# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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#### **PARISH TEAM**

Fr Paul Dobson Parish Priest Fr Anish Alex Associate Pastor Rev. Mr George Jurenas Deacon



MASS INTENTIONS			
SAT	23		
4:30	pm†	Anthony Pantaleo	
	+	Eduino Barbosa	
SUN	24	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	
8:00	am	For the intentions of all parishioners	
11:00	am	For the intentions of all parishioners	
SUN	24	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	
4:00 pm   6:00 pm   8:00 pm   12:00 am			
6:00	pm †	Evelino & Assunta Cortellucci	
MON	25	<b>Christmas Day</b>	
8:00 am   09:30 am   11:00 am			
TUES	26	St. Stephen	
8:30	am	In Thanksgiving –	
		Wedding Anniversary	
WED	27	St. John Apostle	
8:30	am †	Antonio Ricciardi	

#### Sunday Children's Liturgy

The Holy Innocents

**Multiple Intentions Mass** 

Multiple Intentions Mass

In Thanksgiving

**THUR 28** |

am

29 |

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30 |

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8:30

**FRI** 

8:30

SAT

9:00

Will break for Christmas starting Sunday Dec 17 and will resume back on Sunday Jan 7.

#### **Deacon George's Spiritual Walk-In Ministry**

Will break for Christmas December 21st and resume February 1st.

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From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said "Yes!" ...and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or vocations@archtoronto.org

#### Smile for the week

Answer

What king do you see every Christmas?

A stock-king

#### THE WORD BECAME FLESH - HOPE IS BORN

On Christmas Day we celebrate the appearance on earth of God in our human nature. This is the "miracle of the Incarnation".

For by becoming man, Jesus did not in any way cease to be God. Only insofar as He hid His glory and lived in great humility did He seem to disguise His Godhead. Yet even so we believe that to all those who accept Him in faith as the Son of God, Jesus reveals Himself as God—not yet in His full majesty and glory, but as the living sign of hope to the world in darkness.

Christmas is celebrated in the darkness of the year in order to remind us that Christ has conquered darkness. For the darkness of the world around us in midwinter is a symbol of the inner darkness of our hearts and minds caused by sin. Only Christ can take that away from us—only He can enlighten us.

The best-loved Christmas Mass is, not surprisingly, the Midnight Mass, because it is the one that most seems to express the wonder of Christmas—the paradox of darkness and night-time which is shattered by the strange and wonderful light of the stable at Bethlehem. This light in the darkness also speaks to our innermost hearts of the hope that shatters the darkness of sin and despair. Even though human sorrow, which is no less real for so many at this time of the year, is not taken away, it is nonetheless lightened by the hope that Christ brings with Him at His coming. When Mary sees the face of God, her Son, for the first time, she rejoices beyond all human rejoicing in the history of the world, and she shares her joy with all those who come to her at Christmas time and pray for her help.

Together with Fr Anish, Deacon George and the staff

I wish you all a blessed Christmas. ~ Fr. Paul Dobson

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### ST. JOSEPH MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE 2024

Registration and course fee payment (\$200 per couple) at the parish office begins December 9th and you will be provided with your course materials and full details at that time. The course will comprise of two parts:

1st half is an online video component to be completed by March 22. Bring the notice of completion with you to the 2<sup>nd</sup> half.

2<sup>nd</sup> half is an in-person weekend component at St Joseph on Friday, April 12th: 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm and Sat, April 13th: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

#### MARRIAGE SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10/11, 2024

Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass at 3:00 PM at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto) to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage for more info and to register.

#### PARISH OFFICE Closes Dec 22 at noon & reopens Jan 2.

For funerals or an anointing leave a message on the emergency line as prompted. For funerals or anointings please leave a message on the emergency line. For other urgent matters please leave a message or send us an email.

#### **MINISTRIES**

**JESUS & THE END TIMES:** A Catholic View of the Last Days

Dr. Pitre brings clarity and precision to the confusion that frequently surrounds the doctrine of the end times in this 4 session Bible study: What is the meaning of Jesus' prophecies of tribulation and the coming of the Son of Man? Are we in the "end times" now? FREE - NO REGISTRATION MONDAYS 7 pm in the hall: Jan 22, Jan 29, Feb 5 & Feb 12 TUESDAYS 9 am upstairs on Jan 23, Jan 30, Feb 6 & Feb 13

#### ST. JOSEPH PARISH YOUTH GROUPS

Are you or do you know a young person looking to grow in faith, make some friends and some have fun while doing so? Then we have something for you!

LifeTeen: for grades 9-12 | Edge: for grades 6-8 For more info or to register, please email our Youth Minister, Megan, at ym.stjosephmi@gmail.com, and be sure to follow our instagram page @ym.stjosephmi to keep up with our schedule and events!

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Upcoming Events Vita Centre Donation Drive**

In support of Vita Centre, collecting baby items (formula, bottles, baby food, diapers, wipes and clothing). Please place items in the crib at the front entrance or contact **gk8661@ontariokofc.ca** for monetary donations.

#### ST. JOSEPH MINISTRIES SAVE THE DATE:

Cancelled: Knit/Crochet club	Jan 4 - 7pm
Coffee Hour with Guest Speaker	Jan 10 - 9am

#### AROUND THE ARCH

#### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2024-25**

Registration at Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) schools is now open. Register online at dpcdsb.org

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Happy are the people who know the festal shout; Who walk; oh Lord in your countenance They exult in your name all day long And extol your righteousness ~ Psalm 89

#### CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR 2023 - 2024

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Mass Sunday, December 24, 2023 8:00 am | 11:00 am | (English Only)

#### **Christmas Eve**

Sunday, December 24, 2023 4:00 pm | 6:00 pm | 8:00 pm | 12:00 midnight (English Only)

#### Christmas Day

Monday, December 25, 2023 8:00 am | 9:30 am | 11:00 am (English Only) \*\*\*NO 12:30 pm & 6:00 pm Mass\*\*\*

St. Stephen, The First Martyr **Tuesday, December 26, 2023** 8:30 am St. John, The Apostle Wednesday, December 27, 2023 8:30 am The Holy Innocents **Thursday, December 28, 2023** 8:30 am St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr Friday, December 29, 2023 8:30 am Saturday December 30, 2023

Morning 9:00 am | | Sunday Vigil 4:30 pm Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sunday, December 31, 2023

8:00 am | 9:30 am | 11:00 am | 12:30 pm

4:30 pm - NEW YEAR'S EVE Mass \* NO 6:00 pm Mass \*

### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Monday, January 1, 2023

8:00 am | 9:30 am | 11:00 am | 12:30 pm \* NO 6:00 pm Mass \*

PICK OF THE WEEK

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Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage 33m

This special documentary allows Catholics all around the world to unite and make a spiritual pilgrimage to

the Holy Land to see the places associated with Christ's Birth.

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#### **DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP**

Prayer Meetings Wednesdays - 7 pm in the Parish Hall

#### **OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 1 p.m. with Holy Mass in the Church Followed by Reception in the Hall (Finger Food will be appreciated) All are welcome to join us to thank God for these 30 years!

### HOLY MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS

Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 6.45 p.m.

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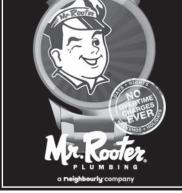


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