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“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	Finance Council
Children’s Liturgy	Girl Guides
Collection Counters	
Communion to the Sick	<i>If you feel called to</i>
Lectors & Eucharistic	<i>serve the church</i>
Ministries	<i>through any of these</i>
Legion of Mary	<i>ministries, please call</i>
Social Action Committee	<i>the parish office.</i>
Parish Council	

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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD : JANUARY 11, 2026



Baptism of the Lord

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks a profound turning point in the life and mission of Jesus. It brings the Christmas season to a close and opens the door to Jesus' public ministry. At first glance, the scene at the Jordan River may seem simple: Jesus comes to John, is baptized, and emerges from the water. Yet within this moment lies deep spiritual meaning that continues to shape Christian life today.

One striking aspect of this event is Jesus' humility. John the Baptist's baptism was a baptism of repentance, intended for sinners who desired conversion of heart. Jesus, the sinless Son of God, has no need of repentance, yet he willingly steps into the waters alongside those seeking forgiveness. By doing so, Jesus fully identifies with humanity. He does not stand apart from human weakness but enters into it, sanctifying it from within. This act reveals a God who is not distant or superior, but one who chooses closeness, solidarity, and compassion.

The baptism also reveals Jesus' obedience to the Father's will. When John hesitates, Jesus insists that it is fitting "to fulfill all righteousness." This obedience is not passive submission but loving trust. Jesus accepts the path laid out before him, a path that will eventually lead to the cross. In this sense, his baptism foreshadows the total self-gift that will define his entire mission. It reminds believers that true righteousness is found not in status or power, but in faithful surrender to God's plan.

Another powerful dimension of this feast is revelation. At Jesus' baptism, the Trinity is made manifest: the Son stands in the river, the Spirit descends like a dove, and the Father's voice proclaims, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." This moment affirms Jesus' identity and mission. Before he performs miracles, teaches crowds, or suffers rejection, he is named and claimed in love. For Christians, this is deeply reassuring. It reminds us that our identity, too, is rooted first in God's love, not in our achievements or failures.

The descent of the Holy Spirit also signals empowerment. Jesus emerges from the Jordan ready to begin his public ministry, guided and strengthened by the Spirit. Likewise, baptism is not merely a symbolic ritual; it is a sacrament of transformation and mission. Through our own baptism, we receive the Holy Spirit and are called to participate in Christ's work of bringing healing, justice, and hope to the world.

Finally, the Baptism of the Lord invites personal reflection. It asks us to remember our own baptism and what it means to live as baptized people. As Jesus rises from the waters, we are reminded that we, too, are called to rise—renewed, commissioned, and confident in the love that names us God's own. *Happy Feast Day.*
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.



Archdiocese of Toronto

Men Silent Retreat: Pilgrims of Hope:

Guided by the Past, Inspired by the Future.

Friday, January 23, 2026 6:30 PM - Sunday, January 25, 2026
1:30 PM Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre

Men Ignatian Retreat: As people of faith, we journey together as pilgrims—rooted in God's faithfulness, strengthened by hope, and called to witness in love. This year's theme, "Pilgrims of Hope: Guided by the Past, Inspired by the Future," invites us to reflect on where we have come from, where God is leading us, and how we are called to live today. Come and journey with us as we discover anew what it means to be pilgrims of hope—grateful for the past, trusting for the future, and faithful in the present.

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, online at <https://manresa-canada.ca> or call 905-839-2864.

Day of Reflection for Men/Women:



Monday, January 26, 2026 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

We will reflect and pray on the different movements and parts of the Eucharistic celebration.

Gathering of God's People. Listening to God's Word. Thanksgiving for God's deeds in history. Facilitated by Fr. Charles Pottie, SJ.

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The Pope's Monthly Intentions for January 2026: For Prayer With The Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal & missionary Church.



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.



Confirmation Sessions: *For January 2026:* 11, 18 and 25.

All candidates preparing for Confirmation are required to attend the classes after the Sunday 10:00 a.m. mass and we request everyone to be present without fail.



First Communion: All children who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist are required to attend Sunday Mass regularly.



WEEKEND COLLECTION:

December 27-28, 2025: \$ 1,602.00

January 03-04, 2026: \$ 1,227.60

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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, January 11:

10:00 am : **Healing Intentions-Lee Gartley**

Reg. Andrea & Sal Cornist

Thanksgiving for Gift of Life:

Janice Plazo

Req. Family

† **Arsenio Culanag Hipulan**

Req. Jenny Asog

Monday, January 12: NO MASS

Tuesday, January 13:

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

Koen Boyer

Req. Jocelyn Salvador

† **Norbert de Oliveira**

Req. Arruda Family

Wednesday, January 14:

7:00 pm : **Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life:**

George Mavrommatis

Req. Angie & Nick Blanco

Thursday, January 15 :

9:00 am :

Req.

Friday, January 16:

7:00 pm:

Req.

Saturday, January 17:

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

St. Joseph, Pray For Us.



St. Joseph, faithful guardian of Jesus and spouse of Mary, guide and protect us. Teach us humility, patience, and trust in God's will. Watch over our families and work, provide for our needs, and strengthen us in trials. Pray for us now and always. Amen.

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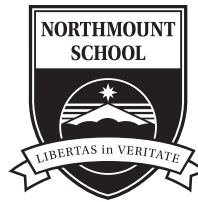
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