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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:
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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Preparing for Holy Week



As Easter quickly approaches, our minds are typically filled with ideas of chocolate stuffed bunnies and where to hide the infamous plastic eggs. Whereas none of this is ultimately bad for us, do we really take time to consider the depth the week leading up to Easter holds?

How about this year we do something different? How about we take a step back and enter this season with prepared hearts that draw us to the cross, rather than to the store. Even though there are countless ways to prepare our hearts for this season, here is a start that will help you prepare for Holy Week in the simplest way possible. Let's start by learning what Holy Week is. It is the week leading up to Easter, starting on Palm Sunday. The point of this week is to provide the faithful, reflection on the events leading up to Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection from the grave. This is a week to celebrate, grieve, and rejoice in the different events that occurred as Jesus prepared for the biggest sacrifice anyone has ever made. We can prepare our hearts for this week by learning about each day and what scripture has to say about each event that occurs.

Palm Sunday: This day celebrates when Jesus triumphantly entered Jerusalem the week before his crucifixion. John 12 describes people laying palm branches down in front of Jesus as he entered. **Maundy Thursday** or Holy Thursday is a day when people reflect on the Passover Meal or Last Supper. This is the day when Jesus called his disciples together for one last meal in preparation of the events that would proceed in the days to come. Maundy is derived from the Latin word mandatum, meaning commandment. It refers to John 13:34 when Jesus says "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." **Good Friday** is recognized as the day Jesus was crucified and died on the cross. In most religious circles, it is called Good Friday, as another way of saying Holy Friday. Meditating on this day and remembering the reality of Jesus dying on the cross to take away our sins is of utmost importance. Preparing your heart for Holy Week is important to remember the goodness of our great God and King.

As we enter into the Holy Week once again this year, let us consider how we can walk with Jesus through these life-altering days. Let us learn from the Master of Time how to truly redeem the time as we spend one week focusing on and entering into the single most important event in the history of the world—the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. **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 :

- 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>

**Central Region Welcome Mass
for our new Archbishop-Elect
Francis Leo.**



On April 11th, 2023 (Tuesday)
At: Blessed Trinity Church
220 Bayview Ave.
Mass at 7 pm followed by light reception.
No pre-registration needed.

ShareLife Sunday is March 26 and we once again ask you to give generously to support Catholic agencies. Our goal for the year is \$ 27,000



ShareLife



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:



Sacrament of Reconciliation will be on Saturday, April 01, 2023 at 10:30 am.

First Holy Communion celebration will be on Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 10:30 am.

Sacrament of Confirmation:



Retreat & Confessions will be on April 22, 2023, Saturday at 10:30 am.

Practice Session will be on April 29, 2023 Saturday 10:30 am

Confirmation celebration on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 10:30 am.



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. Raffle Draw will on April 09 after the Easter Sunday 10 am Mass .



WEEKEND COLLECTION:

March 18-19, 2023

Total Amount: \$1,321.65

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 26

10:00 am † Rosa Toste Fialho
† Manuel Fialho
† Maria De Lourdes Fialho
Req. Maria Goulart

Monday, March 27 : No Mass

Tuesday, March 28

9:00 am Special Intentions : Req. Toni Muise

Wednesday, March 29

7:00 pm † Regis Deveau: Req. Toni Muise

Thursday, March 30

9:00 am

Friday, March 31

7:00 pm † Angelina Tarasca: Req. Diana Tarasca

Saturday, April 01 : 5:00 pm

For the Intention of St. Joseph Parish Community

Holy Week & Easter Schedule 2023



March 29: Lenten Confessions:

Wednesday 6.00 pm To 7.00 pm

April 1 & 2: Palm Sunday:

Of The Lord's Passion. Mass With Blessing Of Palms

Saturday, April 01: 5.00 pm

Sunday, April 02: 10 Am

April 06: Holy Thursday:

7.00 pm Mass Of The Lord's Supper. Mass Concludes With A Eucharistic Procession to Altar Of Reposition, Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament Continues Until 11.00 pm.

April 07: Good Friday :

2.00 pm Stations Of The Cross

3.00 pm Celebration Of The Lord's Passion

April 08: Holy Saturday:

8.00 pm Easter Vigil In The Holy Night

April 09: Easter Sunday:

10.00 am Mass Of Easter Day

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