

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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The Meaning of Love

"The Father loves the Son and has given everything over to him." John 3:35

It's interesting to note that the words of today's Gospel appear to be from Saint John the Baptist, since they come within the context of his testimony to Jesus. Some commentators, however, suggest that they are words that were actually spoken by Jesus and that the Evangelist inserts them here as a continuation of the testimony of the Baptist, attributing them to Saint John. Regardless of who actually spoke these words, the line quoted above gives us much to reflect upon, in that it gives us insight into the very meaning and practice of true love.

What is love? Is it a feeling? An emotion? A drive or a desire for something or someone? Of course, the secular understanding of love is much different than a divine understanding of love. Often-times the secular view of love is more self-centered. To "love" someone or something is to want to possess that person or object. "Love" from a secular view focuses upon the attraction and desire. But true love, from a divine perspective, is very different.

The line quoted above tells us two things: First, we are told that "The Father loves the Son..." But then we are given a definition of that love. We are told that love in this case results in the Father giving "everything over" to the Son. When we consider the word "everything" in this passage, it is clear that this can only refer to the Father giving Himself to the Son in totality. Within the life of the Father, everything means His very essence, His being, His personhood, His whole divine self. The Father does not say, "I want;" rather, the Father says, "I give." And the Son receives all that the Father is.

Though this is deep and mystical language, it becomes very practical for our lives when we understand that divine love is not about wanting, taking, desiring, feeling, etc. Divine love is about giving. It's about the giving of oneself to another. And it's not just about giving some of yourself away, it's about giving "everything" away.

If the Father gave everything to the Son, does that mean that the Father has nothing left? Certainly not. The beautiful nature of divine love is that it is never ending. The more one gives themselves away, the more they have. Thus, the gift of the life of the Father to the Son is infinite and eternal. The Father never ceases to give, and the Son never ceases to receive. And the more the Father gives Himself to the Son, the more the Father becomes the essence of love itself. **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

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. 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

Day of Reflection: Finding God in a Busy Life

Monday, May 26, 2025 09:00 am to 03:00 pm

We often wonder where God is as we live our lives in a busy world. We go from day to day without standing still and reflecting on our life journey with God, how God has been there all the way along, even in times when we felt dry or abandoned in our spiritual life. The hope of this retreat is that retreatants come to a higher awareness of their individual unique earthly journey with God. Facilitated by Fr. Henk van Meijel, SJ. The suggested offering is \$65 per person which includes lunch, coffee/tea break and talks.

REGISTER: Email manresaregistration@outlook.com or visit <https://manresa-canada.ca> or call 905-839-2864

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER : MAY 18, 2025



Prayer for Pope Leo XIV:

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Leo, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the

flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. 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 Saturday at 9 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 Saturday at 10 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. Please Join the St. Joseph Youth Group.

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

Bake Sale: December 21, 2025



WEEKEND COLLECTION:

May 10-11, 2025 : \$ 997.65

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Kindly contribute through Pre - Authorized Giving.

Forms are available in the foyer.

A Big thanks to Knights of Columbus, Council 9079.



† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 18:

10:00 am : **Christopher, Victoria Birthday & Family Intentions**

Req. Maria Carmo Oliveira

† **Jose Carol**

Req. Susana Couto

Thanksgiving Intention for Gift of Life

Req. Delinda Dancel

Monday, May 19: NO MASS

Tuesday, May 20:

9:00 am : † **Zalde Balde Sr.**

Req. Diana Blade

Wednesday, May 21:

7:00 pm : † **Gloria & Jose Barbosa & All Souls In Purgatory**

Req. Maria Carmo Oliveira

† **Jeffrey Tan & Sofia Salvador**

Req. Jocelyn Salvador

Thursday, May 22:

9:00 am : † **Jose Gomes grandparents**

Req. Gloria & Jose Gomes

† **Chris Rennie**

Req. Jenny Asog

Friday, May 23:

7:00 pm: **Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life to Epitacio Bolofer**

Req. Angie & Nick Blanco

Saturday, May 24

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

† **Cristina Novo**

Req. Raposo Family

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