

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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EASTER SEASON



The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. The Paschal Candle used during the Easter Vigil is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ.

The Easter season is fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ to Pentecost Sunday. The first eight days of the Easter season make up the Octave of Easter and are celebrated as solemnities of the Lord. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. In a sense, every day of the Octave is like a little Sunday. During the Easter season the Paschal Candle, a symbol of the presence of the Risen Christ among the people of God, remains in the sanctuary near the Altar or Ambo until Pentecost Sunday.

Easter is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death, expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith." (1 Corinthians 15: 14). For seven weeks, a week of Sundays, we acclaim the resurrection of Christ by the power of God.

The period of seven weeks of jubilation can be traced back to its Jewish roots of the fifty days celebrated from the day after Passover to Shavuot (Feast of Weeks, Exodus 23:16). For Jews, the Feast of Weeks closed the season of harvest, which had been initiated by the Feast of Unleavened Bread. In a similar manner, early Christians observed a fifty-day period of celebration from Easter to the Day of Pentecost. To underscore the uninterrupted rejoicing of these fifty days, fasting and kneeling in prayer were forbidden at least as early as the end of the second century. On the pentecoste ("fiftieth") day, not only was the fifty-day period concluded, but a festival with its own proper content was celebrated. The Jews observed a feast of covenant renewal and eventually commemorated the giving of the Law. Christians celebrated the gift of the Spirit as preparing the way for the day of the Lord. What Moses and the Law did for the Jewish community, the Holy Spirit now does for the community of Christ. May the Easter Season fill your life with the light of 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 24: Memorial: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest/Martyr
- Apr 25: Memorial: St. Mark, Evangelist
- Apr 28: Memorial: St. Peter Chanel, Priest/Martyr
St. Louis Grignon de Monfort , Martyr/Priest
- Apr 29: Memorial: St. Catherine of Sienna, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
- May 01: Memorial: St. Joseph the Worker



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>

The 102nd Annual Convention of the Toronto Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada will be held on April 24 and 25 at the Ajax Convention Center. For further details please check the website at cwltoronto.ca



Next ShareLife Sundays are April 30 & June 04. We once again ask you to support Catholic agencies.





POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION

FOR APRIL 2023: For a Culture of Peace & Non Violence: We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Sacrament of Confirmation:



* Practice Session will be on April 29, 2023 Saturday at 10:30 am.
* Confirmation celebration on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 10:30 am will be officiated by Rev. Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB

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† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 23

10:00 am † Jose Salvador & Jeffrey Tan
† Narcilud Mendoza
Req. Jocelyn Salvador

Monday, April 24 : No Mass

Tuesday, April 25

9:00 am Thanksgiving Intentions
Req. Toni Muisse

Wednesday, April 26

7:00 pm
Req.

Thursday, April 27

9:00 am
Req.

Friday, April 28

7:00 pm :
Req.

Saturday, April 29

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



St. Joseph, Pray for us.



WEEKEND COLLECTION:

April 15-16, 2023: \$1,195.30

Thank you for your constant support and generous contribution.

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