

#### 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

**Tel:** 416-466-7815 or 416-518-0276

**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 the parish office at 416-466-7815.

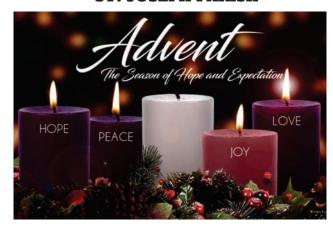
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#### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 01, 2024

#### ST. JOSEPH PARISH



Happy New Year! Yes, it is a new year within our Church. The first Sunday of Advent begins a new liturgical cycle. For that reason, Advent is an opportunity for us all to begin anew.

Think about it. Wouldn't it be nice to start anew? Are there things in your life that you'd like to leave behind or change? Most likely there are and Advent may just be the time to do so.

Beginning anew means that we take the past and give it over to our Divine Lord. It means that we let go of our past sin and hurt and ask Jesus to enter in. It means we turn to Him for a fresh start and have hope in all that He wants to accomplish in our lives. It is time to begin again!

The pages of this book offer you the opportunity to daily reflect upon the Gospel. Each reflection is based upon the Gospel for the Mass of the day.

Advent follows a certain theme of preparation and anticipation. At first, we reflect upon the fact that the Savior of the World will one day return in all His glory. We look to that truth and anticipate it with great hope. From there, we look at the fact that He did come long ago as a child. He was born of the Virgin and dwelt among us.

Christmas is the fulfillment of the hope given in Advent and is the realization of God's promise. God humbled Himself, becoming a little child entrusted to the care of Blessed Mary of Nazareth. She became not only the Mother of God, she also became our Mother in Grace.

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 / 416 518 0276.

#### The Week Ahead:

Dec 03: St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Dec 04: St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Dec 06: St. Nicholas, Bishop

Dec 07: St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Dec 09: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



## Marriage Sunday 2025 - Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop Ivan Camilleri

Marriage Sunday in 2025 will be held on the weekend of Feb. 8/9. As in previous years, we encourage parishes to celebrate locally, such as by offering an opportunity for couples to renew their marriage commitment, recognizing special anniversaries or offering a date night. More resources and ideas are available at https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/subsites/marriage/marriage/for-parishes/.

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#### Friars Student Writing Contest 2025 (Nov. 11, 2024 to Jan. 13, 2025)

Theme: "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26)

High school students aged 13 to 19 from the Catholic School Boards in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event, which honours the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity taking place from January 18 to 25.

Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2025 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions.

Students are encouraged to explore the resources at https://bit.ly/3zOVHly to gain insight into the meaning and purpose of the theme. They should also refer to the focus question available on the poster at https://bit.ly/3XCGGgo. Entries are to be submitted at https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward.

Email ecumenical@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527

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POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION

For November 2024:

#### For Anyone who has Lost a Child:

We pray that all parents who mourns the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.



Be an ALTAR Server: St. Joseph's Church provides young Catholics in grades 4 through 12 (ages 10 and up) with the opportunity to grow stronger in their faith and become more active in the celebration of the Mass by altar serving. There will be training for both new and returning altar servers and is required prior to being scheduled for Sunday Masses.



#### Children's Liturgy:

During every Sunday 10:00 am Mass. Helping our children grow in faith.



#### First Holy Communion & Reconciliation Sessions:

Every Sunday at 10.00 am. For us as Catholics, there is nothing greater than to receive Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist at Mass.



#### Sacrament of Confirmation:

In Confirmation the Christian becomes more closely united with Christ. With the strengthening of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit the Christian is able to accept new responsibilities for witnessing Jesus to the world.



Every December, St. Joseph Parishioners have offered examples of their culinary skills at the bake sale. So Get ready with excitement;

December 22, 2024 after the 10:00 am Mass.



#### **WEEKEND COLLECTION:**

Nov. 23-24, 2024: \$ 1,126.50

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.

Kindly contribute through Pre - Authorized Giving. Forms are available in the foyer.

A Big thanks to Knights of Columbus, Council 9079.



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Sunday, December 01:

10:00 am: † Emilio Manzanero

Reg. Montifar Family

Monday, December 02: NO MASS

Tuesday, December 03:

9:00 am: † Frederick Cruz

Req. Cruz Family

Wednesday, December 04:

7:00 pm: † Jose Arruda

Req. Arruda Family

Thursday, December 05:

9:00 pm: † Crispina Laurel

Req. Montifar Family

Friday, December 06:

7:00 pm: † Nicolas Manzanero

Req. Montifar Family

101st Birthday & Thanksgiving for

Gift of Life

Reg. Toni Muise

Saturday, December 07:

5:00 pm: St. Joseph Parish Community

† Frederick Cruz

Req. Cruz Family



St. Joseph, Pray for us

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