



## ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, HIGHLAND CREEK

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**Custodian:** Vince Dumael

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**Music Directors:**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Kevin Kelly  
 Sunday 9:00 a.m. Isis Rebello  
 Sunday 11:00 a.m. Jason Gotera  
 Sunday 7:00 p.m. Barbara Sullivan

**Organist:** Gerard Johnston

### Parish Ministries

Altar Servers	Eric Pinto
Catholic Women's League	Mary Kelly
Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Phil & Winnie Martin
Finance Council	Tom Wetzel
Knights of Columbus	Bryan Noble
Lectors	Leo & Jane De Guia
Legion of Mary	Debra Silveira
Liturgy for Children	Lavern Walters
Missionary Families of Christ	Leo & Jane De Guia
Parish Pastoral Council	John Ramdeen
Prayer Group	Patricia Furtado
RCIA	Donna Tomie
Refugee-Outreach Committee	Carmela Gaudet
St. Vincent de Paul Society	Tom Deluca
Screening Committee	Therese Baduria
Seniors 50+	Joe Van Pinxteren
Social Committee	Bryan Noble
Sunday School	Angie Bernard
Technology Ministry	Isis Rebello
Ushers	Peter Almeida
	Stuart Mak
	Bernard Dias
	John Ramdeen
Wedding Co-ordinator	Ingrid Stalteri
Youth Ministry	Jeremy Tanuan

### Place for Prayer

The Chapel in the Rectory basement is open daily from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 - 5:00 p.m. for individuals or small groups

### Masses

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. (Sunday Liturgy)  
 Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.  
 First Fridays: 7:30 p.m.  
 First Saturdays: 7:00 p.m. (Pilipino)  
 Weekdays: 9:00 a.m. Mon. to Sat. (Rosary 8:25 a.m.)

### Confessions

Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. (or on request)

### Baptisms, Weddings, Sick Calls or Funerals

Please contact St. Joseph's Parish Office at 416-282-0370 or for info visit our website [www.stjosephstoronto.org](http://www.stjosephstoronto.org)

### Parish Facilities

For reservations inquiries for the Parish Hall and Meeting Rooms please contact Marla Tanuan at the Parish Office, 416-282-0370 Ext: 204.

### Parish Schools

Cardinal Leger	600 Morrish Road	416-393-5419
St. Brendan	186 Centennial Road	416-393-5359
St. Dominic Savio	50 Tideswell Blvd.	416-393-5467
St. Jean de Brebeuf	101 Dean Park Road	416-393-5394

### Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.  
 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



*St. Joseph's Parish is wheelchair accessible*

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B) FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

**Apr 7, 2024**

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK Week of Apr 06 to Apr 13, 2024

<b>Apr 06</b>	Sat	9:00 AM	†	Naseem (Jimmy) Shiekh
		5:00 PM	†	Feliciana Cruz Medina
<b>Apr 07</b>	Sun	9:00 AM	†	Mark & Monica Rebello
		11:00 AM	-	People of the Parish
		7:00 PM	†	Giuseppe Florio
<b>Apr 08</b>	Mon	9:00 AM	†	Sr. Celine Cajanding
<b>Apr 09</b>	Tue	9:00 AM	-	Intention of Cornelia Chua
<b>Apr 10</b>	Wed	9:00 AM	†	Virgilio B. Sanchez
<b>Apr 11</b>	Thu	9:00 AM	†	Alex Salvatin
<b>Apr 12</b>	Fri	9:00 AM	†	Doreen Morse
			†	Cassandra Philips
			†	Michael Dasilva
			-	Intention of Cherileen Q. Carido
			-	Intention of Ricardo & Cornelia Chua
<b>Apr 13</b>	Sat	9:00 AM	†	Bridget Corera
		5:00 PM	-	Intention of Glynis Remedios

#### PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS:

**(416) 282-0370**

#### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

General meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon of the month at 7 PM (the Hall)

Mary Kelly EXT 251

#### **FAITH ENRICHMENT**

Meetings: every Thurs

9:30 AM—10:45 AM (Room 2)

Bonnie Washer EXT 252

#### **KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS**

General meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs of the month at 7:30 PM (Room 2)

Bryan Noble EXT 253

#### **LEGION OF MARY**

Meetings every Tues at 5:30 PM

Debra Silveira EXT 254

#### **PRAYER GROUP**

Meetings: every other Thurs at

7:30PM—Patricia Furtado or

Michael McManus EXT 255

#### **REFUGEE OUTREACH**

Meetings: last Sat of the month

Carmela Gaudet EXT 218

#### **SENIOR 50+ CLUB (Refreshments,**

cards & companionship: every Wed 12 PM —3:30 PM (the Hall).

Senior Mass: 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of the month 11AM) Joe Van Pinxteren EXT 256

#### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

(Email: bryannoble1967@gmail.com)

Bryan Noble EXT 215

#### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

EXT 217

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Email: ABernard@archtoronto.org

Angie Bernard EXT 212

#### **TECHNOLOGY MINISTRY**

Isis Rebello EXT 214

#### **YOUTH MINISTRY**

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Jeremy Tanuan EXT 213

#### **REFLECTION**

Saint Faustina writes in her *Diary*:

*On one occasion, I heard these words: "My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened (Diary #699).*

It was Jesus Himself, through the mediation of this humble and holy religious sister, Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska of the Blessed Sacrament, who instituted the Feast of Mercy that we celebrate today. In addition to the above quote from her *Diary of Divine Mercy*, Jesus spoke on numerous other occasions about His desire that this feast be instituted as a universal Feast of Mercy to be celebrated throughout the world on the eighth day of Easter every year. From the time of her death in 1938, the private revelations from Jesus to Sister Faustina began to be read and shared.

