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## 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)

Mar 10, 2024

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Week of Mar 09 to Mar 16, 2024

<b>Mar 09</b>	Sat	9:00 AM	- Intention of Kyla (Baby) Dubra
		5:00 PM	† Maureen Noble
<b>Mar 10</b>	Sun	9:00 AM	† Deceased members of the Iacobucci family
		11:00 AM	- People of the Parish
		7:00 PM	† Michela Del Medico
<b>Mar 11</b>	Mon	9:00 AM	† Betty Stalteri
<b>Mar 12</b>	Tue	9:00 AM	† Minda Maristanes
<b>Mar 13</b>	Wed	9:00 AM	† Daniel Cinco
<b>Mar 14</b>	Thu	9:00 AM	† Deceased members of the Boyle family
<b>Mar 15</b>	Fri	9:00 AM	† Odilia Yiu
			† Frances Feruglio
			† Cassandra Mary Philips
			† Ciriaco Reyes Sr.
			† Patrick Paraan
			† Bertram Fernandez
			† Angela Rodrigues
			- Intention of Antoinette Silva
		7:30 PM	† Jean Smith
<b>Mar 16</b>	Sat	9:00 AM	† Tony Fernandes
		5:00 PM	- Intention of Aaron Gracias



### CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS!!!



St Joseph's Parish will be launching a Young Adults Ministry for ages from 18 to 39 to connect and navigate local & global societal changes from a Catholic perspective.

**Our first gathering night will be held on  
WEDNESDAY, March 13 6:00—8:00 PM**  
(at the Church Hall)

Please email [natasha.sashank@gmail.com](mailto:natasha.sashank@gmail.com) for more info.

### This Lent, please consider giving to AID TO WOMEN

For over 35 years, we have operated as a Christian, volunteer-based charity that offers pro-life options and practical help to pregnant women, enabling them to choose life for their unborn children. We are currently in need of people to pray, volunteer, help financially, or offer material donations.

Donation can be made at [www.aidtowomen.ca](http://www.aidtowomen.ca).

For more info or to volunteer, please contact us at 416-921-6016 or at [info@aidtowomen.ca](mailto:info@aidtowomen.ca).

### REFLECTION

Today's gospel presents the death of Christ as the ultimate sign of God's healing love. In veiled language Jesus speaks of the *necessity* of his crucifixion, when he will be lifted up from the earth. Just as the Israelites were healed when they looked with faith at the bronze serpent held up by Moses, so will humankind be healed when it gazes with faith at Jesus on the cross. Then we will understand how much God loves us: so much as to send the Son (we recognize him in the first reading among God's rejected messengers) to be totally available to us.

However, it is not enough that God's Son came into the world. Each of us must either accept him as savior and believe, or reject him: the choice is ours. Christ's coming constitutes judgement. If our actions are good, we will not fear when Christ's light illuminates our lives. Like a work of art, we cannot take credit for our own creation; no, we are God's work by faith in Christ. This faith is God's gift to us;

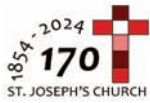
thanks be to God!

(Sunday Mass Book)

### PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

Phone Number: (416) 282-0370

Ministry	Contact	EXT
<b>CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE</b>	Mary Kelly	251
<i>General meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon of the month at 7 PM (the Hall)</i>		
<b>FAITH ENRICHMENT</b>	Bonnie Washer	252
<i>Meetings: every Thursday 9:30 AM – 10:45 AM (Room 2)</i>		
<b>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS</b>	Bryan Noble	253
<i>General meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM (Room 2)</i>		
<b>LEGION OF MARY</b>	Debra Silveira	254
<b>PRAYER GROUP</b>	Patricia Furtado/ Michael McManus	255
<i>Meetings: every other Thurs 7:30 PM</i>		
<b>REFUGEE OUTREACH</b>	Carmela Gaudet	218
<i>Meetings: every last Saturday of the month</i>		
<b>SENIORS 50+ CLUB</b>	Joe Van Pinxteren	256
<i>Refreshments, coffee, cards &amp; companionship: every Wed, 12 PM – 3:30 PM (the Hall)</i>		
<i>Seniors Mass: 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of the month at 11 AM</i>		
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## 170<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MASS



