

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
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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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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Candle of Peace

The lighting of the second candle on the Advent wreath invites us deeper into the mystery of preparation—preparation not only for the celebration of Christ's birth, but for His continued coming into our lives and His final coming in glory. Traditionally, this

second candle is called the **Candle of Peace**, and its soft glow reminds us that the peace Christ offers is unlike anything the world can give. It is a peace that settles into the human heart and reshapes it from within, a peace that is born of trust, surrender, and hope.

As we watch the flame flicker, we recall the words of the prophet Isaiah: *"A voice cries out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord"*. This call is not simply to outward readiness but to an inner conversion. Advent invites us to clear pathways in our hearts, to remove the obstacles that prevent Christ from entering deeply—distractions, anxieties, resentments, and habits that pull our focus away from God. The second candle asks us to pause and ask honestly: *What in my life needs the healing peace of Christ? Where do I long for His calming presence?*

Unlike the world's peace, which often depends on circumstances, Christ's peace endures even in difficulty. It is the peace that steadies a weary heart, that accompanies us through uncertainty, that assures us we are not alone. When we light the second candle, we remember that the Prince of Peace entered the world quietly, humbly, and vulnerably. He comes to us in the same way now—gently, patiently, and with profound love. This week of Advent also encourages us to become instruments of peace for others. Christ's peace is not meant to be kept but shared. In our families, workplaces, and communities, we are called to speak words that heal rather than wound, to offer patience where there is tension, to be a calming presence when others are overwhelmed. Even small acts—an encouraging message, a listening ear, a moment of prayer for someone in struggle—can become sparks of Christ's peace in a troubled world.

Yet peace requires intentionality. It asks us to quiet the noise in our lives and make space for God. It invites us to return to prayer, to Scripture, to silence. Advent teaches us that peace grows in the soil of trust—trust that God is working even when we cannot see how, trust that His timing is perfect, and trust that His love is steadfast.

As we reflect before the Advent wreath this week, may the second candle remind us that Christ longs to bring peace to every corner of our lives. Let us welcome Him with open hearts, allow His light to dispel our fears, and carry His peace into the world, becoming reflections of the One who came to bring reconciliation, healing, and hope. *Come, Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace. Calm our hearts, transform our lives, and make us bearers of Your peace to all we encounter. Blessed Advent: 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 office : 416 466 7815 / 416 518 0276.



Archdiocese of Toronto

Tis the Season: Join us for an Advent Prayer Service

Tuesday, December 09, 2025 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM

at St. Patrick's Church, 137 McCaul Street



Let us know you are coming by getting your ticket below! Get your ticket and register here: https://bit.ly/Ignite_Advent_Prayer_Service

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Join other young adults from across the city at St. Patrick's Church for an evening as we reflect on joyful anticipation in our world today.

Light festive refreshments to follow outdoors.

This event is sponsored by Ignite Young Adult Ministry, Toronto.

Men Silent Retreat: Pilgrims of Hope:

Guided by the Past, Inspired by the Future.

Friday, January 23, 2026 06:30 PM - Sunday, January 25, 2026 01:30 PM at Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre

This SILENT retreat begins on Friday evening and runs to Sunday with lunch. The suggested offering is \$270 per person which includes two nights' accommodation, meals, spiritual direction and retreat program.

Facilitated by: Fr. Dexter Gray, SJ.

REGISTER: Via email at manresaregistration@outlook.com



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT : DECEMBER 07, 2025



The Pope's Monthly Intentions for December

2025: For Christians in areas of conflict:

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.



Christmas 2025 & New Year 2026

December 2025

17: Advent Confessions at 6:00 pm

21: Christmas Bake Sale at 11:00 am

24: Christmas Pageant & Carols at 6:15 pm

24: Christmas Eve Mass at 7:00 pm

25: Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 am

31: Thanksgiving Adoration at 6:00 pm

31: New Years Eve Mass at 7:00 pm

January 01, 2026:

New Years' Day Mass at 10:00 am

[Solemnity of Mary, Mother Of God]



St Joseph School Christmas Schedule December 2025

09: School Christmas Concert at 6:30 pm

10: School advent wreath blessing : class visit at 9:30 am

15: School Christmas Mass at 9:30 am



WEEKEND COLLECTION:

November 29-30, 2025: \$ 895.00

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**A Big thanks to Knights of Columbus,
Council 9079.**



† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 07:

10:00 am : † **Rebecca De Sagun**

Req. Nimpha Del Rosario

Monday, December 08: NO MASS

Tuesday, December 09:

9:00 am : † **Brenda Malone**

Req. Justin Malone

Wednesday, December 10:

7:00 pm : † **For the Unborn**

Req. Toni Muise & Marilyn
Roberts

Thursday, December 11 :

9:00 am : †

Req.

Friday, December 12:

7:00 pm: † **Vasili Dremetsikas**

Req. Teresa Dremetsikas

For the intensions of **Colette
Kimmelman** Req: Grandparents

Saturday, December 13:

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

† **Arlene Oliver**

Req. Judy Branscombe



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