

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:
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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“Carrying our cross after Jesus”



In the lives of each of us there may be something painful, big or small, something that we wish to be different. In the lives of each of us there is a cross. The cross can be caused by somebody else, or we may bring a cross on ourselves due to our choices or sometimes the cross is neither the fault of others nor ourselves, but because of the accidents of life or simply because we are human and do not have the perfection of God.

At first we may deny that we have a cross. Perhaps we do not want to face the pain of the cross so we pretend that everything is fine, we have no cross. But one of the mysteries of life is that a grace awaits us if we carry our cross just as resurrection awaited Jesus after he died. If we deny our cross we are losing out on the grace God has planned to give us.

After we move beyond denying our cross and admit that we have a cross we may experience anger. We ask the question, “Why?”, “Why me?”, “I didn’t deserve this.” “Why did God allow this to happen to me?” It is natural reaction. At this stage of coping with our cross we may be angry with others, or even angry with God. It is easy to blame God when we cannot understand why we are in pain. But God did not cause your cross and blaming God is making an unjust accusation against God. Blaming others who are innocent is also unjust. Surely blaming God for some trouble is because we are afraid to face the pain of the real cause of the problem. Get to the real root of the problem or cross.

We move through the stages of life by sharing our pain with the Lord when we pray. We don’t have to be perfect when we pray. We can tell the Lord everything. There is a saying “A trouble shared is half a trouble.” If we are a caring Christian community we should be helping each other to carry our crosses. If we’re not helping each other to carry our crosses we’re not a caring Christian community.

I think there is something holy about our cross. It keeps us close to God. When there is some pain in our lives, when we have to carry a cross we depend more on God. I think it is part of God’s mysterious plan that we carry a cross because it keeps us close to God. Mother Teresa of Calcutta said that sufferings are the kisses of Jesus in our lives.

If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. (Luke 9:23-24) **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 :

- 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
- Apr 02 : Memorial: Palm Sunday
- Apr 06: Memorial: Evening Mass of Lord’s Supper
- Apr 07: Memorial: Friday of the Passion of the Lord
- Apr 08: Memorial: Easter Vigil
- Apr 09: Memorial: Easter Sunday

A special prayer initiative in view of the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis’ pontificate.



An invitation to the faithful worldwide to pray at least one “Hail Mary”, for the Holy Father’s 10th anniversary of his petrine ministry. As part of the initiative, a special online map will feature virtual lighted candles, representing the prayers of the faithful who will have registered. The map

will be presented to the Holy Father as a gift and in support for his ministry. Anyone who wishes to participate may register using the following link:

<https://www.decimus-annus.org/site/index>

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 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:

-Parents' Meeting on March 25th at 10.00 am
-Practice for Reconciliation & Holy Communion on march 25th at 10.30 am



Confirmation: Parents' Meeting on March 25th at 11.00 am. All the candidates are requested to attend Sunday mass and be enriched spiritually.



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during the 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.

Easter Basket tickets are on sale after the weekend masses.

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 11-12, 2023
Total Amount: \$1,515.25

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 19

10:00 am **For the Intentions of Nicole Plach**

Req. Audrey Weis

† **Basili Dremetsikas**

Req. Wife Teresa

† **Mariano Pascua**

Req. Pascua Family

Monday, March 20

No Mass

Tuesday, March 21

9:00 am **Thanksgiving Intentions**

Req. Jovy toledo

Wednesday, March 22

7:00 pm † **Jose & Olima Gomes**

Req. Gomes Family

For The Intentions of Loraine Alves

Req. Ruth D'Souza

Thursday, March 23

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

Req. Jose Aragon

Friday, March 24

7:00 pm

Req.

Saturday, March 25

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

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