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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
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Parish Council

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*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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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD : JANUARY 12, 2025



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A reporter once asked Pope John Paul II, "What was the most important day of your life?" He didn't respond with his great accomplishments, many travels, or noteworthy speeches. He didn't recall his election as Successor of St. Peter or even his ordination as a priest or consecration as a bishop. Rather, he said simply, "It was the day of my Baptism." What the holy Pope understood is that what happens in Baptism is indeed the most important thing in our lives.

Today the Church throughout the world celebrates the Baptism of the Lord. Christ's Baptism is the beginning of His public ministry—a revelation to us of who He is. Today manifests the Lord's solidarity with our sinful state. Jesus unites Himself with sinners. The feast of the Baptism is an occasion to reflect on our own Baptism, a day we probably we don't remember and think too little about. Today is an occasion to remember that someone's faith brought us to the font of salvation. Someone had the good sense to realize that the only solution for a fallen humanity is God's grace.

In Baptism we entered God's family. No longer simply creatures made in His image, the baptized are His adopted children. In Baptism we were incorporated into Christ, joined to His body, the Church. Pope Francis explains: "Baptism is not a mere formality! A baptized child is not the same as one who is un-baptized.... It is an act that touches the depth of our existence. We are immersed in the inexhaustible font of life that is the death of Jesus, the greatest act of love in history; and thanks to this love we can live a new life, no longer at the mercy of evil but in communion with God." Like all the Sacraments, in Baptism God really acts. He makes creatures into adopted children; He makes sinners into saints. For that reason, no one can discount the privileged place of the baptized sinner in the economy of salvation. It is the way that Jesus told us how to come to Him. It is the reason parents and grandparents rightly desire Baptism for newborn children. Far from superficial piety, they understand there should be no delay in letting a newborn child become a son or daughter of God. in Baptism—we become God's children. Small wonder John Paul II got it right. It's the most important day of your life.

HAPPY FEAST: 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 :

Jan 12: Baptism of the Lord

Jan 13: St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Jan 17: St. Anthony, Abbot

Jan 18: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

Jan 19: Ecumenical Sunday

Jan 20: St. Fabian; Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Marty



Archdiocese
of Toronto

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Franciscus



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POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION

For January 2025: For the Right to an Education:

Let us pray for the migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



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.

Sessions for the candidates: January, 12, 19 and 26. All the candidates are requested to be present for these sessions and the following.

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.



WEEKEND COLLECTION:

January 4-5, 2025: \$ 1207.80

January 1, 2024 : \$ 795.00

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Forms are available in the foyer.



A Big thanks to Knights of Columbus, Council 9079.

† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 12:

10:00 am : † **Domingos Oliveira & deceased members of the family**

Req. Maria Carmo Oliveira

Monday, January 13: NO MASS

Tuesday, January 14:

9:00 am : † **Wayne Paul Joseph Langabeer**

Req. Linda Cobbs

† **Jerry Brosnan**

Req. Shiela Brosnan

Wednesday, January 15:

7:00 pm : † **Jose Arruda**

Req. Celina Gomes

Thursday, January 16:

9:00 am : † **Manuel Machado**

Req. Gomes Family

Friday, January 17:

7:00 pm:

Req.

Saturday, January 18:

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

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH



Saint Joseph, foster father of Jesus and faithful guardian of the Holy Family, we turn to you with trust and gratitude. Through your humble obedience and steadfast faith, you exemplified true virtue and devotion.

Intercede for us in our journey of faith, that we may follow your example of selflessness and service. Help us to discern God's will in our lives and to respond with openness and courage. Protect our families, guide our steps, and lead us closer to Jesus, your Son, and our Savior.

Amen.

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