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Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year C) March 30, 2025



MASS INTENTIONS

Week of Mar 29 to Apr 05, 2025

Mar 29	Sat	9:00 AM	† Chao Wen Liu
		5:00 PM	† Mathilda Gracias
Mar 30	Sun	9:00 AM	† Charles & Lily Rebello
		11:00 AM	- People of the Parish
		7:00 PM	† Gloria Anok
Mar 31	Mon	9:00 AM	- Intention of Joshua Harry
Apr 01	Tue	9:00 AM	† Ernie Hultay
Apr 02	Wed	9:00 AM	† Naseem (Jimmy) Shiekh
Apr 03	Thu	9:00 AM	† Poor souls in purgatory
Apr 04	Fri	9:00 AM	† Naseem (Jimmy) Shiekh
			† Paul Barbosa
			† Monica Justina Okafor
			- Intention of Mario & Maria Simao
			- Intention of Edwin & Riel Laberinto
			- Intention of Ricardo, Cornelia Chua & children
			- Intention of Howard & Mary Rose Chua
		7:30 PM	† Lucette Bernard
Apr 05	Sat	9:00 AM	† Uchenna Catherine Nwosisi
		5:00 PM	† Mathilda Gracias

LENTEN, HOLY WEEK & EASTER ACTIVITIES

Weekly activities:

1. Mass followed by Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:30 pm
2. Lenten Talks on Thursdays (Mar 27 & Apr 10) at 7:25 pm beginning with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. (see page 3 for more details)

Other activities:

- 1a. Archdiocesan Day for Confessions on **March 30 to April 5**. Kindly scan the QR code for Eastern Region's confession time.
- 1b. Archdiocesan Lenten Confession in St. Joseph's on Monday, Apr 1 from 10 am to 2 pm
2. Parish Lenten Confessions on Wednesday, Apr 9 at 7:00 pm
3. Parish Lenten Retreat on Saturday, Apr 5 at 10:00 am
4. Palm Sunday Masses on Apr 12 at 5:00 pm & Apr 13 at 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm
5. Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, Apr 17 at 8 pm
6. Farewell Discourse on Holy Thursday, Apr 17 at 9:30 pm
7. Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, Apr 18 at 12 pm & 3 pm (each starting with the Stations of the Cross). No Station of the Cross in the evening.
8. Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday, Apr 19 at 8 pm
9. Easter Sunday Mass on Apr 20 at 9 am & 11 am

*No evening Mass on Easter Sunday



REFLECTION

We are all God's prodigal children who have wandered far from our Father's home. How our redeemer longs to welcome us home, where we can experience for ourselves God's great goodness. The Old Testament reading tells of the first celebration of the Passover feast in the promised land. The gospel parable of the forgiving father teaches us about the immeasurable tenderness of God. When the wayward son returns, his father runs out to meet him, calling for a celebration even before the son has finished his act of contrition. No longer is he counted as dead or lost! The elder brother, displeased at his father's forgiving love, is like the self-righteous person who is outraged that God's welcome is extended to every sinner who repents. Like the wayward son, we have been reconciled with God through Christ. The new creation St. Paul speaks of is all God's work; Jesus became like us in order that we might become like him. How much God loves us! We celebrate our reconciliation and our newness of life in this eucharist.

(Sunday Mass Book)

PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

Phone Number: (416) 282-0370

Ministry	Contact	EXT
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE General meetings: 2 nd Mon of the month at 7 pm (the Hall)	Raffaela Civello	251
FAITH ENRICHMENT Meetings: every Thursday 9:30 am - 10:45 am (Room 2)	Bonnie Washer	252
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS General meetings: 3 rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm (Room 2)	Michael McManus	253
LEGION OF MARY Meetings every Tues at 5:30 pm	Debra Silveira	254
PRAYER GROUP Meetings: every other Thurs 7:30 pm	Patricia Furtado/ Jennifer Fernandes	255
REFUGEE OUTREACH Meetings: every last Saturday of the month	Carmela Gaudet	218
SENIORS 50+ CLUB Companionship: every Wed, 12 pm - 3:30 pm (the Hall)	Joe Van Pinxteren	256
SOCIAL COMMITTEE	Sean Figueredo	215
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TECHNOLOGY MINISTRY	Isis Rebello	214
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2025 Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year Celebration

As part of the Jubilee Year celebrations, we are encouraged to be intentional in creating time as individuals, groups or families to actively participate in the different parish and archdiocesan Jubilee year activities. As individuals, doing this will attract for us deep faith Renewal, Restoration, Forgiveness, and Fullness. Please spread the word!

