

# St. Joseph Parish

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“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](http://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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# Merry Christmas

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

"Sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders. The Lord has made known his salvation. Acclaim the King the Lord." Today is Christmas Day, the day we have long awaited and prepared for. Christmas is a milestone in our salvation history, so it is beautiful to know that "God is with us" to save us.

Today, God proved the depth of his love for us by allowing his son to be born of a virgin. The Word prophesied long ago has finally taken flesh. The central message of today's celebration is the incarnation and revelation of Jesus Christ. Prophet Isaiah proclaims: "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the one who brings Good News." Indeed, the Good News himself is here with and among us. The onus now lies on us to become "partners in progress" by spreading the good news

It is the Good News of love, peace, charity, hope, happiness, and above all, it is the Good News of salvation. The call of the prophet today is a call to celebrate Emmanuel, God with us. It is a call to adore and worship the newborn king and prince of peace. It is a call to be joyful and take the message about the Messiah's birth to all and sundry.

The gospel of John gives us the synopsis of what happened today, the divine incarnation of God: "The Word was made flesh, He lived among us, and we saw His glory." The Word which was with the Father as Spirit is now with us as flesh. While not losing His sacred or spiritual nature, he has condescended to become like us. He did this by taking flesh in a poor, humble, willing, and lovely virgin. It takes love to do this. Therefore, what we celebrate today is love because: "God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten son (Jn: 3: 16).

We must be ready to share this love. God sent Christ out of love, Christ accepted to come out of love, the messengers and prophets announced his coming out of love, and of course, out of love, Mary and Joseph cooperated with God to bring Him forth. So, we must not snap the silver chain of love instead. Instead, let us extend it to others. Therefore, this is a season we must be ready to offer ourselves to others. This season, as Christ has reached out to us, we too must reach out to others.

*"Wishing you and your family a season that's merry and bright with the light of God's 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 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
- Dec. 29: Memorial: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr
- Dec. 31: Memorial: St. Sylvester, Pope

#### 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: The First Nativity Scene



St. Francis of Assisi, who is credited with staging the first nativity scene in 1223. The only historical account we have of Francis' nativity scene comes

from The Life of St. Francis of Assisi by St. Bonaventure, a Franciscan monk who was born five years before Francis' death. According to Bonaventure's biography, St. Francis got permission from Pope Honorius III to set up a manger with hay and two live animals—an ox and an ass—in a cave in the Italian village of Greccio. He then invited the villagers to come gaze upon the scene while he preached about "the babe of Bethlehem." (Francis was supposedly so overcome by emotion that he couldn't say "Jesus.") Bonaventure also claims that the hay used by Francis miraculously acquired the power to cure local cattle diseases and pestilences.

The nativity scene's popularity took off from there. Within a couple of centuries, nativity scenes had spread throughout Europe.



### NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

**New Year's Eve: December 31, 2022**

**4:30 pm: Benediction & 5:00 pm : Mass**

**New Year: January 01, 2023: 10:00 am: Mass  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**



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Friday, January 13, 2023 07:00 pm - Sunday, January 15, 2023 01:00 pm at Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering.

**2023 Offertory Envelopes:** Offertory envelopes for 2023 are available for pick up at the foyer. Please pick up only the box with your name or number 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 17-18, 2022**  
**Total Amount: \$**

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

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

# † MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, December 25

10:00 am † *Gilda Antonio*  
*Req. Raposo Family*  
† *Antonio Ordon*  
*Req. Julie Ordon*

### Monday, December 26

*No mass*

### Tuesday, December 27

9:00 am † *Cipriano & Stella Casballido*  
*Req. Marilene Casballido*

### Wednesday December 28

7:00 pm † *Francisco Benevides & All Souls in Purgatory*  
*Req. Maria Carmo Oliveira*

### Thursday, December 29

9:00 am † *Nicolasa Padua*  
*Req. Artesa Jabier*

### Friday , December 30

7:00 pm *Birthday Blessings to Josefina Foster*  
*Req. Montifar Family*  
*Birthday Blessings*  
*Req. Fe Keleher*  
† *Valerie Monis*  
*Req. Monis Family*

### Saturday, December 31

5:00 pm **For the Intention of St. Joseph Parish Community**  
**St. Joseph, Pray for us**

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