

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: 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 is almost here, Christmas is upon us.

You can see the excitement on the faces of children whose eyes burn like lights on a Christmas tree. You can perceive it in the tender glances of two people in love hoping that Christmas might bring the promise of commitment and a life together. You can sense this in parents awaiting children returning from college or from their homes in other parts of the country.

There doesn't seem to be an end to all the exciting distractions of the season. But I worry that in the midst of all these exciting things we overlook the real miracles present in the ordinary events of our lives. I wonder how often we take for granted the faithful love of a spouse or the loyalty of a trusted friend.

I wonder if we fail to appreciate those who bring service to our lives throughout the year. I think of paper carriers and trash collectors, sales agents and hair stylists. I think of doctors and dentists and teachers and a whole army of people that touch our lives and that we often write off because "they are paid to do that." And even more, I wonder how often we take for granted the gift of life and the miracle of birth.

Most of the world missed Christ's birth because it took place in what the world saw as an ordinary place and involved ordinary people...an expectant couple, some shabby shepherds and three neurotics who were wishing upon a star. But how wrong the world was. And how often do we miss the mystery and the wonder of the ordinary and every day events of our lives?

Christmas is but a few days away. Don't miss the mystery because of the glitter. Take the time to stop long enough to let it happen. Christ is coming. God is waiting to touch our hearts. Like Mary, let us be "blessed" to believe what God has promised us as we celebrate the dawn of Christmas.

And remember, it's not what you give, if you give your whole self, your whole heart and your whole soul to those around you, and then you will understand why the angels sing, why the shepherds dance, and why the world, for all its pain and sorrows and difficulties, is a wondrous, marvelous and great place to be.

Because we indeed have become Emmanuel, God with us and God with each other. To have God with you, to be one with God and one with each other and gathered wherever it is, whether it's a fancy place or whether it's a humble, humble stable and manger, Christmas means God is teaching us how to love.

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

The Week Ahead :

- Dec 21: Memorial: St. Peter Canisius.
- Dec 23: Memorial: St. John of Kanty, Priest
- Dec 25: Memorial: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas).
- Dec 26: Memorial: St. Stephen, The First Martyr
- Dec 27: Memorial: St. John, Apostles & Evangelist
- Dec 28: Memorial: Holy Innocents Day

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.

Catholicism 101: 5 Advent Candles & Their Meaning:

- 1. Candle of Hope (Prophet Candle / God's People Candle):** The first candle symbolizes hope and is called the "Prophet's Candle." The prophets of the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, waited in hope for the Messiah's arrival.
- 2. Candle of Faith (Bethlehem Candle):** The second candle represents faith and is called "Bethlehem's Candle." Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David. This candle reminds of the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem.
- 3. Candle of Joy (Shepherd's Candle):** The third candle symbolizes joy and is called the "Shepherd's Candle." The angels announced to the shepherds in the field, "good news of great joy to all people." This candle is pink because, in Christian history, the color rose signifies joy.
- 4. Candle of Peace (Angel's Candle):** The fourth candle represents peace and is called the "Angel's Candle." The angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace—He came to bring people peace with God and with each other again.
- 5. Candle of Light & Purity (Christ Candle):** The fifth candle is white and it represents light and purity and is called "Christ's candle" as it represents Christ coming into the world. It is placed in the middle as a reminder of the preeminent place of Christ.



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

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



CHRISTMAS CAROLS
JESUS YOUTH ONTARIO



Experience the light of Christmas and join the youth for the carol singing on December 23rd (Friday) after the 7 pm Mass .

2023 Offertory Envelopes: Offertory envelopes for 2023 are available for pick up at the foyer. Please pick up only the box with your name on it. New families of the parish are requested to register and collect your envelopes from the parish office.

2022 Tax Receipts:

To receive your tax receipt for 2022. Donations must be received by December 31, 2022. Donations received after January 1, 2023, will go towards 2023 taxes.



WEEKEND COLLECTION:
December 10-11, 2022
Total Amount: \$ 899.50

Thanks to all our volunteers for their commitment and thanks to our benefactors for their continued support.

Kindly contribute through Pre Authorize Giving. Forms are available in the foyer. Thank you for your constant support and generous contribution.



Joseph Parish community sincerely thanks Knights of Columbus, Council 9079 for their continued support. God Bless You.

† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 18

10:00 am † *Ulrike Licht*

Req. Toots Bishop Family

Monday, December 19

No mass

Tuesday, December 20

9:00 am † *Nicolasa Padua*

Req. Dulce & Ernesto Musngi

Wednesday December 21

7:00 pm *Silver Wedding Anniversary of Norma & Johnny Don*

Req. Delinda, Ying & Jun Dancel

For the Intention of Ida Mae Grant

Req. Larry Gagnon

Thursday, December 22

9:00 am *Birthday Blessings to May, Matthew & Family Intentions*

Req. Maria Carmo Oliveira

Friday , December 23

7:00 pm *Birthday Blessings to Victoria Montifar*

Req. Montifar Family

Saturday, December 24

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

7:00 pm † *Gregorio Ingalla, Jeffrey Tan & Thanksgiving Intentions*

Req. Jocelyn Salvador

10:00 pm † *Raymond Fernandes*

Req. Family

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