St. Joseph Parish

Established in 1878 Served by the Holy Cross Fathers

UNITY IN DIVERSITY

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

Pastor:Fr. Roshan Loy D'Souza, CSCSecretary/Bookkeeper:Nerie BernalCustodian:Allan Cobham

OFFICE HOURS:

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

Music Ministry:

Megan Montifar & Eric Fahn

PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Servers Children's Liturgy Collection Counters Communion to the Sick Lectors & Eucharistic Ministries Social Action Committee Parish Council Finance Council Girl Guides

If you feel called to serve the church through any of these ministries, please call the parish office.

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

St. Joseph Catholic School:

Principal:Principal: David ComacchioPhone:416-393-5209

MASS TIMES:

MondayNo MassTuesday, & Thursday9:00 amWednesday & Friday7:00 pmSaturday Vigil5:00 pmSunday10:00 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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Lenten Grace:

Just imagine that this Lent is going to be different from every other Lent we've experienced. Imagine that there will be many graces offered us this year.

Our sense of excitement and anticipation will grow more easily if we begin to imagine what God wants to give us. There is something coming that we can truly look forward to. We have to keep aware of the fact that grace comes from God. This is about God's great desire to bless us. With this mindset, it is easier for us to imagine that what we really want to do is place ourselves in a space to receive what God wants to give us.

We receive God's gifts as body-persons. We experience things with our senses, relish them with our imaginations, and share in God's own creative and loving activity when our hearts and hands work together for and with others. We can let our homes be places full of the holy – things that help raise our minds and hearts to God. Our world is full of so many images that lure our minds and hearts elsewhere. Some symbols will carry the ongoing meaning we give them, for us and for our families and loved ones.

We can make sure that we have a crucifix in a central place in our home during Lent. Placing a Bible in a central place in our home reminds us of the central place of God's Word in our lives on this Lenten journey. It will take an openness to God's grace, a deep desire to receive what is being offered us, and a few signs and symbols to help us stay focused throughout the season. If we do these things, God's desire for our hearts and our desire for greater union with God will meet. Lent will no longer feel like a burden, but rather a blessing.

Prayer: Loving God, During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you. Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life. Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity. Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity. May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you. Amen.

HAVE A BLESSED LENT : 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 :

Mar 17: Memorial: St. Patrick, Bishop

Mar 18: Memorial: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Mar 19: Memorial: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mar 23: Memorial: St. Turibius Magrovejo, Bishop

Mar 24: Memorial: St. Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr

St. Joseph, Pray For Us

Week 2: March 13: Development and Peace: Caritas Canada. Madagascar: An ecological village to cope with climate change.



In Madagascar, for instance, Development and Peace's

partner, the Development Council of Andohatapenaka (CDA), empowers people to manage and transform their neighbourhoods.

In the capital region, which is afflicted by flooding and poor waste management,

CDA has helped the residents of one vulnerable area to turn their environs into a thriving ecological village. Today, each of the 50 households involved in the project has a vegetable garden, a stove and solar panels. This transformation reflects a true ecological conversion.

Pray for those without land, work or housing, that they may be empowered to change the systems that deny their dignity and deprive them of basic needs.



St. Joseph triduum Prayers: On March 16, 17, 18 after the masses. St. Joseph Feast Day Celebration: March 19, 2022 at 9.00 am (Saturday).





ESATER BASKET:

Tickets are available after the weekend masses.



Pope Francis Prayer Intention for March 2022: A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges: We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.



Every Friday: Stations of the Cross

at: 6:30 p.m. & Mass at 7:00 p.m.

The Three Pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.



ShareLife Offerings: (ShareLife Sunday)

2022: March 27, May 1 & June 5



WEEKEND COLLECTION:

March 5-6, 2022

Total Amount: \$1,699.50

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, March 13

10:00 am	† Maria Alexandrina & Manuel Pavao
	Rea. Maria Noemia

† Artemio Peralta

Req. Luz Naron & Julie Ordona

Monday, March 14

No mass

Tuesday, March 15

09:00 am **† Joe & Melissa Paulino** Req. Maria Carmo Oliviera

Wednesday March 16

7:00 pm *†* Ana Benevides & Manuel Alves

Req. Maria Carmo Oliviera

† Francisca Guerrero

Req. Guerrero Family

Thursday, March 17

9:00 am *† Teofilo Ferrer*

Req. Dulce & Ernesto Musngi

Friday, March 18

7.00 pm 🛛 🕇

Req. Donor

Saturday, March 19

- 9.00 am : St. Joseph Feast Day Mass
 - *† Vicente Montifar*

Req. Myrna Montifar

† Mariano Pascua

Req. Pascua Family

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