We are inviting everyone to attend our 170th Anniversary Celebration Mass with Archbishop Francis Leo **today, March 10th at 11:00 AM** followed by a reception in the Hall. *This Mass will also be Live streamed on our website. Visit the Live-stream page at: <https://www.stjosephstoronto.org/celebrate-170-celebration-mass-by-archbishop-francis-leo/>*



## NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH



In preparation for St. Joseph's Feast Day on Mar 19, we invite you to pray a novena in your homes, starting on this Sun, Mar 10 (Mar 11 will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> day), in honor of St. Joseph. **St. Joseph, pray for us.**

## 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

### DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE

**SATURDAY, March 23, 2024 –9:00 AM—4:00 PM**

**Opening Mass by His Eminence Cardinal Collins**

Location: The Old Mill

**TO REGISTER :** [www.dynamicwomenfaith.com](http://www.dynamicwomenfaith.com)

*Check the poster on the bulletin board for more info.*

## PARISH LENTEN ACTIVITIES

### Weekly activities:

1. Mass followed by Stations of the Cross **every Friday** from 7:30 – 8:30 PM
2. Lenten Talks on Thursdays.  
See section below for more info.

### Confessions:

1. Archdiocesan Day for Confessions on **Fri, Mar 15**, starting at 10:00 AM (\*).
2. Parish Lenten Confessions on **Wed, Mar 20**, starting at 7:00 PM (\*).

(\* ) **Confession session will end when there are no more people waiting in line.**

## 2024 LENTEN TALKS HOSTED BY THE PRAYER GROUP

**THURSDAY, Mar 21**

*St. Joseph's Parish Hall*

Start at 7:25 PM with the Divine Mercy Chaplet, followed by short Praise & Worship & Lenten talks.

*Come, strengthen your faith journey this Lent when you listen to the teachings of God through our powerfully inspired and faith-filled Priests. Our next speaker will be Fr. Obinna Ifeanyi, CSSp. Light refreshments will be served.*

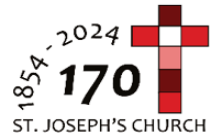
## St Joseph Parish

### 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

**Join the celebration. We will be celebrating throughout the year!**

**Save these dates:**

- **March 10** – Mass by Archbishop Francis Leo at 11:00 am, followed by reception.
- **March 19** – St Josephs Feast Mass at 7:30 pm followed by light refreshments.
- **May 19** – Feast of Pentecost – Feast Mass at 11:00 am followed by reception.
- **June 23** – Anniversary Extravaganza – Mass at 11:00 am followed by Outdoor Celebration -Fun for the whole family.
- **November 16** – Anniversary Gala – Dinner Dance. More details will be available soon.



## ST. JOSEPH PARISH 170<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY: PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

For our 170th year celebration we will be working with IPC Photo Canada to create a Parish Photo Directory. Every family or individual featured in the Album will get a copy of this photo directory FREE. You can also purchase personal pictures for yourself if you so desire.

Everyone is welcome. Please help us make this parish photo directory as complete as possible to build our community since the directory is a great communications tool to help parishioners recognize each other. Your portrait will be taken in our church basement.

An appointment is required for the photography session & for viewing/selecting your poses.  
Please sign up online using the QR code (*contact the parish office if you have difficulty booking online*).

**We have added two more photo dates: Apr 11 & 12.**



**We also remind all Ministry Heads and Choir Directors to kindly schedule your respective groups for the photographs.**

Fr. Francis, Fr. Arinze and the parish team invite you all to participate. A project like this does not happen often. Our last one was 10 years ago.

## YOUTH MINISTRY FUNDRAISER

Consider supporting the Youth Ministry Fundraiser BLITZ.

Your donations will help more youth participate in EDGE Camp and Leadership Camp.

The youth will also accept prayer requests.

Thank you in advance for your kind support.

**Please contact Jeremy Tanuan for more info:**

**JTanuan@archtoronto.org or (416) 282-0370 ext. 213.**

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