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“Moved by the Good News of Jesus Christ... We *Journey with St. Joseph*”

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**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

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**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** 416-546-4044

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**St. Joseph Catholic School:**

**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.**

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## From the Pastor's Desk



### A Celebration of Waiting .



Today, in the era of instant-everything, I wonder if we forget that Advent is a celebration of waiting fulfilled. Christmas itself is the vindication of Old Testament believers who spent long, uncomfortable lives clinging to wispy words of prophecy and trusting God's good intentions toward them. It's the season of Mary's "yes" to a nine-month obedience, a season of open-ended journeys prompted by visions and unexpected stars.

We also live in a world of waiting, and the only difference is that now we have the Hallmark Channel, our social media feed, and our frantic pace to distract us from our true situation, which can be described as "the interim time."

We live between two mighty events—that of [Jesus's] incarnation, death, and resurrection, and that of His ultimate appearing and the glorification of those He died to save. This is the interim time for the saints—but it is not a vacuum. He has given us much to do and He asks for our faithfulness."

We have a choice as we wait. We can fret and forget our purpose, or we can let his joy wash over us like a baptism in slow motion. It's not easy to wait, especially in our need. But Advent plunges us into the waiting, reminds us that there's something at the end to make it all worthwhile. We are waiting for joy and blessing so great that if we would only fix our eyes on it, like Jesus we'd be able to endure even our daily crosses.

**God Works While We Wait.** Waiting Here For You helps us anticipate rather than dread the busy season of Advent and Christmas. A season overflowing with anticipation, Christmas comes the same time each year with great hope and promise of a baby born long ago. But, this season meant for joy is often consumed by busyness, pressure, mixed emotions, and is gone as quickly as it came. What is it all for? In the journey of Advent - a season of expectant waiting and preparation - we find our answer. It's in the waiting season of Advent that we prepare our hearts to meet December 25 with joy, peace, hope, and promise in our newborn King.

Hearts waiting , Waiting on a Savior, Come o come Emmanuel  
Hear the prophets Speaking of the promise. Come o come Emmanuel ...

**Have a Blessed Season of Advent.**

**Fr. Roshan Loy D'Souza, CSC**



### REMEMBERING ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, MAKING A CHARITABLE 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

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#### The Week Ahead :

- Dec 12: Memorial: Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Dec 13: Memorial: St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
- Dec 14: Memorial: St. John of the Cross.
- Dec 21: Memorial: St. Peter Canisius.
- Dec 23: Memorial: St. John of Kanty, Priest
- Dec 25: Memorial: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas).

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#### Pope Francis Prayer Intention for December 2022:



#### Volunteer & Non Profit Organizations.

We pray that volunteer & non profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

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#### Catholicism 101: The Story Of The Advent Wreath.

In the days before Christianity in Scandinavia, people placed lit candles on a wheel; prayers were offered to their god of light, in the hope that the earth's wheel would be turned back toward the sun, bringing light and warmth. Like many beloved Advent traditions, the modern-day tradition of the Advent wreath originates in Germany. The story goes that in 1839, Johann Hinrich Wichern (1808-81), a pastor in Germany, built a wreath out of an old cartwheel to help the children in his mission school count the days until Christmas. He added small candles to be lit every weekday and Saturday during Advent, and on Sundays, a large white candle was lit. Although it wasn't widely popular until the 19th century, German immigrants then brought the tradition with them to America in the 20th century. The evergreens used in today's wreaths represent everlasting life; holly leaves and berries represent the crown of thorns and blood; and pine cones symbolize the resurrection.

**Advent: Sacrament of Reconciliation:** This year, the Day of Confessions in preparation for Christmas will be on December 15, 2022 (Thursday) from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. "In order to undergo an authentic and renewed conversion, and to encounter the Love of God, a focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation – this most powerful encounter with divine mercy – is essential." - *Thomas Cardinal Collins.*



**Sacrament of Confirmation:** Rite of acceptance for the Confirmation candidates will be on Sunday December 11, 2022 during the Sunday 10:00 am Mass.



**"Christmas Tree Balls"** : Remembrance Christmas Tree Balls are on sale (includes a raffle ticket for Christmas Basket) \$ 5.00 / Ball. **Raffle draw and Bake Sale :**



December 18, 2022 after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.



**Christmas Eve: December 24, 2022**

5:00 pm: Family Christmas Mass, 7:00 pm: Christmas Mass

9:30 pm: Christmas Carols & 10:00 pm: Christmas Mass

**Christmas Day: December 25, 2022:**

10:00 am : Christmas Mass

**New Year's Eve:**



December 31, 2022: 4:30 pm: Benediction & 5:00 pm : Mass: New Year: January 01, 2023: 10:00 am: Mass

**GOD LOVES A  
CHEERFUL  
GIVER**

**WEEKEND COLLECTION:**

December 3-4, 2022

Total Amount: \$1,103.15

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## † MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, December 11

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

Req. Emmanuel Medeiros

### Monday, December 12

No mass

### Tuesday, December 13

9:00 am † *Maureen Prisciak*

Req. Patricia Williams

### Wednesday December 14

7:00 pm † *For the Unborn*

Req. Toni Muise & Marilyn Roberts

*Thanksgiving Intentions for the Gift of Life*

Req. Arsenio Carpio

### Thursday, December 15

9:00 am *Weekday Mass*

Req.

### Friday, December 16

7:00 pm *Birthday Blessings to Elvira Milaya*

Req. Montifar Family

### Saturday, December 17

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

*Jose & Fatima Arruda 50th Wedding Anniversary*

Req. Jose & Fatima Arruda  
*St. Joseph, Pray For Us.*

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