

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*



"Fear Not for I am With You"

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

Fear is universal. All of us deal with things that scare us. So how should we respond to God's Word, 'Fear not for I am with you?' Can we honestly take to heart in Isaiah 41:10 today and experience freedom because of God's presence? What does this Bible verse really mean?

First of all, we can't deal with anything we don't acknowledge. We need to be honest with ourselves and face those fears. You may be worrying about your children (young or grown), or worrying about a loved one who is sick. Maybe you're wondering how you're going to live when a family member has died. All of us can be fearful about our health, or our finances. We can worry about all sorts of things, big and small. And yet, our God knew we would struggle with fear.

God is aware of our tendency to fear. And He cares about every fear we face. In the Bible we find commands and encouragements to not feel fear, take courage, fear not, and more – over 300 times. God doesn't want us to be consumed by fear. And yet, our fears do not surprise him in the least. We need to realize God is not disappointed in us when we have fears. No more than you are disappointed when one of your children is afraid.

Remember when Peter saw Jesus on the water and wanted to get out of the boat and join him? The weather was not great when Peter made his decision. But looking at Jesus, he decided to do it. Peter felt the water beneath his feet. One step, two steps. But then he took his eyes off of Jesus and immediately went down. Just like we do when we start letting the wind and waves that scare us eclipse our faith.

You can read that account in Matthew 14:22-33. It's important to note when Peter called out to the Lord, Jesus did not reprimand him, nor did he shame Peter. Instead, Jesus immediately reached down, lifting him out of his predicament. Just like God does for us. God Bless you.

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 :

Feb 21: Memorial: St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Feb 22: Memorial: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Feb 23: Memorial: St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

Mar 02: Memorial: Ash Wednesday

Mar 03: Memorial: St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin

Mar 04: Memorial: St. Casimir

World Day of Prayer

St. Joseph, Pray For Us

Update on Covid Restrictions:

Starting Thursday, February 17, 2022:

Capacity limits will increase in many settings, but two metres/six feet of physical distancing is still required at religious ceremonies, meaning our parish capacity limits remain the same for now. Masks must still be worn indoors. Parish halls can reopen for non-sacramental use with a maximum capacity of 50 people; there is no capacity limit for outdoor gatherings.

Parish halls have no capacity limit for Mass overflow or sacramental prep, as long as two metres/six feet of physical distance is maintained between households. Recording contact tracing information is still a best practice, but it is no longer required by the provincial government nor the local public health agencies in the archdiocese. Congregational singing can resume. Please continue to maintain three metres of physical distancing between unmasked choir members/cantors and anyone else.

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. Kindly note that you will need to provide a copy of your child's baptismal certificate with the registration.

Welcome to the Ministry of Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist and Lector!

If you are interested to be part of this sacred ministry, kindly enroll your names at the parish office.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for February 2022:



For Religious Sisters & Consecrated Women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

The Synod on Synodality: Share Your Thoughts:

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.

WEEKEND COLLECTION:

February 12-13, 2022

Total Amount: \$ 1,277.75

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, February 20

10:00 am **Birthday Blessings to Nena Villa**

Req. Angie & Nicolas Blanco

† **Maria Tavares &**

† **Jacinto Ferriera**

Req. Maria Noemia

† **Paul Scipio**

Req. Thomas McMorrow

Monday, February 21

No mass

Tuesday, February 22

09:00 am † **Alvaro Gomes**

Req. Jose Gomes

Birthday Blessings to Gabrielle

Gabangon

Req. Angie & Nick Blanco

Wednesday February 23

7:00 pm **Healing Intention for Rosetta Falconi**

Healing Intention for Antonella Falconi

Req. Dulce Musngi

Thursday, February 24

9:00 am † **Giovani Falconi**

Req. Dulce Musngi

Friday, February 25

10:00 pm **Birthday Blessings to Adrian, Veronica, Stephanie & Family Intentions**

Req. Maria Carmo Oliviera

Saturday, February 26

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

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