

# St. Joseph Parish

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“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:** 647-885-7299

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

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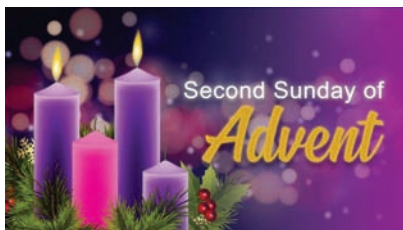
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# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT : DECEMBER 08, 2024

## ST. JOSEPH PARISH



"Peace be with you." Simple, but transformative words during a time of stress and anxiety. We are invited during the week to welcome peace in our lives. It is when we accept a spirit of peace that we are transformed and able to embrace Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Peace is so important, because it is what your world so badly needs. But peace will never come unless it comes first from within, from alignment with your divine nature. Until a certain number of people or percentage of the population is aligned with peace, or at least desires peace, it will not arrive. This desire to align with peace is a desire to join with your true nature, which would have nothing but peace.

When you or a number of people choose peace over conflict, anger, revenge, and fear, that is a very good sign, because that is, in fact, what you choose peace over. You cannot have your anger, you cannot have your fear, you cannot have your revenge and have peace. There is either the potential for peace or the potential for fear, anger, and hatred. These are two very different states of consciousness. These different states of consciousness are evident in your world. There are some who are very aligned with divine will and divine order and with the qualities of the divine self, but the majority of human beings are not. They are caught in their fear, anger, and hatred.

There is no possibility for peace in the outer world when the inner world is not peaceful. The work of creating peace on this planet is an inside job, as you say. It starts with you and your own peace of mind, which is an interesting phrase, since the mind is the last thing to produce peace.

It is by moving out of the mind that you can discover peace, because peace is not a concept. Peace doesn't come from an intellectual understanding. It comes from moving out of all thoughts to just being, to aligning with the divine self, which is an experience of being and accepting, of loving and allowing and exploring. This being that you are is naturally at peace because it loves all of life, so how could your being be at war with life? If you love all of life, you can't be at war with any aspect of it.



**Have a Blessed Season of Advent.**

**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 09: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dec 10: Our Lady of Loreto

Dec 11: St. Damasus 1, Pope

Dec 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dec 13: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr



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of Toronto

## 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/sub-sites/marriage/marriage/for-parishes/>.

## 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>.

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## POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION

**For December 2024: Pilgrims of Hope:**

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.



**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. 30-Dec.1, 2024: \$ 1303.50

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.**



# † MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, December 08:**

10:00 am : † **Alexandrina & Honorato Pavao**

Req. Medeiros Family

† **Frederick Cruz**

Req. Cruz Family

**Thanksgiving for Gift of Life**

Req. Toni Muisse

**Monday, December 09: NO MASS**

**Tuesday, December 10:**

9:00 am :

Req.

**Wednesday, December 11:**

7:00 pm : † **For the Unborn**

Req. Toni Muisse & Marily Roberts

**Thursday, December 12:**

9:00 pm : † **Romana & Julian Naron**

Req. Luz Naron

**Friday, December 13:**

7:00 pm: † **Arlene Gerrard Oliver**

Req. Mary Ann

**Thanksgiving Intentions**

Req. Myrna Montifar

**Saturday, December 14:**

5:00 pm : **St. Joseph Parish Community**

**Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life;**

**Arsenia Aucena**

Req. Montifar Family



**St. Joseph, Pray for us**

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