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## UNITY IN DIVERSITY

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**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](http://www.kofc9079.com)

**St. Joseph Catholic School:**  
**Principal:** Eoghan Morishita-Miki  
**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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# THE TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : OCTOBER 22, 2023



"I am the Lord, there is no other." The prophet Isaiah tells us in simple, evocative words. God's power is universal, loving, and mysterious. And all earthly power comes from God, as Isaiah reminds the Israelites.

To confess God's power has profound meaning for our personal life. For when we trust that God is the source of all power, we place ourselves in the merciful hands of God, with confident faith and humble thanksgiving.

It is this Christian attitude of thanksgiving and deep trust in God that Paul praises in today's second reading. The apostle describes the Thesalonians as an early Christian community whose faith, hope and love of Jesus Christ radiated from their words and actions. This was the path of Christian discipleship then and it remains the essence of every follower of Jesus today.

The challenge of today's Gospel lies in finding the balance between being disciples of Jesus Christ and being good citizens of society and the world. Jesus offers the religious leaders of his day an answer to this perennial task by answering their question with a question. He asks them to produce a coin used to pay taxes and asks them to describe the coin — "Whose head is this and whose inscription is on it?" Then Jesus tells them that the coin that bears the image and name of Caesar should be given to Caesar. With that he reminds them of their religious obligations "Give to God what belongs to God."

Jesus confronts them, and us, with a fundamental question. Do we give to God what rightfully belongs to our creator who is the all-powerful origin of the universe — the gift of our entire heart, mind and soul?

The religious leaders of Jesus' time set up the question in such a way that one had to choose between loyalty to political power or faithfulness to God. They create an either/or situation, a false dilemma between choosing to pay taxes, as good citizens would do, and serving God with one's words and actions.

Jesus' answer cuts right through their false dilemma to show that the Christian life is not an either/or situation. A disciple of Jesus strives to be both a law abiding citizen and a person of faith who loves God and neighbor. We do so, confident that serving God is our highest priority.

Christian faith requires that we are good citizens, for Christians live in this world, but not of it. Followers of Jesus are often faced with difficult decisions. There are so many "Caesars" competing for our allegiance. As we give to "Caesar," God's word reminds us to not waver in our faithfulness to God in word and deed. May we never stop giving to God what belongs to God who is the origin and end, the meaning and purpose of existence. As we ponder God's word today, we learn to trust in the strength that comes from God to persevere as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ as we pray, "speak to me, Lord."

Question: How does the challenge of Jesus to be a good citizen and a good disciple speak to you today?

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## 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.

**Contact: 416 466 7815 or 416 518 0276**

### The Week Ahead :

Oct 23: Memorial: St. John of Capistrano, Priest

Oct 24: Memorial: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Oct 28: Memorial: St. Simon & Jude, Apostles

Nov. 01: Memorial: All Saints Day

Nov 02: memorial: All Souls Day

Nov 03: Memorial: St. Martin De Porres, Religious,



## Archdiocese of Toronto

### World Mission Sunday Special Collection, October 22, 2023

Since 1922, the Pontifical Missions Societies through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith has supported the temporal needs of missions as well as created awareness of the work of the missions throughout the world. Some examples of projects include: building churches, pastoral centres, cathedrals damaged by tsunamis and earthquakes, religious houses of formation, homes for the clergy, formation programs for lay missionaries, radio and television production, audio-visual materials for remote mission areas as well as support of pastoral work in various rural dioceses

Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the All Souls' Day Mass on Saturday November 4 at 2 p.m. All Masses will be held indoors at the following locations:

Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga – Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum

Christ the King Cemetery, Markham – Reception Centre

Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill – Holy Family Mausoleum

Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge – St. Anthony's Mausoleum (Liturgy in Italian and English)

Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby – Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum All are welcome!

**Renew Toronto** is a conference for all young adults ages 19-39 taking place on Saturday, November 4, 2023 at Canada Christian College, Whitby Ontario.

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## POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION

For October 2023: For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

## CHILDRENS' LITURGY: I am pleased to announce that the Liturgy of the Word with Children has resumed during the Sunday 10.00 a.m. mass each week. This ministry is for school-aged children 4 years old and up.



Special thanks to coordinators and volunteers who are returning to this important ministry for our children. Our trained leaders help the children to understand the readings of the day through prayers, discussions and activities. Children return to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist with their families.

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## International Food Festival:

October 29, 2023

after the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass.



## Light a candle for your dearly departed this All Souls' Day:

November 2, is All Souls' Day. We humbly implore you not to let this day pass unmarked. Please remember your dearly departed on this day. Please include your intentions for your dearly departed.



## WEEKEND COLLECTION:

October 14-15, 2023: \$1,107.60

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.



# † MASS INTENTIONS

## Sunday, October 22

10:00 am : † Florencia de la Paz Dimaiwat

Req. Ernesto & Dulce Musngi

## Monday, October 23 : No Mass

## Tuesday, October 24

9:00 am : † Agustina Deveau

Req. Toni Muise

## Wednesday, October 25

7:00 pm : Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life to Ernesto & Dulce Musngi

Req. Rudy Borja

## Thursday, October 26

9:00 am : Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life

Req. Ernesto & Dulce Musngi

## Friday, October 27

7:00 pm † Vicente Montifar

Req. Montifar Family

Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life to Carmina Milaya

Req. Elvie Milaya

## Saturday, October 28

5:00 pm : For the Intentions of

St. Joseph Parish Community

Thanksgiving for the gift of Life to Virginia Eget

Req. Ernesto & Dulce Musngi



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