St. Joseph Parish

Established in 1878 Served by the Holy Cross Fathers

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 Children's Liturgy Collection Counters Communion to the Sick Lectors & Eucharistic Ministries Legion of Mary Social Action Committee Parish Council Finance Council Girl Guides

If you feel called to serve the church through any of these ministries, please call the parish office.

St. Vincent de Paul Society: The Knights of Columbus: www.kofc9079.com

St. Joseph Catholic School:

Principal:Eoghan Morishita-MikiPhone: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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From the Pastor's desk:

Love and Respect



The Bible says we are to love one another. Sounds good, but can we do it? Whoever said, "I love mankind; it's people I can't stand," was about right.

"To live above with those we love, oh, how that will be glory. To live below with those we know, now that's another story.

Even people at church can be difficult to love. Sometimes we sing a chorus in church: "I'm so glad you're a part of the family of God," and then we look at the person beside us and sing, "I'm surprised you're part of the family of God." Sometimes it's hard enough to love our own family.

Indeed loving people is difficult. Yet this is what the Bible commands. "For this is the message you have heard from the beginning: we should love one another" (1 John 3:11). We spend time on what we deem important. For many of us these choices are valid: time with family and friends, work, prayer, serving the poor, fighting for rights, protesting wrongs. But as the Scripture reminds us, "And if I donate all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body in order to boast but do not have love, I gain nothing" (1 Cor. 13:3).

Even though we have the freedom to set our own priorities, Jesus made a point of defining certain ones of them for us through the greatest and most important commandment of LOVE. Love, then, is not a gray area the Scriptures. Jesus gave love priority over all other Christian virtues. Every thought, response, and act of goodwill must first pass through the fine filter of love, or it means nothing at all.

When we demonstrate Christian love, it distinguishes us from the rest of the world. Jesus goes on to say, "By this [love] all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

In the end, the goal of the Christian life is love. The measure of our maturity is our love for God and our love for others. If we fail in our love we have missed what it means to be a Christian. But there is hope for the one who has failed in love. The Lord, who forgave even those who crucified Him, stands ready to forgive you of your lack of love. He wants to show His mercy toward you today, to cleanse your loveless heart and fill it with His loving Holy Spirit. Receive His mercy. Place your trust in Christ and let Him teach you how to love as He has loved you.

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.

Contact: 416 466 7815 or 416 518 0276

The Week Ahead :

Nov 15:Memorial: St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Nov 16: Memorial: St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrud, Virgin

Nov 17:Memorial:St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious Nov 18 : Memorial Dedication Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul



The Shepherds' Trust Collection: November 19, 2023

The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to raise awareness and collect funds, so the elderly priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. The Trust supports the needs of retired clergy in the Archdiocese of Toronto who have served for many years. Through our support of The Shepherds' Trust, the retired priests are given the dignity of adequate pensions, health care and other assistance in their golden years. For more information about The Shepherds' Trust please go to: www.shepherdstrust.org.

Red Wednesday: Wednesday, November 15, 2023



05:00 PM - to 06:00 PM. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. On November 15, take part in Red Wednesday, an international event to raise awareness of the persecution of Christians and promote religious freedom. Participate by attending the Mass

to be celebrated by Archbishop Francis Leo at 5 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in Toronto, lighting up a building in red (or alternatively, wearing red) or joining a prayer group. For more information on this not-to-be-missed event and other ways to show your support,

please visit <u>https://acn-canada.org/rw/</u>. Let us stand in solidarity with persecuted Christians!

THE THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : NOVEMBER 12, 2023



POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION For November 2023: For the Pope We pray for the Holy Father: as he fulfills

We pray for the Holy Father: as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

CHILDRENS' LITURGY:



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.



Bake Sale: December 17, 2023 after the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass.

SACRAMENTS: Confirmation & First Holy Communion

Registration: You may register for the Sacraments either when you come for weekend Masses (Saturday 5:00pm or Sunday 10:00am) or kindly submit at the St. Joseph School Office. Along with the registration form kindly bring a copy of your baptismal certificate.



WEEKEND COLLECTION: November 4-5, 2023: \$1,211.00 International Food Festival: \$ 1,631.00

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

† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 12

10:00 am : † Maria Takatsch

Req. Family

+ Tommaso Digiovanni

Req. Luana Digiovanni

+ Bartolome Conte

Req. Conte Family

Monday, November 13 : No Mass

Tuesday, November 14

9:00 am : + Maria Takatsch

Req. Family

Wednesday, November 15

7:00 pm : + Birthday & Family Intentions to Nathaniel, Natalie & Katherine

Req. Maria Carmo Oliveira

Thursday, November 16

9:00 am : + Ted Laurelis

Req. Salvador & Andrea Cornista

- Friday, November 17
- 7:00 pm + Anastacia Salamat

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Saturday, November 18

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



St. Joseph, Pray for us.

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