

#### 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

**Tel:** 416-466-7815 or 416-518-0276

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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#### All Souls' Day

#### "Remembering Our Beloved Dead in Hope"

Today, the Church pauses in solemn love and remembrance for all the faithful departed. Yesterday, on All Saints' Day, we rejoiced with those who already share in God's glory the saints in heaven.

Today, on All Souls' Day, our hearts turn to those who have died and are still being purified by God's mercy before entering the fullness of His presence.

The Scriptures give us words of deep comfort. The Book of Wisdom tells us, "The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them." What a powerful assurance! Even though death often brings sorrow and separation, our faith teaches us that the souls of those who die in God's friendship are safe in His loving hands. St. Paul reminds us in his Letter to the Romans, "If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him." Death, then, is not the final word; it is a doorway to new life. Through baptism, we were united with Christ in His death, and we trust that we will also share in His resurrection.

In the Gospel, Jesus gives us His most tender promise: "This is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day." These words reveal the very heart of our faith — that eternal life is not a vague hope, but a sure promise rooted in the mercy of God and the victory of Christ.

Yet, the Church also teaches us about purgatory — that state of purification for souls who have died in grace but still need to be cleansed of the effects of sin. Purgatory is not a place of punishment but of mercy. It is the final healing of the soul, the loving fire of God's holiness preparing His children for heaven. And here lies the beauty of today's commemoration: we can help those souls with our prayers, sacrifices, and especially the Holy Mass. This is the mystery of the communion of saints; the living, the dead, and the saints in heaven are united in love. Our prayers truly assist our brothers and sisters who are being purified. In turn, their prayers help us. Death does not destroy love; it transforms it.

So today, as we light candles, visit cemeteries, and whisper prayers for those who have gone before us, we proclaim that love is stronger than death. We remember parents and grandparents, friends and benefactors, all who shaped our lives by their kindness and faith. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

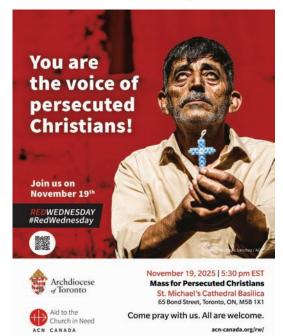
Fr. Roshan Loy D'Souza, CSC



REMEMBERING ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH,
Making a charitable Bequest:
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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 office: 416 466 7815 / 416 518 0276.** 

## Archdiocese of Toronto



#### **RENEW Toronto 2025**



Join us on Christ the King weekend, November 21st to 23rd for RENEW Toronto – our annual conference for all young adults aged 18 to 39. It is an opportunity to grow in faith with likeminded people in a similar stage of life. Whether you're a student, young professional, young couple or part of a family, this conference has something special just for you!

Register: at youth@archtoronto.org

or visit our website renewtoronto.org

#### THE COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: NOVEMBER 02, 2025



The Pope's Monthly Intentions for November 2025: For the prevention of suicide: Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care & love they need in their community, & be open to the beauty of life.



#### Children's Liturgy of the Word

"Let the little children come to me..." (Matthew 19:14)
The goal of the Children's Liturgy is to help young
children celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in a way
that is meaningful and appropriate for their age.
We warmly invite parents to bring their children to

the **Sunday 10:00 am Mass at St. Joseph's Church** and encourage them to take part in this special liturgical experience.

#### Calling All Children! Join Our Altar Servers and Children's Choir!

We warmly invite all children to become part of two very special ministries in our church community:



**Altar Servers:** Would you like to help at Mass in a special way? Altar serving is a wonderful opportunity for children to grow in faith, learn more about the Mass, and serve God and the parish. Training will be provided.



**Children's Choir:** Do you love to sing? Join our joyful Children's Choir and help lead the parish in worship through music! Choir members learn new songs, develop their musical gifts, and make new friends.



#### 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.* 



**Social Events:** 

Dinner & Dance: November 22, 2025 at 6.30 pm Bake Sale: December 21, 2025 at 11.00 am



#### **WEEKEND COLLECTION:**

October 25-26, 2025: \$ 928.60

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, November 02:

10:00 am: † Jose Arruda

Req. Fatima Arruda

† Rebecca De Sagun

Req. Andrea & Salvador Cornista

† All Souls in Purgatory

Req. Henriette Cudmore

Monday, November 03: NO MASS

Tuesday, November 04

9:00 am : † Norberto Oliveira

Reg. Maria Carmo Oliveira

Wednesday, November 05:

7:00 pm : † Norberto Oliveira

Req. Maria Carmo Oliveira

Thursday, November 06:

9:00 am : † Norberto Oliveira

Reg. Maria Carmo Oliveira

Friday, November 07:

7:00 pm: † Deceased members of Legion of Mary

Req. Legion of Mary

Saturday, November 08:

5:00 pm: St. Joseph Parish Community



#### ALL SOULS DAY: November 02, 2025

Light a candle and offer a Holy Mass for your departed family members.

This is a sacred way to honor their memory, pray for the repose of their souls, and entrust them to God's eternal peace.

#### Jubilee 2025 - Prayer for November 2025

For this parish community, gathered here in faith and in confidence of God's loving mercy; may this month of remembrance reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven and the joys of eternal life. Amen.

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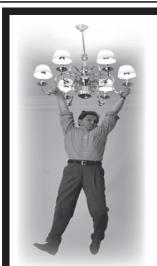
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