

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 ASCENSION OF THE LORD : JUNE 1, 2025



Eyes Fixed on Heaven and Feet Firm on the Earth

Luke tells us in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 1:3) that Jesus was seen in his risen form for forty days. After those forty days, Jesus was no more seen in his risen body. The feast of today marks this stage of transition in the story of incarnation and resurrection – that Jesus is not visible in his earthly body as such. Luke describes this “withdrawal” of Jesus (Lk 24:51) in terms of being “lifted up” (Acts 1:9). And Mark describes it in terms of “being taken up into heaven” (Mk 16:19). Hence, “the ascension” of the Lord! However, with our modern familiarity with rocket science, we shouldn’t be led to think of the feast of today in terms of a count down and then Jesus being shot up to heaven! That would deny this feast of its depth.

The feast of today invites us to look up. To have our eyes fixed on heaven – this is the first aspect.

Looking up to heaven is not to be an escapism from life. The disciples are told in the Acts of the Apostles, “Why are you Galileans standing here looking into the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will come back in the same way as you have seen him go to heaven” (Acts 1:11). They can’t possibly be “witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to earth’s remotest end” (Acts 1:8), if they kept standing there just gazing at the sky. The disciples’ belief in the Risen Lord, the power of the Spirit, and their hope in the second coming of Jesus have to be expressed in their commitment to transforming the world. Yes, they need to have their feet firm on the earth.

Elsewhere Jesus had told us: Blessed are those servants that the Lord, on his return, will find busy at work serving their brothers and sisters (Lk 12:35-48). And during the transfiguration of the Lord, when Peter wanted to pitch tents on the mountain-top lost in the clouds, Jesus brought them down the mountain, back to the humdrum of daily life (Lk 9:28-37).

They are moments of grace. However, the fruits of those moments are truly expressed in the plains of daily life. People of faith also have their feet firm of the earth. Of course, as Christians we are not lost in the narrow confines of this world. We have a sense of upward and forward looking hope. At the same time, we are ‘not lost in the clouds’. At the end of the day we have to pay our bills. Yes, genuine holiness consists in the meaningful integration of the spiritual and mundane aspects of our daily life.

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



What's Wrong with MAiD?

The concept of MAiD, whether new to you or not, is a growing part of healthcare that deserves more attention from the faith community.

Learn how policies in Nova Scotia may affect you, your loved ones and the overall healthcare system. We’ll take a look at this important subject from the Christian perspective, with history, insights and testimonials on the increasing impact of MAiD. Find out which provinces have the most restrictive policies and why change is needed to advocate for dignity-affirming healthcare.

Join us on Tuesday, June 3, starting at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church (1372 King St W., Toronto, Ont., M6K 1H3). Please RSVP at: <https://cmdacanada.org/event/whats-wrong-with-maid-toronto/> RSVP: It's not required, but it will allow the host venue to better prepare and ensure that you get follow-up information about the presentation.



Newman Foundation Wine & Cheese Fundraiser

You're invited to an elegant evening of fine wine, gourmet cheese, and heartfelt community in support of the Newman Foundation. This special fundraiser helps us continue our mission of fostering Catholic faith, leadership, and fellowship among students at the University of Toronto – St. George Campus. inspiring guest speakers. We’d love for you to join us! Tickets: \$25 per person | \$40 per couple.

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Prayer for Pope Leo XIV: 267th Pope of the Catholic Church . 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 :

First Holy Communion Mass:
Saturday June 07th at 10:00 am



Sacrament Of Confirmation Schedule :

Confirmation Mass & Celebration:
Saturday On 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 23, 2025

International Food Fest: Sep 28, 2025

Dinner & Dance: Nov 22, 2025

Bake Sale: December 21, 2025



WEEKEND COLLECTION:

May 24-25, 2025 : \$ 871.05

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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, June 01:

10:00 am : † **Delfina D'Sousa**

Req. Olga Oliveira

Monday, June 02: NO MASS

Tuesday, June 03:

9:00 am : **Healing Intentions— Ron Roberts**

Req. Marilyn Roberts

**Happy Wedding Anniversary-
Lourdes & Darrin Elliott**

Req. Lourdes Elliott

Wednesday, June 04:

7:00 pm : **Marc Javier**

Req. Angie & Nick Blanco

Thursday, June 05:

9:00 am : **Thanksgiving Intentions**

Req. Legion of Mary

Friday, June 06:

7:00 pm: **Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life -
Imelda Arrate**

Req. Arrarte Family

Saturday, June 07:

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

Special Collections: 2025

Marygrove Camo - June 15

Mission Coop— July 26-27

Canadian Missions Collections—Aug 17

Needs of the Church in Canada—Sept 28

Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation—Oct 5

World Sunday—Oct 19

Shepherds' Trust—Nov 16

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