

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 LENT : MARCH 23, 2025



Preparing Your Heart for Easter

For many, Lent conjures images of giving up favorite foods, but its spiritual significance is far more profound. As Easter approaches, the Lenten season offers a sacred journey of reflection, repentance, and renewal.

As we prepare our hearts for the joyous celebration of Christ's resurrection, this is especially poignant for Christians who officially observe Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday and represents a time to deepen our relationship with God and appreciate His love through Jesus Christ and His Word

Lent is not a period of self-denial but an opportunity for self-discovery and spiritual growth. By setting aside earthly distractions, we can focus on our spiritual well-being and practice disciplines such as prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in the pursuit of a deeper relationship with Jesus.

These acts of devotion are not meant to be burdensome but to free many Christians from the things that can control our lives and to foster an environment where grace can flourish.

During these forty days, the faithful are invited to walk Jesus' path, contemplating Christ's death. Each act of sacrifice or additional responsibility reflects Jesus' journey toward the cross. It can be transformative, aligning our hearts and minds with God's purpose and leading us to a more purposeful and impactful way of living.

Prayer is the cornerstone of the Christian life and a direct line to God. During Lent, for example, one can engage in various forms of prayer, such as: Regular Personal Prayer: A daily commitment to speaking with God, expressing gratitude, asking for guidance, and interceding for others. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 says, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

Lectio Divina: A contemplative reading of scripture that leads to prayer and meditation. "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart." Hebrews 4:12

Attending liturgy and mass becomes a powerful, unifying force. Hebrews 12:28 says, "Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe."

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, Contact:

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

The Week Ahead :

Mar 23: Third Sunday of Lent

Mar 25: The Annunciation of the Lord

Mar 30: Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday

Apr 02: St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

Apr 04: St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Apr 05: St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

Apr 06: Fifth Sunday of Lent



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of Toronto

Date Night at the Newman Centre Wednesday, March 26, 2025 06:00 PM - Wednesday, March 26, 2025 09:00 PM 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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Lenten Retreat: Let Go; Let God: Lent is a time to look forward with a renewed vision and in this year of Hope, Pope Francis reminds us, "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us and help everyone obtain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart, and far-sighted vision." Join us on March 29 after the 8 a.m. Mass for a light breakfast followed by our Lenten Retreat at 9 a.m., led by Deacon Robert Kinghorn.

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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.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Friday—March 7- to - April 11, 2025



Easter Basket: April 20, 2025
Mother's Day Basket: May 11, 2025
Father's Day BBQ : June 15, 2025
Karaoke Night: July 19, 2025
Volunteers Appreciation: August 23, 2025



WEEKEND COLLECTION:

March 15-16, 2025 : \$ 979.90

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 23:

10:00 am : **Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life**

Req. Jose Aragon

Monday, March 24: NO MASS

Tuesday, March 25:

9:00 am : **† Margaret Ann Fry**

Req. Martin & Juliana Fry

Wednesday, March 26:

7:00 pm : **† Kwon Man Wong**

Req. Arleen Guerrero

Thursday, March 27:

9:00 am :

Req.

Friday, March 28:

7:00 pm:

Req.

Saturday, March 29:

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

† Edric Tumaneng

Req. Tumaneng Family



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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