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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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AGAPE

*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



We human beings have a longing to become better, to become the best version of ourselves. Thus, all of our passions, all of our yearnings and goals which are active within our ourselves are the forces which encourage us to love beyond our strengths and also feed us upon with the hopes of the eternal reward. Faith, therefore, becomes a very important element in our journey through life. Our religion and spirituality gives us a sense of where our origins are, what our purpose in life is, what are the rules and the morality we are to follow, and what our destiny is. To achieve our longings we have to be equipped with the sort of love Jesus speaks about. The LOVE our world needs: the sacrificial love which Jesus preached.

God's love is unchanging, steady, and unwavering. Despite our shortcomings, sin, and tendency to drift away from God, God's love calls us back to Him. God's love is constant, healing, soothing, and a source of safety in a world where giving and receiving love is often fleeting and conditional.

Thus, when we declare "Jesus loves you," it needs to come from a heart of faith and boldly shared out of love for the eternal destiny of others as well. It's more than a slogan or something you wear on your shirt. It needs to be demonstrated by how we live and treat others. What makes God's love different from our love is the selflessness of His love, known as agape. Agape loves for totally selfless reasons. We love because of how the person we are loving makes us feel, or because of how much joy loving them gives us. No matter how selfless it may seem, the love we show almost always has a hidden benefit for us. God's love is pure agape – His love is not driven by what He gets out of it. He simply loves because He is love.

With all this in mind, the way we love others is by letting God use us to show love to others. A simple gift, a small note of encouragement, or words of encouragement can change someone's life when it's led by the Holy Spirit.

The world desperately needs salvation, wisdom, hope, freedom, real peace, love, and much more! All this can be found in Jesus alone. The next time you declare this statement, "Jesus Loves You," let your faith be the fuel behind it, see how it brightens someone's day, and introduce God's amazing love to those God sends your way. **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 :

- May 10: Memorial: St. John of Avila
- May 12: Memorial: St. Nereus & Achilles; St. Pancras
- May 13: Memorial: Our Lady of Fatima
- May 14: Memorial: Mother's Day
- May 15: Memorial: St. Isidore

Online Faith Formation Study Opportunity:

In partnership with the University of Dayton in Ohio, the Archdiocese of Toronto is offering a discounted rate for the upcoming cycle of online courses and seminars offered by the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation at the University of Dayton. Courses and certificate programs are on a variety of topics related to our Catholic faith.

The next cycle of courses and seminars run from May 22 to June 25, 2023. You can download a list of courses and seminars in both English and Spanish. Course topics include but are not limited to: An Introduction to Catholic Doctrine on the Blessed Virgin Mary, Introduction to Prayer, Faith and Human Development, Leadership Roles and Skills for Adult Learning and Faith Formation, Sacraments and much more!

Registration for this cycle closes on May 17, 2023. The discounted rate for a five-week course is \$50 (USD) and each three-week seminar is \$40 (USD). For more information or if you have any questions on this opportunity to learn and grow in faith, please feel free to reach out to the Office of Formation for Discipleship at formation@archtoronto.org.



**Next ShareLife Sunday collection on
June 04, 2023.** Thank you for your
generous contribution. **God Bless.**



POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY 2023:

For Church Movements & Groups: We pray that Church movements & groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Mark Your
CALENDAR



Mother's Day Basket : May 14

Raffle tickets are available before & after the weekend masses. \$ 5.00



Father's Day: June 18

BBQ after the Sunday 10 a.m. Mass.

Wine & Cheese: Karaoke night:

July 22, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner & Dance: August 26

Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

BBQ : September 24:

after the Sunday 10 a.m. mass

International Food Festival: Oct 29:

after the Sunday 10 a.m.



WEEKEND COLLECTION:

April 29-30, 2023: \$1,206.55



Thank you for your constant support and generous contribution.

Thanks to all our volunteers for their commitment and to our benefactors for your continued support.

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



Big thanks to Knights of Columbus, Council 9079 for their continued support. God Bless You.

† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 07

10:00 am : For the Intentions of Nicole Plach

Req. Audrey Weiss

† Delfina D'Sousa

Req. Olga Oliveira

† Nicolas Mavrommatis

Req. George & Henedina Mavrommatis

† Celine Fernandes

Req. Family

Monday, May 08 : No Mass

Tuesday, May 09

9:00 am : † Jeffrey Tan & Jose Salvador

Req. Jocelyn Salvador

Wednesday, May 10

7:00 pm : † For the Unborn

Req. Toni Muise & Marilyn Roberts

Thursday, May 11

9:00 am : † Elizabeth Stingaciu

Req. George & Henedina Mavrommatis

Friday, May 12

7:00 pm : † David Allan McIntyre

Req. Joane Kavanagh

Saturday, May 13

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

† Pastor Arrarte

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