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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

**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:*

There is a joke about making New Year resolutions. At the beginning of a new year, a high school principal decided to post his teachers' New Year resolutions on the bulletin board. As the teachers gathered around the bulletin board to read them, a great commotion started. One of the teachers was complaining. "Why wasn't my resolution posted?" She was throwing such a temper tantrum that the principal hurried to his office to see if he had overlooked her resolutions. Sure enough, he had misplaced it on his desk. As he read her resolution he was surprised because this teacher's resolution was "not to let little things upset her in the New Year."

Well, we too often make resolutions when the New Year comes. Sometimes we are able to keep them, other times we don't follow it up. But, that should never discourage us. We all must have "a new beginning for a new year." Here we are in the month of January, named after the Roman god Janus, an appropriate symbol for the start of the New Year. The god Janus is two-faced, one looking to the past and another looking to the future at the same time. That is why the god Janus became the symbol of New Year to give thanks for the past and gather our hopes for the future.

Today, our mother Church celebrates the feast of "Mary the Mother of God" which is a very appropriate way to begin a new year. This celebration reminds us that the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, is our heavenly mother. Today we all are called to pray that God may bless each and every family here in this New Year with his peace and joy, and we in turn share his peace and joy with one another.

The Book of Numbers, in mentioning the formula of the divine blessing of the Israelites through Moses, gives us three special blessings on this New Year's Day. 1. The Lord will bless you and keep you safe! 2. The Lord will let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you! 3. The Lord will look upon you kindly and give you peace!

Therefore, as today's reading assures us of God's special blessings, let us pray that the Lord may let his face shine upon us, look kindly upon us, bless all our families, and fill our hearts with his peace and joy today and throughout this New Year 2023. As we celebrate the solemnity of our day of obligation of Mary Mother of God, Mary, our blessed mother, may she guide each and every one of us as our loving mother throughout this New Year. **God Bless. 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 :**

- Jan 01: Memorial: Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
- Jan 02: Memorial: St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
- Jan 04: Memorial: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Jan 05: Memorial: St. John Neuman
- Jan 06: Memorial: St. Andre Bessette
- Jan 07: Memorial: St. .Raymond of Penafort

**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.

**Office of Catholic Youth and Office of Vocations Re: Totus Tuus Toronto 2023**

Bring Totus Tuus to your parish in Summer 2023! Totus Tuus is a Catholic summer camp program for youth dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith. Through a week-long "parish mission" for a parish's 1st - 12th grade youth, Totus Tuus assists parents and parishes to proclaim Christ to their young people. The Office of Vocations and the Office of Catholic Youth collaborate to recruit and form 16 young Catholic leaders who are seriously discerning God's calling in their lives. These leaders are then sent out in teams of four to serve as missionaries in parishes throughout the Archdiocese, facilitating the week-long summer camps for you. Parish registration is on a first-come, first-served basis - so please sign up early. Parish registration closes January 16, 2023. Contact: The Office of Catholic Youth Email: youth@ocytoronto.org Phone: 416-599-7676 Website: www.totustuustoronto.ca

On the Road to Union with God: A silent Ignatian weekend retreat for men. Generally, there are three broad recognizable stages as we grow closer to God: the Purgative stage, the Illuminative stage, and the Unitive stage. We will explore this journey with the help of the life of the saints, who had to get in touch with their own human frailty along their own unique life-journey. Register: [manresa-canada.ca](http://manresa-canada.ca) or email: [registration@manresa.ca](mailto:registration@manresa.ca) Phone: 905-839-2864. *Friday, January 13, 2023 07:00 pm - Sunday, January 15, 2023 01:00 pm at Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering.*

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### 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

### WEEKEND COLLECTION:

December 24-25, 2022

Total Amount: \$

Bake Sale & 50/50 Draw: \$910.65

Christmas Balls \$610.20

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, January 01

10:00 am † *Maria Takasch*

*Req. Toots Bishop Family*

### Monday, January 02

*No mass*

### Tuesday, January 03

9:00 am *Special Intentions*

*Req. Toni Muise*

### Wednesday January 04

7:00 pm † *Francia Bacud*

*Req. Bernal Family*

### Thursday, January 05

9:00 am † *Maria Javier*

*Req. Virgie Sison*

† *Leonora Paez*

*Req Angie & Nick Blanco*

### Friday , January 06

7:00 pm *Birthday Blessings to Elizabeth Galera*

*Req. Virgie Sison*

### Saturday, January 07

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

† *Laura Deveau*

*Req. Toni Muise*

**St. Joseph, Pray for us**

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