

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

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-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 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : FEBRUARY 11, 2024



From the Pastors' Desk:

The great gift of a second chance.



You have a friend who has always wanted the best for you, a friend who has always given you the best of himself. Yet in the toughest moment of his life, a moment when he desperately needs you—if only to know you are there for him—you deny you even know him, letting him fend for himself against people who want to destroy him. And he knows you have done this, and it strikes him to the heart even more than the words and the actions of his enemies ever could. In that moment, you are ashamed of how you have let down and betrayed someone who had so much faith in you, so much love for you. In that moment, you desperately wish you had an opportunity to redeem yourself, even while you are convinced it can never happen. Then something extraordinary does happen.

Your friend comes to you unexpectedly. Even more stunning, he never mentions your fear or your betrayal. He shows no anger toward you. Instead, he has already forgiven you in his heart. And he expresses his love for you and his faith in you by asking you to do something special for him. Humbled and revived, you embrace that second chance with all your heart and soul. That's the essence of the friendship between Jesus and St. Peter, the only two people in the history of the world who are known to walk on water—even if it was for the briefest of moments in Peter's case. Yet that unique connection isn't what makes their friendship so amazing—or so important for our own lives.

At different points in their relationship, Jesus calls Peter "Satan," chastises him for his pride, and publicly declares that Peter will betray him three times in one night. And Peter doubts Jesus even as Jesus stands before him, and he betrays Jesus just as Jesus said he would.

Many of us on either side of that kind of friendship would have cut the bond at some point. Yet Jesus keeps seeing the value and the promise of Peter's life, and Peter keeps trying to live up to the potential and the promise that Jesus sees in him. All those second chances from Jesus eventually transform Peter. The doubts and the fears he had give way to a resolve and a courage to fearlessly share the message of Jesus, including the teaching to forgive "70 times 7." In their actions, we see more than the essence of the friendship between Jesus and Peter. We see the essence of friendship itself—of any relationship—starting with a desire to keep moving closer and a continuing willingness to forgive. We are also offered a view of the friendship that Jesus extends to all of us. 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 :

Feb.11: World Day of the Sick; World Marriage Day

Feb.14: Memorial: Ash Wednesday

Feb 17: Memorial: The Seven Holy founders of Servite Order

Feb 19: Memorial: Canada Day

Feb 21: Memorial: St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Feb 22: Memorial: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO



Celebration of Marriage Mass with Archbishop Francis Leo



Sunday, February 11, 2024

3:00 PM at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street)

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis

Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversaries in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. **Registration:**

www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

CONTACT: formation@archtoronto.org | 416-934-3400 ext. 523

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POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION

For February 2024:

For the Terminally Ill:

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

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.



CHILDRENS' 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. Next session is on February 11, 25, March 03 & April 7, 2024.

First Holy Communion & Reconciliation Sessions.

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



St. Joseph Church PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On February 11, 2024
After the Sunday 10.00 am Mass
At St. Joseph Parish Hall. Ticket \$ 10.00



WEEKEND COLLECTION: Feb. 3-4, 2024: \$ 1,231.15

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.

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



† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 11:

10:00 am : **Thanksgiving Intentions**

Req. Toni Muise

Monday, February 12: NO MASS

Tuesday, February 13

9:00 am : † **Jeffrey Tan & Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life**

Req Jocelyn Salvador

Wednesday, February 14

7:00 pm : † **For the unborn**

Req. Toni Muise & Marilyn
Roberts

Thursday, February 15

9:00 am :

Req.

Friday, February 16

7:00 pm

Req.

Saturday, February 17

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

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule:



9.00 am: Parish Mass

9.45 am: St. Joseph School Mass

7.00 pm: Parish Mass

2023 Tax Receipts

Your offertory tax receipts are being prepared and will be mailed out on or before February 15, 2024.

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