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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  
Children’s Liturgy  
Collection Counters  
Communion to the Sick  
Lectors & Eucharistic  
Ministries  
Legion of Mary  
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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](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.**

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# THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : JANUARY 21, 2024



## *From the Pastors' Desk:*



### **God's Goodness**

Few of us today have any meaningful connection to the sources of our food and the other products we consume. Most meet their daily needs, and much more, with the scan of a barcode, a click, or a swipe on a phone. If you want it, you get it—and often right away.

With the instant gratification of our age, we can easily lose sight of all that goes into the supply chain of our sustenance, the ultimate origin of which is God Himself. He is the one who “provides us with everything to enjoy” (1 Tim. 6:17). James further tells us that “every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change” (James 1:17).

Because of His goodness, God overflows with limitless generosity. Unlike human beings, who often give with a mercenary motive, God gives without any prospect of return. In truth, we could not repay the Creator’s blessing in any sense, for, as He informs us, “The world and its fullness are mine” (Ps. 50:12). What could we possibly add that doesn’t already belong to Him? What’s more, God’s generosity is not constrained by what His recipients deserve. Indeed, His generosity consistently extends beyond what we deserve.

Out of the overflow of His goodness, God “made the world and everything in it” (Acts 17:24). Out of an abundance of His grace and mercy, our unchanging Father called us “out of darkness into his marvelous light” (1 Pet. 2:9). We possess no good thing—whether material or spiritual—that we have not received from our heavenly Father’s benevolent hand (1 Cor. 4:7).

God dispensed His great love to us first, and only after we have received it from Him can we expect to give to others (1 John 4:19). In fact, it is God Himself who works in us and through us as we live to love Him and others in all that we do (Phil. 2:13). Such a high calling will rarely prove easy, but thanks be to God that our source of love and strength is an inexhaustible fountain who will “supply every need ... according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4:19).

In Psalm 145 David calls us to take the time to look back on our lives and reflect on the goodness of our God. We are encouraged to praise God for his greatness, his compassion, and his faithfulness, and to thank God for his many gifts throughout our lives. In the words of an old hymn, we are urged, “Count your blessings, name them one by one.”

God bless.

**Fr. Roshan Loy D'Souza**



## **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 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children lectionary for Ritual Masses
- Jan 23: Memorial: St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr  
St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
- Jan 24: Memorial: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Religious Founder & Doctor
- Jan 25: Memorial: Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
- Jan 26: Memorial: St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops
- Jan 27: Memorial: St. Angela Merici, Virgin



## **ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO**

### **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](http://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 4, 11, 25, March 03, April 7, 2024.



### 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.



### WEEKEND COLLECTION:

January 13-14, 2024: \$ 978.20

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# † MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, January 21:**

10:00 am : **Intentions for Damasa Hartshorn  
successful surgery & healing**

Req. Andrea Cornista

**Monday, January 22: NO MASS**

**Tuesday, January 23**

9:00 am : † **Corazon Dizon Tayag**

Req. Dulce & Ernesto Musngi

**Wednesday, January 24**

7:00 pm :

Req.

**Thursday, January 25**

9:00 am :

Req.

**Friday, January 26**

7:00 pm † **Pilar Dancel**

Req. Dancel Children

**Saturday, January 27**

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



**St. Joseph, Pray for us.**



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