# St. Joseph Parish

Established in 1878 Served by the Holy Cross Fathers

# UNITY IN DIVERSITY

"Moved by the Good News of Jesus Christ... We Journey with St. Joseph"

Pastor:Fr. Roshan Loy D'Souza, CSCSecretary/Bookkeeper:Nerie BernalCustodian:Allan Cobham

**OFFICE HOURS:** 

Monday to Friday: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Music Ministry:

Megan Montifar & Eric Fahn

#### **PARISH MINISTRIES**

Altar Servers Children's Liturgy Collection Counters Communion to the Sick Lectors & Eucharistic Ministries Social Action Committee Parish Council Finance Council 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 ComacchioPhone: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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# Your Hope Is As Alive As Jesus



Hope can be a very dangerous thing. Your greatest wounds may be tied to unrealized dreams or unexpected disappointments. Unfortunately, the daily and worldly hopes we know in this life create some category confusion when it comes to our hope in Christ. As a follower of Christ, this life will not be easy or comfortable, but it will be real and full and lasting. Jesus says follow me and you will find inexpressible and glorious joy despite and even in really hard, bitter, heart-breaking, even excruciating moments and realities in your life.

Life is hard for everyone, but for the believer, in the hardness, trials, and pains of life that we face, we live from faith, which produces hope, and hope never fails. Hope is the thing that says I don't know how I'm gonna get through this, I don't know what's gonna happen, but I know the character of the God I serve. I know he loves me, I know he has the power, and He's never failed me in the past. God is faithful. He will carry me through. He's going to carry you through. Keep hope alive. Have faith. Take one more step and persevere. Do not quit. It is not who you are. You are a winner. You are a succeeder. You are somebody who is given everything you need to cross that line and to enter into the calling God has given you.

Often, we look at things that cannot remain. Things that fade, wither, and die. Maybe we look to our accomplishments only coming face-to-face with a day when they just don't add up. Or, we place our hope in a relationship. But just as our accomplishments fall short, so do people. They are human and we live in a broken world. People will, whether intentional or not, disappoint us and break our hearts. When they do, if our hope is in them, it collapses alongside the relationship.

What if we've begun to place our hope in the next good time ... or the next thrill? And what if our hope has landed at the bottom of a bottle meant to soothe away the pain? But there is an answer. A forever is possible. You see, long ago on a still dark night, Hope was born as a tiny baby in a manger. Jesus. The one who lived a sinless life among us then died at the hands of the very people He loved. Only He didn't die as an end. He died as a beginning – conquering death not just to point to His power, but to give us all hope against sin and death forever.

For all of us. Then. Now. And always. His hope is eternal. His love everlasting. His promises never fail.

### REMEMBERING OUR LEGACY 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 :

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Mar 17: Memorial: St. Patrick, Bishop Mar 18: Memorial: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop Mar 20: Memorial: St. Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary Mar 23: Memorial: St. Turibius of Magrovejo, Bishop Mar 25: Memorial: The Annunciation of The Lord

#### Archdiocesan Events: Development and Peace

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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

Fr. Roshan Loy D'Souza.



**POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH 2023: For The Victim of Abuse:** We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



**First Communion & First Reconciliation:** All the grade 2 students preparing for the sacraments are requested to be part of Sunday 10:00 am children's liturgy.



**Confirmation Sessions:** All the sessions will be shortly after the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass. Next session will be on 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 to Apr 7, 2023. Time: 5:00 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: March 4-5, 2023 Total Amount: \$1,394.80

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. God Bless You.

# **†** MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 12

10:00 am Family Intentions & Birthday Blessings to Liberal, Elizabeth & Sammy Req. Maria Carmo Oliveira

Monday, March 13

### Tuesday, March 14

9:00 am **Thanksgiving Intentions** Req. Angie & Nick Blanco

Wednesday, March 15

7:00 pm Healing Intentions for Raquel Cornista Reg. Andrea & Salvador Cornista

## Thursday, March 16

9:00 am **† Francisca Guerrero** Req. Guerrero Family

# Friday, March 17

7:00 pm Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life & Healing for Juan Dancel Req. Ying & Delinda Dancel

# Saturday, March 18

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



St. Joseph Pray For Us

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