At first, the Feast of Mercy was celebrated by only a few who knew of these messages. As these private revelations began to circulate further, there were some within the Church who questioned their authenticity. Thus, on March 6, 1959, the writings of Sister Faustina were put on the "forbidden" list by the Holy Office, Rome. However, in 1965, with the permission of the same Holy Office, the Archbishop of Kraków, Poland, Archbishop Karol Wojtyła, began an informative process in which new light was shed upon Sister Faustina and her writings. This process concluded on April 15, 1978, with the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Rome, issuing a new decree permitting the spread of Sister Faustina's writings and the new devotion to The Divine Mercy. Then, by the providence of God, just six months later, the Archbishop of Kraków, Karol Wojtyła, was elected pope, taking the name Pope John Paul II. A little over two decades later, on April 30, 2000, Sister Faustina was canonized a saint in a ceremony presided over by Pope John Paul II. During her canonization, the Holy Father also instituted the Feast of Mercy for the universal Church to be celebrated on the eighth day of the Octave of Easter every year.

The providence of God is truly amazing. God started with this humble cloistered nun. He allowed His private revelations to be scrutinized by the Church and ultimately hand picked one of the greatest popes our Church has ever known to introduce these private revelations to the world. It's amazing to ponder the process by which these revelations went from the silent cloister of Sister Faustina to the universal Church. One thing this process truly tells us is that God must deeply desire that we immerse ourselves in the messages of Divine Mercy given through Saint Faustina.

**(Reflection continued next page)**

## REFLECTION (continued)

It was by God's providence that these messages slowly moved from the silence of the cloister in Kraków, Poland, to the universal Church beginning in the year 2000. Though it may be tempting to think that these messages are old and outdated, we should realize that God knew how long it would take for them to become instituted as a universal feast for all. Therefore, though these messages were first revealed before 1938, it was God's plan that they would especially be needed and read starting in the year 2000 and beyond. The message of Divine Mercy is especially for us today.

*Reflect, today, upon this beautiful providence of God in bringing forth His message of mercy. Allow His providential methodology to not only inspire you but also to greatly encourage you to immerse yourself in the messages given to us from Jesus through Saint Faustina. Try to commit yourself to reading these messages so that, through them, God's providence will be able to come to fruition.*

Thomas, J. P. (2022a, March 29). *The Feast of Mercy*. My Catholic Life! <https://mycatholic.life/books/catholic-daily-reflections-series/lent-and-easter-reflections/8---octave-of-easter>

## SACRAMENTAL PREPS

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

**Group A:** Sunday, April 7 at 1:00 PM

**Group B:** Sunday, April 14 at 1:00 PM

*Group A: St. Brendan & St. Jean de Brebeuf*

*Group B: Cardinal Leger, St. Dominic Savio & Sunday School*

### CONFIRMANDI RETREATS

**Saturday, April 6** from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM OR

**Saturday, April 20** from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

*Information about the retreat date and time for each Confirmandi has been emailed to the parents. Please call or email the parish office if you have not received our emails.*

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—April 7, 2024

In celebration of the Divine Mercy Sunday, there will be an hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, beginning at 2:45 PM this Sunday, concluding with Benediction and Public Veneration of the Divine Mercy image. In addition, Father will bless any personal Divine Mercy images you bring.

**ALL ARE WELCOME! Refreshments afterwards in the Hall.**

**Donations of finger foods are gratefully accepted.**

See bulletin boards at church exits for more details.

Contact person: Bonnie Washer - (416) 284-5772.



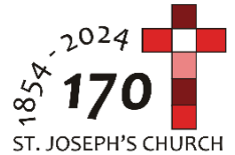
**Let us Pray! For the sick members of our parish & for those who love and minister to them.**

## St Joseph Parish 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

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

Save these dates:

- **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.



## BUNDLE UP WEEKEND

We are collecting your donations of clothes, shoes and linen at St. Joseph Parish, Highland Creek, 200 Morrish Road.

**SAT, Apr 20 & SUN, Apr 21, 2024 (8:30 AM—6:30 PM)**

PLEASE NOTE: No Appliance—Books—Video tapes—Dishes—Furniture (except small dresser)

*The container will be located in the West Parking lot.*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Contact: Lydon (647) 524-6157  
THANK YOU!**

Silent Retreat for Men and Women

### “IS FAILURE AN OPTION?”

**April 12 @ 6:30 PM—April 14 @ 1:00 PM**

Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre (2325 Liverpool Rd)

“Failure is not an option!” was the supposed mantra of the engineers who built the Apollo Moon rockets. But in fact, science progresses precisely by failing. What insights to ourselves and our faith can we derive from how science learns from its mistakes?

**Suggested offering: \$270 pp.** For more information: 905-839-2864. To register: <https://manresa-canada.ca/events/>

## 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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