Jubilee Year Upcoming Events at St. Joseph's Parish

April : Pilgrims of Hope in Prayer and Worship

- April 5: Parish Lenten Retreat (Knights of Columbus)
- April 12-19: Holy Week
- April 27: Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonized this day: Divine Mercy Sunday.

May : Pilgrims of Hope Sowing and Nurturing

- May 3: Mass and Veneration of the relic of St Carlo Acutis
- May 9,10,11 : Exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles designed by St Carlo Acutis
- May 31: Day with Mary-Villanova College with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo.

June : Pilgrims of Hope empowered by the Holy Spirit

- June 1 : Parish Ministry Fair

*The Knights of Columbus
Invite all parishioners to*

St. Joseph's Parish Annual Lenten Retreat Saturday, April 5th, 2025

In CHURCH HALL from 10 a.m. – 12 noon

KEY SPEAKER

FATHER ARINZE ONWUZULIKE C.S.Sp.

Come join Father Arinze as he explains how we can experience a successful Lenten season in preparation for the Passion of Jesus.

Theme: "Silencing the Good Old Trumpet: From Obsession With Getting to Obsession with Giving: Mathew 6:1-4"

Light Refreshments will be served

Prayer Group Lenten Talks 2025

LENT: PREPARE YOUR HEARTS TO REFLECT AND REPENT

Speaker: Fr. Arinze Onwuzulike

On Thursday, April 10th at 7:25 PM

Beginning with the **DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**
PLEASE BRING ALONG YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS



We in the Parish Council extend our sincerest gratitude to all of you who donated items for our Lenten Food Drive. May God continue to bless you all for your generosity!

Did you know that



- ☞ On Good Friday, there will be 2 separate Good Friday Passion of the Lord's Celebration in our parish at these times: one at 12 pm, and the other at 3 pm?
- ☞ Each of the Good Friday Passion of the Lord's Celebration will begin with the Stations of the Cross, then followed by the Passion of the Lord's Celebration?
- ☞ There will be NO Stations of the Cross in the evening of Good Friday?

SACRAMENT of FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

at <https://www.stjosephstoronto.org/sacraments/first-holy-communion/>



Upcoming Schedule

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

St. Brendan & St. Jean de Brebeuf :

Sunday, 27 April 2025 at 1 pm

Cardinal Leger, St. Dominic Savio & Religious Ed :

Sunday, 4 May 2025 at 1 pm

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

at <https://www.stjosephstoronto.org/sacraments/confirmation/>



Upcoming Schedule

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Saturday, 12 April & 3 May 2025 at 8:30 am,
in St. Joseph's Parish

CONFIRMATION MASS

St. Brendan & St. Jean de Brebeuf :

Tuesday, 6 May 2025 at 7 pm

Cardinal Leger, St. Dominic Savio & Religious Ed :

Wednesday, 7 May 2025 at 7 pm

THE LEGION OF MARY

Patrician meeting

Members of the Legion of Mary would like to invite you to the Patrician meeting on Saturday, April 12th at 9:45 a.m. in room 2 of the Church basement.

Topic:

Autism- From Observation to Understanding:
Seeing God in the work we do.

Speaker: Mrs. Sharon Graveran

Past parishioner, mother, with over 12 years experience as a Board Certified Behaviour Analyst working with kids, teens, and adults on the Autism Spectrum.

We hope to see you there. Refreshments will be served.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL CONTRIBUTION FOR THE ORDINANDI PRAYER BOUQUET - 2025

The Catholic Women's League, St. Joseph's Council would like to send a special thank you to all in our parish community, the various ministries, schools and staff for the overwhelming support of prayers for the Ordinandi Spiritual Bouquet. Our total pledges for this year:

1,827 – Masses	213 – Stations of the Cross
634 – Communions	140 – Sacrifices
850 – Rosaries	58,816 – Prayers
145 – Eucharistic Adorations	50 – Other
292 – Blessed Sacrament Visits	

Thank you for your participation.



Sponsor an Easter Flower



For parishioners who wish to sponsor Easter flower pot for the altar... in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving, prices are: **Hydrangeas (10") —\$30**
Please contact Parish Office at 416-282-0370 for the details.

EDGE YOUTH MINISTRY 2024-2025

Registration is still open for youth in grades 6, 7, and 8. EDGE meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month until June.

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