

St. Joseph Parish

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**MAY THE SPIRIT OF GOD
LEAD YOU THROUGH THE NEW YEAR**



*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022

**New Year:
New Life**

A new year is a new beginning. It is like a new birth.

As the new year begins, we feel that we need to make changes in our life, start on a new path, do new things, and say goodbye to old habits, problems and difficulties.

Often, we start making new plans and new resolutions. We might feel elated, inspired and hopeful, but sometimes also apprehensive.

The question is whether we will continue and persevere, or quit our plans and resolutions. The New year's inspiration should continue throughout the year, and not evaporate after a few days or weeks. Usually, when we start something new, we have motivation and inspiration, but after encountering difficulties and obstacles, and if things take too much time to change, we begin to lose our enthusiasm and question whether it's worth it.

At this point, we need to muster our self-discipline and persevere with our efforts. How do we keep persevering? This is a tough question. You simply need not to give up. This is what separates a successful person from unsuccessful one.

New Year and New start with the Lord: When we desire change, we have the perfect example to follow: Jesus Christ. When we are ready to implement change, we have the perfect guide book: His Word. Finally, we have the perfect companion to strengthen our resolve: His Spirit. As we pursue change God's way, hope for a better future is no longer a dream; it becomes our reality. We truly can experience freedom in our lives today, tomorrow, and forever. With Christ, we don't have to wait for another New Year to roll around. His mercy is new every morning. We can pursue our own new beginning right now.

As we travel down the road of renewal, receiving answers from God along the way, we will have a number of reasons to rejoice. Many times we are so focused on the destination, that we forget to enjoy the journey. When we take a road trip, even though the driving might be daunting, dangerous, or just plain boring, if we take the time to truly see the unique beauty of the surrounding landscape, we may discover the journey can be enjoyed almost as much as the destination. Enjoy God's journey. He has planned a perfect path just for you.

Wishing you A Grace-filled New Year 2022

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 :

Jan 03: Memorial: Holy Name of Jesus

Jan 04: Memorial: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Jan 05: Memorial: St. John Neumann, Bishop

Jan 06: Memorial: St. Andrei Bessette, Religious

Jan 07: Memorial: St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest

Jan 09: memorial: Baptism of the Lord

Jan 10: Memorial: St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, OBL

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 January 2022:

For True Human Fraternity



We pray for all those suffering religious discrimination and persecution: may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2022 First Communion and Confirmation Registration:

Grade 2 students wishing to receive their First Communion and Grade 7 students wishing to receive their Confirmation must be registered at St. Joseph Parish office. Registration closes on January 30th 2022. For the registration packages, please visit the parish office. Kindly note that you will need to provide a copy of your child's baptismal certificate with the registration.

The Synod on Synodality:

Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality, an ambitious two-year global process of listening to the faithful.

"Synod" comes from an ancient Greek word meaning "walking together on the road." There have been many synods in the history of the Church, but these have traditionally been opportunities for bishops to come together to determine the path forward for the Church.

With the Synod on Synodality, Pope Francis is asking every Catholic to help discern what the Holy Spirit is telling us at this moment as the Church enters its third millennium.

The first phase of the Synod on Synodality will last through the first half of 2022 and will see the world's faithful sharing their thoughts at a diocesan level. All those diocesan-level responses will be collected and summarized. Then the bishops of Canada will meet to discuss what they heard in their respective dioceses, followed by larger multinational meetings and, ultimately, culminating in a synod of bishops in the Vatican in 2023.

✝ MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 02

10:00 am *Thanksgiving Intentions*

Req. Bersola-Bernal's Family

Monday, January 03

No mass

Tuesday, January 04

09:00 am *Birthday Blessing to Elnora Paez*

Req. Angie & Nicolas Blanco

Wednesday January 05

7:00 pm *† Leonora Paez*

Req. Angie & Nicolas Blanco

Thursday, January 06

9:00 am *Weekday Mass*

Friday, January 07

7:00 pm *† Laura Deveau*

Req. Toni Muise

Saturday, January 08

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



Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

**GOD LOVES A
CHEERFUL
GIVER**

WEEKEND COLLECTION:

December 25-26, 2021

Total Amount: \$

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.

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