

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
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OFFICE HOURS:
Monday to Friday: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Music Ministry: Megan Montifar & Eric Fahn

PARISH MINISTRIES

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*If you feel called to
serve the church
through any of these
ministries, please call
the parish office.*

St. Vincent de Paul Society:
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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.

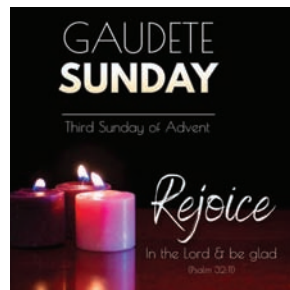
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GAUDETE SUNDAY

The Third Sunday of Advent is known as *Gaudete Sunday*—a day when the Church invites us to “rejoice,” even while we continue our watchful waiting for Christ’s coming. The rose candle on the Advent wreath stands as a gentle interruption to the season’s penitential tone, reminding us that joy is not something we wait for passively; it is something God plants in us even in the midst of uncertainty, longing, and incompleteness.

The readings for this Sunday repeatedly echo this theme of deep, Spirit-rooted joy. The prophet Isaiah speaks of a God who comes to heal the brokenhearted, free the captives, and bring glad tidings to the poor. This is not shallow optimism—it is joy born from God’s promise to transform the world. It is a joy that knows suffering but refuses to be defined by it. In a world that often feels weighed down by division, fear, and exhaustion, Isaiah reminds us that God’s future is already breaking into our present.

In the Gospel, we encounter John the Baptist, a figure of humility and clarity. John knows exactly who he is—and who he is not. He is not the Messiah but a witness to the light. His entire life points away from himself and toward Christ. There is a quiet joy in this humility: John is free from the pressure to save the world. His mission is simply to prepare the way.

As we stand at the midpoint of Advent, we might ask ourselves: *Where is God inviting me to rejoice?* Not because everything is perfect, but because God is near. Advent joy is not the denial of hardship; it is the conviction that God is at work *within* our hardship. It is the courage to believe that darkness will not have the final word.

Gaudete Sunday invites us to look for signs of God’s presence in our ordinary days—moments of kindness, unexpected peace, a small act of reconciliation, or a renewed hope we cannot fully explain. It also calls us to be witnesses to the light, like John: to reflect God’s compassion, to speak truth with humility, and to prepare space in our hearts and communities for Christ’s coming.

As we move closer to Christmas, may we carry a joy that is steady, resilient, and rooted in God’s promise—a joy that glows like the rose candle, softly yet unmistakably, in the midst of the world’s waiting. Lord God of joy and promise, on this Gaudete Sunday you call us to rejoice, not because all our burdens are lifted, but because You are near and Your light breaks into our darkness. Strengthen those who struggle, comfort those who wait in grief or uncertainty, and kindle joy in those who feel forgotten or weary. Let the light of this Sunday’s rose candle remind us that Your joy is stronger than our sorrow and Your promise more enduring than our fear. Come, Lord Jesus. Deepen our joy, renew our hope, and make our hearts ready to welcome You. Amen.
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 office : 416 466 7815 / 416 518 0276.



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Men Silent Retreat: Pilgrims of Hope:

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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.

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We invite you to join Bishop John A. Boissonneau and distinguished Christian leaders and many choirs from various traditions to pray together for the restoration of the full visible unity that Jesus Christ willed for His Church.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT : DECEMBER 14, 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

- 15: School Christmas Mass at 9:30 am



WEEKEND COLLECTION:

December 6-7, 2025: \$ 939.40

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



† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 14:

10:00 am : † **Rebecca De Sagun**

Req. Nimpha Del Rosario

† **Maria Alexandrina &
Honorato Pavao**

Req. Emmanuel Medeiros

Monday, December 15: NO MASS

Tuesday, December 16:

9:00 am : † **Bernadette Hayes**

Req. Toni Muise

Wednesday, December 17:

7:00 pm : † **Thanksgiving Intentions**

Req. Toni Muise

Thursday, December 18 :

9:00 am : **Thanksgiving for Gift of Life –**

Lilibeth Pilonas

Req. Angie & Nick Blanco

Friday, December 19:

7:00 pm:

Req.

Saturday, December 20:

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

**Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life
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