weeks to go, it is beginning to look a lot like Christmas. How are we to prepare for Christmas?

That’s what the Advent season is – the four weeks that prepare us for Christmas, for the Birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. It is a time of renewal, for celebrating the seasonal reminder of the presence of God with us, the season when we face the choice between acquiescing to the darkness or acting on our own desire for the dawn. Such action would mean exposing our lives in the clear light of day. There are moments in nature you just know God wants you to witness. How can you put into words the beauty of the moment – the colours, the spectacle that is evidence of the master artist at work?

The Season of Advent has been a part of the church’s liturgical practices since at least the 5th Century. Sometimes our celebrations obscure the penitential nature of Advent; we trade fasting in for cookies. But just as Lent is a time of spiritual repentance, so is Advent; this season of preparation is a time to address our wrongs and to get right with God so we’ll be ready to receive Christ anew into our hearts and lives at Christmas. For though the wrong seems oft’ so strong, God is our ruler yet.

There’s an old preaching illustration about Allied soldiers and German soldiers laying down their weapons to sing carols together on Christmas Eve, a reminder that God’s Story always breaks through, that Christ is always coming into the world, even at the world’s bleakest hour. And so I’m grateful during this season of pandemic and division that Advent comes, and that Christmas is on the way.

The English word ‘Advent’ was developed in the 1100’s as a translation of the Latin word *adventus*, which means an arrival or an approach. Advent is a season of getting ready because someone important is coming – the Messiah, the Lord.

God is doing something new. Hope is on the way. New beginnings are on the way. It’s beginning to look a look like Christmas, and soon the Christ will arrive anew. What do we need to do get ready?

Have a Blessed Advent.

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 :

Dec 13: Memorial: St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

Dec 14: Memorial: St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Dec 21: Memorial: St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Dec 23: Memorial: St. John of Kanty, Priest

Dec 25: Memorial: The Nativity of the Lord Jesus Christ

Dec 26: Memorial: Holy Family Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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:

Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule:

December 24: Friday: Christmas Eve

5:00 pm : Christmas Eve, Family Mass

7:00 pm : Christmas Eve Mass

9:30 pm : Christmas Carols

10:00 pm : Christmas Eve Mass

December 25: Saturday: Christmas Day

10:00 am : Christmas Day Mass

(NO 5:00 pm MASS)

December 26: Sunday : The Feast of The Holy Family

10:00 am : Sunday Feast Mass

December 31: Friday: New Year's Eve

6:00 pm : Thanksgiving Adoration

7:00 pm : New Year's Eve Mass

January 01, 2022: Saturday: New Year

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

10:00 am : New Year & Feast Mass

January 02, 2022: Sunday: Epiphany of the Lord

10:00 am : Sunday Solemnity Mass

Christmas Extravaganza:

1. Remembrance Christmas tree balls are on sale during all the weekend masses.

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

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



**GOD LOVES A
CHEERFUL
GIVER**

WEEKEND COLLECTION:

December 04-05, 2021

Total Amount: \$1,389.75

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.

† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 12

10:00 am **†† Maria Alexandrina & Manuel Pavao**

Req. Emmanuel Medeiros

† † Julian & Romana Naron

Req. Luz Naron

Monday, December 13

No mass

Tuesday, December 14

09:00 am **† Jose Teves & Family Intentions**

Req. Maria Teves & Gloria Gomes

Birthdays Blessings to Josefina De Los Santos

Req. Angie & Nicolas Blanco

60th Birthday Blessings to Tem Carpio

Req. Family

Wednesday December 15

7:00 pm **† Fr. Nicolas Gruner**

Req. Donor

Thursday, December 16

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

Req. Donor

Friday, December 17

7:00 pm **† Gualberto Serran**

Req. Zita Mandawe

Birthdays Blessing to Lilibeth Pilonos

Req. Angie & Nicolas Blanco

Saturday, December 18

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

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