

# 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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# EASTER JOY



More than just a day, the Church gives us a seven-week Easter season to celebrate. Yet sometimes our everyday lives feel so heavy that celebration is not a part of them. Critical illness in the family, loss of a job, disappointment in a relationship and the burdens of everyday life can make it a challenge to feel particularly joyful – even in the Easter season.

But the joy we are being invited into this season is beyond what we see in our everyday lives. It's true that Jesus says "Come to me and bring me your burdens" but we usually can't believe it. Maybe we don't want to believe it. If I really allow Jesus to come into my heart the way he wants to, will he ask me to change my life in ways that are too hard? How do I share the chaos of my life with Jesus? If I keep him at arm's length, my life might be difficult, but at least my problems are familiar. What would it cost me to let go and change my life? We know our own faults and failings so well. Too well. We begin to believe that Jesus loves the way we love – with all of our human limits. How could Jesus love us and accept us the way we are right now? Maybe when we fix a few things about our lives, love our spouse a little better, stop being so critical of family members, stop nagging, love a little more. If we can overcome our fears, the real power of letting Jesus into our hearts is how free our hearts will become. Suddenly, we are not afraid, not burdened and simply ready to serve with Jesus.

Jesus loves us - right now. At this moment, Jesus holds each one of us in his warm and loving gaze and loves us so freely at a depth that our human minds can't take in. Whether we comprehend this or not, Jesus loves us endlessly and waits for us with his arms open, ready to hold and support us. As we receive his embrace and feel the peace and joy of Easter wash over us, we can look over his shoulder, and see beyond to those in need who now wait for us. That's when we realize that the real joy in our lives is putting aside our own faults, challenges and difficulties for a while and entering into the lives of others.

Remembering the words of Pope Francis said at Easter, we leave ourselves behind and encounter others by "being close to those crushed by life's troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the outcast."

*We are being missioned as Easter People. 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.**



## Archdiocese of Toronto

### Day of Reflection & Prayer for the Bereaved

*Saturday, May 10, 2025 09:30 AM - to - 05:00 PM.* Day of Reflection & Prayer: "Where is God in my pain? How is God working in my grief?" Grieving a loved one can shake or give a new shape to our faith. At this gathering, you will have the opportunity to share your grief story in a community of faith and to reflect in a prayerful way on your experience, to draw renewed strength and hope to continue the journey. The suggested offering for this day is \$65 which includes morning coffee/tea & muffin on arrival, lunch and program. Facilitated by Sr. Claire Marchal & Mary Hyland. **CONTACT: Mary Hyland**  
**PHONE: 905-647-0957**

### Life-Giving Wounds: A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced or Separated Parents.

The Life-Giving Wounds retreat invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents' relationship to their deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love. The next retreat will be from Friday, May 16 at 6 p.m. to Sunday, May 18 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough). Must be 18 or older to attend.

Cost: \$340 per person (\$200 for students), which includes meals, lodging and retreat material. Limited subsidies are available if cost is a concern.

Please contact [lgwtoronto@proton.me](mailto:lgwtoronto@proton.me). For university/college students, contact your campus minister for more information. Space is limited. To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat-Register2025>.

**CONTACT: [formation@archtoronto.org](mailto:formation@archtoronto.org)**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER : MAY 04, 2025



**Pope Francis: 1936 - 2025**

### Prayer for a Deceased Pope

God, Who, in Thine ineffable providence, didst will that Thy servant Francis should be numbered among the high priests; grant, we beseech Thee, that he, who on earth held the place of Thine only-begotten Son, may be joined forevermore to the fellowship of Thy holy pontiffs. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

*May the soul of Pope Francis through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.*



### Children's Liturgy:

Every Sunday at 10:00 am Mass: Children's Liturgy is designed to give children a better understanding of the Mass. It provides a foundation for learning and participation that will remain with them.



### First Holy Communion Schedule :

Parents Meeting & Practice: May 24th at 10 am  
Sacrament of Reconciliation [Confession]: May 31st at 10 am  
First Holy Communion Mass: June 07th at 10 am



### Sacrament Of Confirmation Schedule :

Parents Meeting: May 24th at 11 am  
Confession & Practice Session: May 31st at 11 am  
Confirmation Mass & Celebration: June 14th at 10:30 am



### Office Of Catholic Youth:

Our Vision & Mission: Our vision is to guide youth and young adults, to Encounter, Love, and Serve, Jesus Christ.

**Mother's Day Basket: May 11, 2025**

**Father's Day BBQ : June 15, 2025**

**Karaoke Night: July 19, 2025**

**Volunteers Appreciation: August 24, 2025**

**International Food Fest: Sep. 28, 2025**

**Dinner & Dance: Nov. 22, 2025**



### WEEKEND COLLECTION:

**April 26 -27, 2025 : \$ 1,186.35**

Thank you for your constant support and generous contribution.  
Kindly contribute through Pre - Authorized Giving.  
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**A Big thanks to Knights of Columbus, Council 9079.**



## † MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, May 04:**

10:00 am : † **Agostinho & Idalina Oliveira & All Souls in Purgatory**

Req. Maria Carmo Oliveira

† **Sofia Salvador**

Req. Joyce Landicho

† **Joyce Byles**

Req. Jason & Victoria Byles

**Monday, May 05: NO MASS**

**Tuesday, May 06:**

9:00 am : † **Miguelito Temblor**

Req. Jocelyn Salvador

**Thanksgiving Intentions**

Req. Julie & Betty Ordon

**Wednesday, May 07:**

7:00 pm : † **Antonio Salvador & Remigia Rufin**

Req. Jocelyn Salvador

**Thursday, May 08:**

9:00 am : † **Darrin Elliott**

Req. Lourdes Elliott

† **Celine Fernandes**

Req. Family

**Friday, May 09:**

7:00 pm: † **Brenda Malone**

Req. Family

† **Antonio Guerrero**

Req. Guerrero Family

† **Jeffrey Tan & Jose Salvador**

Req. Jocelyn Salvador

**Saturday, May 10:**

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

**Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life**

Req. Michelle Milligan

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