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Sunday 9:00 a.m. Isis Rebello
Sunday 11:00 a.m. Jason Gotera
Sunday 7:00 p.m. Barbara Sullivan
Organist: Gerard Johnston

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. (except July and August)
First Fridays: 9:30 a.m. Holy Hour
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

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 Ministries

Altar Servers	Eric Pinto
Catholic Women's League	Raffaela Civello
Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister	Michael McManus
Finance Council	Tom Wetzel
Knights of Columbus	TBA
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
Religious Ed	Emily Pinto & Lucy Borges
St. Vincent de Paul Society	Tom Deluca
Screening Committee	Therese Baduria
Seniors 50+	Joe Van Pinxteren
ShareLife	Pat Sheehan
Social Committee	Sean Figueredo
Technology Ministry	Isis Rebello
Ushers	Peter Almeida
	Stuart Mak
	Bernard Dias
	Monica Meharchand
Wedding Co-ordinator	Ingrid Stalteri
Youth Ministry	Jeremy Tanuan
Young Adult Ministry	Sashank Bhavsar

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 & CCTV monitored.



Third Sunday of Advent Year A December 14, 2025



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Week December 13-20, 2025

Dec 13	Sat	9:00 AM	† John & Eileen Alkins
		5:00 PM	† Neville Patrick Godfrey
Dec 14	Sun	9:00 AM	† Clifford D' Souza
		11:00 AM	People of the Parish
		7:00 PM	† Luis Rosario Pereira
Dec 15	Mon	9:00 AM	Intention of Pat Wilson
Dec 16	Tue	9:00 AM	† Grace & Edward Meyers
Dec 17	Wed	9:00 AM	† Bernadette Halge
Dec 18	Thu	9:00 AM	Intention of Reina Pagcaliwagan
Dec 19	Fri	9:00 AM	† Franklin Pereira
			† Roy Matthew
			† Sali Alexander
			† Bernadette Di Nova
			† Jim Noronha
			† Nannette Yip
			† Ajit Phillip
			† Deceased members of the Fennel Family
			Intention of Akuk Mo & Michelle
			Intention of Ricardo Chua Jr. & Agnes Chua and Family
Dec 20	Sat	9:00 AM	† Frank Quadros
		5:00 PM	† Inacio Fernandes

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: Closed at noon
 Christmas Day: Closed
 Boxing Day: Closed
 New Year's Eve: Closed at noon
 New Year's Day: Closed



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REFLECTION

During Advent, we recall Christ's birth and look forward to His coming again in glory. Today, we also pause to rejoice, for the Lord is near. In the Gospel, Jesus praises John the Baptist as the greatest born of women, yet reminds us that "the least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he." This reveals the astonishing dignity God desires for each of us: to share in His life, His healing, and His glory. Why did Jesus choose to become human? The readings today remind us: God wants to heal us. Jesus comes not only to heal our physical needs, but to restore our hearts and to purify, sanctify, and lift us closer to Himself. As we journey toward Christmas, our hope becomes deeply personal. We await the healing work of Christ within us. This work He has begun, continues now, and will bring to completion. May this Gaudete Sunday fill our hearts with joyful expectation.

(Adapted from Living with Christ –December 2025– Gabrielle Tonelli, Calgary, Alberta)

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

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)	Voicemail only	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	Camela Gaudet	218
SENIORS 50+ CLUB Companionship: every Wed, 12 PM – 3:30 PM (the Hall)	Joe Van Pinxteren	256
SOCIAL COMMITTEE	Sean Figueredo	215
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY	Voicemail only	217
TECHNOLOGY MINISTRY	Isis Rebello	214
VISITATION MINISTRY	Dawne Williams	226
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY Sashank.Bhavsar@gmail.com	Sashank Bhavsar	225
YOUTH MINISTRY Email: JTanuan@archtoronto.org	Jeremy Tanuan	213

2025

SIMBANG GABI

"Simbang Gabi" was adopted by Filipino Catholics from Spanish "Misa de Gallo" which were pre-dawn masses intended as Novena for bountiful harvest.

Please join KORO PILIPINO, a Filipino choir celebrating the masses in Pilipino .

Dec 15.....8:00 pm.....St. Joseph Church

Dec 16.....8:00 pm.....St. Joseph Church

Dec.17.....8:00 pm.....St. Joseph Church

Dec.18.....8:00 pm.....St. Joseph Church

Dec.19.....5:00 pm.....St. Joseph Church

Dec.20.....8:00 pmSt. Martin de Porres

4179 Lawrence Ave. East

Dec.21.....5:00 pm.....St. Joseph Church

Dec 22.....8:00 pm.....St. Joseph Church

Dec.23.....8:00 pm.....St. Joseph Church

Dec.24.....9:00 pm - 9:30 pm Christmas Carols

9:30 pm - 10:30 pm Misa De Gallo

St. Joseph Church

Contacts

Yoly del Mundo...416 560 5736 Agnes Alix ...416 835 5226

Advent Confession Schedule



Our parish dates and times:

Thursday, December 18th—10:00 AM

Friday, December 19th—7:00 PM

Confessions will end when there are no more people in line. For more dates and times in other parishes in our area, kindly scan the QR code:



Christmas Schedule

Join us and celebrate the coming of Christmas

Christmas Eve 4:30 PM Carol Singing

5:00 PM Holy Mass

7:00PM Carol Singing

7:30 PM Holy Mass

9:00 PM Carol Singing

9:30 PM Filipino Mass

11:30 PM Carol Singing

12:00 AM Holy Mass

Christmas Day 9:00 AM Holy Mass

11:00 AM Holy Mass

No evening Mass

New Year's Eve 5:00 PM Holy Mass

New Year's Day 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 7:00 PM Holy Mass

Koro Pilipino Simbang Gabi Food Drive

December 15–24, 2025 (see us before or after the Mass)

Collecting unexpired canned and non-perishable food

Drop-off Location:

St. Joseph's Church

200 Morrish Rd, Scarborough



Lift Your Voice – Join Our Choir!

The 9 a.m. Choir is looking for altos, tenors, and basses! Our rehearsals are friendly, supportive, and full of laughter and sometimes cookies!

If you're interested or would like more information, please speak with Isis Rebello after the 9 a.m.

Mass, contact the parish office, or call Isis at 416-528-4185.

Come lend your voice and help us make beautiful music this season and beyond!



Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Fr. Francis invites you to join him for our parish pilgrimage to visit Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico from April 29 to May 6, 2026. We only need your deposit of \$300 by January 10, 2025. Praying that you can join us. Thank you.



BEFORE YOU FIX YOUR WEDDING DATE

Thinking about doing your wedding in the Church? Great move! The way to go is to call the parish office and schedule an appointment with the priest **at least 12 months** before your desired wedding date. It is a requirement in the Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto. Hoping for the best for you as you process and make this important life-long decision.



Did you know that?



☞ The priests in our parish need Saturdays to prepare to serve us all well when we gather for Sunday Masses?

☞ Monday to Friday works best in our parish for having such events as Weddings or Funerals, once the priests' schedules permit and there's no pre-booked event going on in the church?

☞ While we can do a Wedding or a Funeral on Saturday in our parish, we strongly advise that Saturdays be avoided for these events when possible?

EDGE YOUTH MINISTRY 2025-2026

Registration for youth in Grade 6, 7, and 8 is still open! EDGE meets on the **2nd and 4th Fridays of each month**. Come discover the EPIC Universe!

For more information contact **Jeremy at JTanuan@archtoronto.org or (416)282-0370 Ext. 213**

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