

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**
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER : APRIL 28, 2024



From the Pastors' Desk "Remain in Me"

"I am the true vine and my Father is the vine grower. If any of my branches doesn't bear fruit, he breaks it off; and he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, that it may bear even more fruit" (Jn 15:1-2).

In the gospel, Jesus uses the familiar image of the vine and the branches to teach us lessons about our Christian life. First of all, the image reminds us that God is the real owner of everything that we have and are. He is the vine grower. He does to us what he thinks is good and right. As disciples, we need to live our life as if we don't own anything. We belong fully to God. We should not allow our selfishness and pride to make us think that we have absolute control over our lives. Rather, we always have to be open to God's action, confident that he knows fully what is good for us.

Second, the image teaches us that Jesus is the source of our life and the point which connects us with one another. He is the vine and we are the branches. A branch cut off from the vine will wither and die. And so it is with our life as disciples – we live fully and become fruitful only by remaining in Christ. In the gospel of John, the word "abide" appears at least thirty-seven times: "Abiding in God", "abiding in Christ", and "abiding in his Word". We need to remain in Christ because apart from him, we can do nothing. And finally, the image tells us that in order to stay healthy and fruitful we need pruning. Vine growers know that the act of pruning is good to the branch. If the branch is not pruned for a long time, it becomes wild and produces no good grapes. Sometimes in our lives, God intervenes with the cross in order to challenge and make us grow. To take away our pride, sometimes God allows us to fail. To make us grow stronger in faith, sometimes God sends us trials and difficulties. When we sin, we cut ourselves off from Jesus and experience a spiritual death. We cannot find true life on our own.

Fortunately, Jesus has an answer. Jesus has a way to regraft us onto the vine. It's called the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When we confess our sins we say an act of contrition that includes a promise to not sin again but we do. There's where we need God's help. How much is Jesus a priority in your life? If He is not #1, why not? Would you like to change that? What will it take?

If we wish to know eternal life, we must remain with Jesus in all things. May God help us to always remain connected to Him.

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 :

Apr 29: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

Apr 30: St. Pius V, Pope

May 01: St. Joseph the Worker

May 02: St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

May 03: Sts. Philip & James, Apostles

May 09: Ascension of the Lord,

May 10: St. John of Avila, Priest Doctor of the Church,
St. Damien de Veuster, Priest



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The Promise of The Holy Spirit Retreat will be led by Fr. Sam Samuel VC, Fr. Louis Joseph VC and the Divine team on May 4th and 5th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (both days are mandatory). The retreat will consist of Holy Mass, Praise and Worship, Confession, Spiritual talks and Eucharistic Adoration. Come and worship the Lord as we deepen our faith in the power of the Holy Spirit. Prior registration is required with a fee of \$20 (plus service fees) and registration can be done through our website divineretreatcentretoronto.org.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER : APRIL 28, 2024



POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION

For APRIL 2024:

For the Role of Women:

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination and that they experience in different parts of the world.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Is a liturgical celebration. The Gospel is proclaimed in terms appropriate for young children. The Gospel is discussed and broken open so that the children have a better understanding of the message. A profession of faith is proclaimed and prayer intentions offered before the children re-join their parents. It is Liturgy of the Word, so it is ritual, centered on the proclamation and breaking open of the scriptures. and breaking open of the scriptures. The children do what the rest of the community is doing at this point of the Mass. They listen to the scriptures proclaimed and applied to contemporary life and respond in various ways.



Mothers' Day Gift Basket

On May 12, 2024. Raffle tickets will be sold after the Weekend Masses.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

Parents' Meeting, Practice for Reconciliation:

May 25, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: June 01, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

**GOD LOVES A
CHEERFUL
GIVER**



WEEKEND COLLECTION:

April 20-21, 2024: \$ 1,288.75

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



† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 28:

10:00 am : † Deceased members of Joseph & Magdalene Family

Req. Juliana Pradhan

Healing Intentions for Brenda Malone & Elnora Pascua

Req. Mary Anne Law

Monday, April 29: NO MASS

Tuesday, April 30:

9:00 am : †

Req.

Wednesday, May 01:

7:00 pm : **Idalina & Agosthino Oliveira**

Req. Domingos Oliveira

Thursday, May 02:

9:00 pm : †

Req.

Friday, May 03:

7:00 pm †

Req.

Saturday, May 04:

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

† Valerie Monis

Req. Monis Family



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