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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  
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through any of these  
ministries, please call  
the parish office.*

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:**  
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**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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT : MARCH 17, 2024



## *From the Pastors' Desk*

### WHY WOULD A GOOD GOD ALLOW SO MUCH SUFFERING?

This is a question we all ask at some point in our lives. I believe it's the chief obstacle to faith. We all suffer. Our bodies are frail, they will fail us, and we will die. And until we do, we all hover over a pit of tragedy, every single day. A mass shooting kills dozens. A drunk driver kills a whole family. A sudden tornado destroys a whole town. An earthquake rocks a nation. What sort of world is this?

The case against God can be very strong indeed. In philosophical terms, it can be stated like this: Premise one: A God who is all-powerful would be able to prevent evil in the world. Premise two: A God who is all-good would want to prevent evil in the world. Three: Evil exists in the world. This results in a logical conclusion: Therefore, an all-powerful, all-good God cannot exist. That seems a pretty airtight syllogism, doesn't it? How do you respond to such a thing?

God wanted a loving relationship with real persons, so He decided to take the risk of creating human beings with free will, and how could He know what they would choose? Many people deny the depth of God's goodness. Maybe God is all-powerful, but He just doesn't care as much as we'd like. The Bible declares that evil is far worse than we realize. Evil is an invader, a parasite, a rot. It's a malignant cancer that has spread, a rupture in the cosmic order. Evil is so real that it has a personal focus — a focus in the one Jesus called the Devil — the one who stands opposed to the purposes of God and all that is good, true, and beautiful. The good material world God created has been corrupted. The root of evil in this world is not material, it is moral. It is found in rebellion against God's good rule. And from the beginning of humanity we have all participated in that rebellion and evil is embodied in our own hearts. At the same time, the Bible affirms that God is far more loving than we could ever hope. Though God could rightly do away with us all, in His love and mercy, He seeks us out to save us from the evil in this world and from the evil in ourselves.

The cross and resurrection of Jesus become God's own response to evil in this world. God works in mysterious ways to work out His good purpose, but there is one thing He wants us to understand clearly. The struggle with evil and suffering in this fallen world is only temporary. For God has already won the decisive battle in this war, and His ultimate and complete victory is absolutely certain.

**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 :

- Mar 18: Memorial: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
- Mar 19: Memorial: St. Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary
- Mar 23: Memorial: St. Turibius of Magrovejo, Bishop
- Mar 24: Memorial: Palm Sunday
- Mar 28: Memorial: Holy Thursday
- Mar 29: Memorial: Good Friday



## Archdiocese of Toronto

**Reflecting on Archbishop Leo's Pastoral Letter on Seeking the Kingdom of God** A New Perspective on Life Christ's Kingdom, though not of this world, exists in this world, in the Church. Belonging to him by virtue of faith and our Baptism, we are constituted as a "chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

### Music Concert Celebrating 400 years of St Joseph as

**Patron of Canada:** Join Most Rev. Robert Kasun, CSB, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto and the Heralds of the Gospel celebrating 400 years of the Consecration of Canada to St Joseph on Thursday, March 21 @7:00 PM at St Paul's Basilica in Toronto, located at 83 Power St, Toronto ON M5A 3A8. Don't miss an enchanting evening at the Basilica, where the Life of Saint Joseph will unfold through captivating melodies from around the globe. The children's choir of Guiding Light Academy, accompanied by Tenor Romulo Delgado, Violinist Eddy Marcano, along with trumpets, and organ will fill the air with beautiful music. The Concert is free of charge, but consider making a reservation at 1-800-674-3410 or by email at [vfa@virginfatima.org](mailto:vfa@virginfatima.org)

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## POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION

For March 2024:

### For the New Martyrs:

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage & missionary enthusiasm.

## 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.



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT SUNDAY MASS

Our trained leaders help the children to understand the readings of the day through prayers, discussions and activities.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS : EVERY FRIDAY DURING THE SEASON OF LENT AT 6:30 PM AND MASS AT 7:00 PM**

**Lenten Confessions on March 20, 2024 (Wednesday) from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm.**



## Holy Week 2024 Schedule:

**Palm Sunday – March 24, Holy Thursday – March 28, Good Friday – March 29, Holy Saturday – March 30 & Easter Sunday – March 31**

The season of Lent gives way to the celebration of Easter in Holy Week, the most sacred period of the liturgical calendar. Holy Week includes both the Church's most solemn observances and joyous feasts. Unique, beautiful liturgies fill the period of time that begins on Palm Sunday and culminates with Easter Sunday.



## WEEKEND COLLECTION:

March 9-10, 2024: \$975.80

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# † MASS INTENTIONS

## Sunday, March 17:

10:00 am : **Birthday Blessings to Jun Dancel**

Req. Ying & Delinda Dancel

**Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life—Ron Roberts**

Req. Toni Muise

## Monday, March 18: NO MASS

## Tuesday, March 19:

9:00 am : † **Vicente Montifar**

Req. Montifar Family

† **Mariano Pascua**

Req. Pascua Family

† **Vasile Dremetsikas**

Req. Teresa Dremetsikas

## Wednesday, March 20:

7:00 pm : † **Brian Hamer**

Req. Dorothy Hamer

## Thursday, March 21:

9:00 am : † **Benita De Sagun**

Req. Becky de Sagun

**Thanksgiving for successful surgery of Ken Muise**

Req. Toni Muise

## Friday, March 22:

7:00 pm † **Pat Dixon**

Req. Dorothy Hamer

## Saturday, March 23:

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

† **Jose Arruda**

Req. Fatima Arruda

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