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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

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Collection Counters

Communion to the Sick

Lectors & Eucharistic

Ministries

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Parish Council

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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: 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**
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PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

From the
Pastor's
Desk



Three Pillars Of Lent:

Most practicing Catholics know what is expected and required of us during the Season of Lent. We talk about giving something up for Lent. We want to make Lent special. Most Catholics want Lent to be a spiritual experience, a truly life changing experience. We hope to approach Easter Sunday with hearts overflowing with love for God and a raised awareness and ardent appreciation of the great sacrifice Jesus made for us. In a way we go into our own desert for 40 days as Jesus did.

To indeed have a virtuous Lenten experience it's necessary to know and follow The Three Pillars of Lent., Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. **PRAYER:** If we desire to get closer to Our Lord it may be necessary to increase our prayer life. There are many ways to add prayer to our daily prayer routine. It's up to us to evaluate how much we pray and decide what we can add. Prayer is extremely important. Prayer bonds us to God. When we pray we let God know we believe in Him. When we pray we learn to feel God's love in our hearts. The more we pray from the heart, the more we want to pray and the greater will be our ability to feel the presence of God. Remember our prayer is the holy covenant relationship between God and us.

Fasting: Fasting is difficult for everyone. Fasting takes a lot of effort and dedication as we offer up to Our Lord the food we're not eating. Think about this, if we follow the guidelines for adult fast during Lent we'll always be aware that it's the Season of Lent. There's no way we can forget why we're fasting. Isn't this what we want? To have Jesus on our mind every day during Lent? Maybe if we're able to stick with the fast during Lent, we'll be blessed to have Jesus stay in our mind and hearts even after Lent is over. **Almsgiving:** Giving alms might be difficult if we're on a tight budget but if we think about it most of us are much better off than much of the world's population. This is a hard fact to consider. Jesus said we must give to the poor. And though the Church has much to say about prayer and has clear guidelines on fasting the Church mostly leaves almsgiving up to the individual. For this reason, it's important for us to spend a little more time thinking about the 3rd Pillar of Lent, almsgiving. No one can escape the poverty that surrounds us. We have blessed opportunities to get closer to Our Lord! To get closer to Our Lord now! Let's take advantage of this opportunity for holiness and not let this Lent pass us by! **God Bless. Fr. Roshan Loy D'Souza.**



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 :

Feb 27: Memorial: St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

Mar 03: Memorial: St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin

Mar 04: Memorial: St. Casimir

Mar 07: Memorial : Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

Mar 08: Memorial: St. John of God, Religious

Mar 09: Memorial: St. Frances of Rome, Religious

Archdiocesan Events: Development and Peace

This year, Development and Peace, Caritas Canada's Create Hope: Stand for the land campaign calls you to support our sisters and brothers in the Global South in defending their land and territory. Do this by:

1. Donating online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on March 26, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 86 projects in 40 countries around the world!
2. Learning more by reading the Mini-magazine and other resources available at devp.org/lent/resources.
3. Participate in the campaign launch webinar on February 25 at 1:30 p.m. ET.

14th Annual - Dynamic Women of Faith Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, March 25, 2023 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Old Mill Toronto Event Venue
21 Old Mill Road Toronto, ON M8X 1G5

Speakers & Topics: **Sister Deirdre Byrne:** The Heroes of My Life Lead Me to Our Lady, **Dr. Josephine Lombardi:** Healing and Forgiveness, **Diana Filipiak, Kasia Ryba, Sandra Wojcik:** Journeying with Mother Mary, **Dorothy Pilarski:** talk on *Why minister to Moms?* **CONTACT: 416-907-1042**



POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION

FOR FEBRUARY 2023: For Parishes: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



First Communion & First Reconciliation: All the grade 2 students preparing for the sacraments are requested to be part of Sunday 10 am children's liturgy.



Confirmation Sessions: All the sessions will be shortly after the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass. February 26, 2023, March 12, 2023. All the candidates are requested to attend Sunday mass and be enriched spiritually.



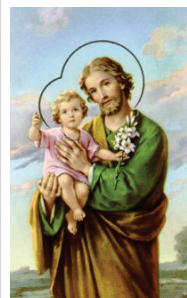
Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 6:30 pm followed by Eucharistic celebration.



FISH FRY: hosted by Knights of Columbus

on Friday's Feb. 24 & Apr 7, 2023.
Time: 5 pm to 6.45 pm at St. Joseph Parish Hall.



Coming up: Novena and Feast of St. Joseph

We will have novena to St. Joseph in preparation for the feast of St. Joseph from March 10 to 18 during the Masses. The feast of St. Joseph will be celebrated on March 19 (Sunday).

There will be breakfast after the Sunday Mass for the parish community. **All are Welcome.**



WEEKEND COLLECTION:

February 18-19, 2023
Total Amount: \$ 1,167.00

Pancake Breakfast: 830.00

Thank you for your constant support and generous contribution. Thanks to all our volunteers for their commitment and to our benefactors for their continued support.

Kindly contribute through Pre Authorized Giving. Forms are available in the foyer.

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



† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 26

10:00 am **Family Intentions & Birthday Blessings to Adrian, Veronica & Stephanie**

Req. Maria Carmo Oliviera

In Thanksgiving for the blessings received & for the intentions of the family.

Req. Sukrita Prasad

† Kennedy Garcia

Req. Virgie Sison

Monday, February 27

No mass

Tuesday, February 28

9:00 am **Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life**

Req. Gaby Bernal

Wednesday, March 01

7:00 pm

Req.

Thursday, March 02

9:00 am

Req.

Friday, March 03

7:00 pm

Req.

Saturday, March 04

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

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