

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

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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-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**
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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : JANUARY 14, 2024



From the Pastors' Desk:



Extraordinary in Ordinary Season:

The dictionary defines "extraordinary" as: Not ordinarily encountered, remarkable, exceptional. An ordinary object can become special because of what it signifies, or the person connected to it. As Christians, on our own, we are ordinary people. We are nothing special; but we become extraordinary because of our connection with a holy God who cares so much about us. The Bible in Leviticus 10:10 defines holy as "uncommon". "You are to distinguish between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and the clean." (Leviticus 10:10) And yet, when we come to worship God, things have sometimes become ordinary, dull and a mere routine.

For a lot of people, church has become boring, because raising up of hands, reading the Bible, even fasting, will mean nothing when we have not met God face to face.

The apostle John was considered Jesus's best friend, because of the encounter that he documents in Revelation (Revelation 1:12-18). Worshipping God is but a natural response when you encounter God and there are two hallmarks of such an encounter.

1. It is a personal experience: He is holy. He is loving because He is holy, He is, just because He is holy. Our experience happens in different ways. For some it's instantaneous. For others, it's over a course of time. For some, they experience this in the high of their lives, and still for others they experience this in the low of their lives. The experience is different for each individual. It cannot be an experience through a proxy.

2. It's a life-changing experience: When you encounter God you cannot help but say no to sin because you have experienced something too holy and precious to give up. You can't help but read the Bible because these are the words of God who is bigger than the universe and is present in all of it, and yet chose to relate with you. Nobody has experienced the magnificence of God and remained the same.

Experiencing God will change us completely because His power is not just amazing, it's beyond irrevocable. His holiness is something we will not be able to contain.

You see, by loving in the ordinary, we please and honor our extraordinary Father. This is why we are here!

Have a Blessed Ordinary Season: 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 :

Jan 17: Memorial: St. Anthony, Abbot

Jan 18: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Jan 20: Memorial: St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr;
St. Sebastian, Martyr

Jan 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn
Children lectionary for Ritual Masses



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Marriage Preparation Classes



St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough will be holding in person marriage preparation classes on the following dates:

Thursday, January 25

Thursday, February 1

Thursday, February 8

Thursday, February 15

Thursday, February 22

Thursday, February 29

Thursday, March 7

Classes are held in the evenings from 7 to 9 p.m.

We are welcoming any engaged couples that are interested in taking an in-person marriage preparation class. If you have engaged couples looking for marriage preparation classes and your parish is not holding in person classes at this time, or if your parishioners are looking for another option due to schedule conflicts, please refer them www.stbarnabasto.ca to register. Registration is \$150 per couple and includes all books and materials.

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POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION

For January 2024:

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church:

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions & rituals in the Catholic Church.

CHILDRENS' LITURGY: The Liturgy of the Word with Children during the Sunday 10:00 am mass each week. This ministry is for school-children 4 years old and up. Special thanks to coordinators and volunteers who are dedicated 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'S LITURGY
AT SUNDAY MASS**



Confirmation Input Sessions: All the candidates are requested to attend Sunday 10:00 am Mass.

All the sessions will be shortly after the Sunday 10:00 am Mass starting on January 14, 21, 28, February 18, March 03, 10, & 17.



First Holy Communion & Reconciliation Sessions.

During the Childrens' Liturgy at every Sunday 10:00 am Mass.

FAITH FORMATION: Jesus formed his disciples by making known to them the various dimensions of the Kingdom of God. Christ's method of formation was accomplished by diverse yet inter-related tasks. His example is the most fruitful inspiration for effective catechesis today because it is integral to formation our Faith.

**GOD LOVES A
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WEEKEND COLLECTION:

January 6-7, 2024: \$ 1,408.25

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A Big thanks to Knights of Columbus, Council; 9079.



† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 14:

10:00 am : † **Jerry Brosnan**

Req. Shiela Brosnan

Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life to George Mavrommatis

Req. Angie & Nick Blanco

Monday, January 15 NO MASS

Tuesday, January 16

9:00 am : † **Doris Doucet**

Req. Bernard Theriault

Wednesday, January 17

7:00 pm :

Req.

Thursday, January 18

9:00 am : **Thanksgiving For the Gift of Life to Elnora Paez**

Req. Angie & Nick Blanco

Friday, January 19

7:00 pm † **Keith Foster**

Req. Luz Naron

† **Antonio Guerrero**

Req. Family

† **Giovanni Falcone**

Req. Dulce & Ernesto Musngi

Saturday, January 20

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

† **Pilar Montifar**

Req. Montifar Family

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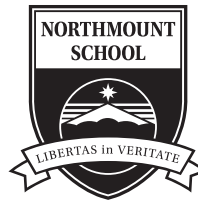
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