

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: 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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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT : DECEMBER 15, 2024

ST. JOSEPH PARISH



The Third Week of Advent: Candle of Joy otherwise known as the Shepherd Candle, this candle reflects the joy that comes through Jesus' arrival, and through the salvation He has gifted us. Christians may wonder why the church decided to make this particular candle a different color than the others.

Although Christians have presented several reasons for the pinkish nature of the candle, from a tradition where priests would wear pink vestments to parents eagerly awaiting the joy of a child's arrival by painting the room pink, the rosy candle has its roots in something known as Gaudete Sunday. During this third week of advent, this Sunday celebrates the passage Philippians 4:4-5, its verses extolling readers to "rejoice" for "indeed the Lord is near." In other words, this week celebrates the joy of Christ's coming to earth. During a time where depression is at an all-time high and people seem to be in the most despair, this candle offers a bright light during a dark time.

The third advent candle is called "the Shepherd's Candle," and the shepherds' section of the Christmas story is very much about joy. The shepherds were watching sheep in their pastures when an angel appeared to them. The shepherds were frightened, so the angel said, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. The shepherds serve as witnesses to Jesus' birth and emissaries of joy. They received a message of joy from the angels and passed that on to other people after seeing Jesus. They even returned to see Jesus again and praise God. In other words, their response to Jesus' birth was very joy-filled.

While we wait for Christ to come again, we don't have to despair. God has given us a joy that no one can take away. No matter what happens in this dark world, we can experience light. We experience difficulties differently than the world. We have light even in the darkest moments. Joy is essential to the Christian experience. We cannot get far without it, and we need it as we, like the shepherds, anticipate the coming of our Savior.
Blessed 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 14: St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church
Dec 15: Gaudete Sunday
Dec 21: St. Peter Canisius, Priest & doctor of the Church
Dec 23: St. John of Kanty, Priest
Dec 25: Christmas Day



Archdiocese 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>. Email ecumenical@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527 with any questions, or for more information.

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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:

Dec.7-8, 2024: \$ 809.45

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 15:

10:00 am : † **Brenda Malone**

Req. Family

Thanksgiving for Gift of Life to Elvie Milaya

Req. Montifar Family

Katherine, Mathew & Amy Birthday & Family Intentions

Req. Maria Carmo Oliveira

Monday, December 16: NO MASS

Tuesday, December 17:

9:00 am : **For Rev. Juraj Rybansky : 75th Birthday**

Req. Polivka Family

Wednesday, December 18:

7:00 pm : **For George Jurecky , QC Peter & Elbrun Kimmelman**

Req. Polivka Family

Thursday, December 19:

9:00 pm : **For Damian & Katie Kimmelman**

Req. Polivka Family

For Nicole, Myles, Jules & Stevie Engler

Req. Polivka Family

Friday, December 20:

7:00 pm: **Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life**

Req. Carmen Pascua

Saturday, December 21:

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

Christmas Mass Schedule:

December 24: 6pm:Christmas Pageant &Carols

7pm: Christmas Family Mass

December25: 10am: Christmas day Mass

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