

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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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT : MARCH 16, 2025

40 days of Nineveh to Lent



The entire book of Jonah is a story of God's unending faith in humanity. God did not destroy them for their sins but gave them a second chance by sending Jonah to them. Jonah thought he could run away from God but after spending three days in the belly of the fish, it dawned on him that God is everywhere. No one can run from God.

From the belly of the fish, Jonah begged for a second chance. We serve a merciful God who never gives up on His children; a God who would leave the ninety-nine in search of the one that went astray; a God who is ever ready to forgive.

When Jonah got to Nineveh, he did not preach to the Ninevites. He didn't say: "Change your evil ways. Stop sinning, etc." He simply went across the city announcing: "Only forty days from now and Nineveh would be destroyed..." Surprisingly, the people believed the word of Jonah; they did not attack him for telling them the truth. The effectiveness of a message does not depend on the preacher but the grace of God.

The forty days of Jonah's proclamation remind us of the forty days of Lent. As we hear the words of Jonah today, let us place ourselves in the position of the Ninevites. Let us return to God with fasting, ashes, and sackcloth. The King of Nineveh said: "This is a time to fast, a time to turn away from violence, a time to walk away from sinful pleasures and bad habits, a time to seek God's face like never before."

Imagine you have only forty days left to live on earth? How would you spend your last forty days? Wouldn't you rather seek reconciliation with God and others?

If that's what the pagan Ninevites did at the beginning of the 40-days proto-Lent that Jonah had announced, how much more seriously should we Christians take this 40-days season of penance and conversion? If they responded so thoroughly to the message of Jonah, how much more shall we respond to the "greater than Jonah," Jesus, who announced that same basic message to us? A week ago, as we marked ashes on our forehead and told us to "Repent and believe in the Gospel," was reminder that we are dust and unto dust we shall return. A fast that he called us to do it differently than all the rest. Inviting us to prayer, to almsgiving, to remedying our evil actions and replacing them with good actions.

Have a blessed Lent

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, Contact:

St. Joseph Church: 416 466 7815 / 416 518 0276.

The Week Ahead :

Mar 16: Second Sunday of Lent

Mar 17: St. Patrick , Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Mar 18: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Mar 19: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mar 23: Third Sunday of Lent

Mar 25: The Annunciation of the Lord



Archdiocese of Toronto

Date Night at the Newman Centre

offers Catholic couples an opportunity to strengthen their relationships through faith, fellowship and meaningful discussions. The evening includes a three-course dinner with wine, a spiritual talk and fellowship. It's a chance for couples to deepen their connection with each other and with God in a welcoming, supportive environment. We hope to see you there! Tickets are \$50 per couple.

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
March 22, 2025 Toronto
EVENT HOST: DOROTHY PILARSKI

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT : MARCH 16, 2025



POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION

For March 2025:

For Families in Crisis:

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gift, even in their differences.



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 at 10:00 am Mass:

Children's Liturgy is designed to give children a better understanding of the Mass and the readings.

It provides a foundation for learning and participation that will remain with them throughout their lives.



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: April 06, 13 & 20. All the candidates are requested to be present for these sessions and the following.

St. Joseph Novena: From March 10, 2025 to March 18, 2025



- Easter Basket: April 20, 2025
- Mother's Day Basket: May 11, 2025
- Father's Day BBQ : June 15, 2025
- Karaoke Night: July 26, 2025
- Volunteers Appreciation: August 23, 2025



WEEKEND COLLECTION:

March 08-09, 2025 : \$1,230.35

Thank you for your constant support and generous contribution.

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

A Big thanks to Knights of Columbus, Council 9079.



† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 16:

10:00 am : † Maria Medeiros

Req. Family

† Christopher Cruz

Req. Teresita Cruz

Thanksgiving Intentions

Req. Toni Muisse

Monday, March 17: NO MASS

Tuesday, March 18:

9:00 am : For the Intentions of Rev. Juraj Rybansky

Req. Polivka Family

Wednesday, March 19:

7:00 pm : For the Intentions of Jules, Stevie & Collette

Req. Polivka Family

† Mariano Pascua

Req. Pascua Family

† Basili Dremetsikas

Req. Family

Thursday, March 20:

9:00 am :

Friday, March 21:

7:00 pm:

Saturday, March 22:

5:00 pm : St. Joseph Parish Community



Legion of Mary's Corner

St. Joseph Parish is pleased to host the Legion of Mary's annual Acies on Saturday, March 22, 2025 from 1:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m. Reception to follow in the Parish Hall. Active and Auxiliary members of the praesidium directly attached to the Toronto Senatus are all invited to join and renew their

promises to Mary, Queen of the Legion. Please email Lourdes @lourdeselliott61@gmail.com for details.

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