

St. Joseph Parish

Parish Priest: Fr. Marc-André Campbell

Assistant Priest: Fr. Joseph Alozie

Deacons: Lionel Gomes & George Jurenas



Baptism

By appointment and after the preparation class.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

(for appointment call Parish Office)

Fridays: 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Saturdays: 4:15 - 5:15 p.m.

Sundays: 15 minutes before each Mass.

Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is celebrated with those who are seriously ill, or those enfeebled by old age. We invite those who wish to celebrate the sacrament, to notify the office to make arrangements.

Marriage

Parishioners planning to be married must contact a priest a year in advance.

Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Mondays at 8:30 a.m. Marian Cenacle on Mondays at 9:00 a.m.

Rosary Apostolate

Contacts: Margaret Stanley: 289-914-5747 or Aileen Haig: 905-607-6851

Visit our elementary schools to teach and pray the Rosary with children.

Catholic Women's League

Contact: Barbara Coulas - (905) 821-8034 Email: cwlstjoseph.parish@gmail.com
Meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Mass at 9:00 a.m. Meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Knights of Columbus:

Grand Knight: Carlos Elizondo (647) 702-2042 Email: gk@kofc8661.ca

Meetings are held on every 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Meets every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Everyone is welcome. Prayer Line: Elsa Sa - (905) 817-1288

Maria Rodrigues - (905) 599-0337, Lea Lobo - (905) 820-1281 and

Clotilda Fernandes - (905) 812-9569

Legion of Mary -Meets every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Call the parish office or email: ourladyofcharity2008@yahoo.ca if you want

Our Lady of Fatima Statue to visit your home.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Please call the Parish Office.

Portuguese Charismatic Prayer Group

Meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Church Parking

Please make full use of our parking lot. Please note that parking in the designated fire route is illegal and the city parking authorities regularly inspect our parking lot.

Sunday Masses

Saturday : 5:30 p.m.

Sunday : 8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday to Friday : 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m.

Friday : 7:30 p.m.

followed by a Holy Hour & Benediction

Saturday : 9:00 a.m.

Holiday Mondays : 8:30 a.m. only

Office

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Office Hours :

Monday to Friday : 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday : 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday : 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sacramental Coordinator:

Andrew Rivera ext. 226

or email sacraments.streetsville@gmail.com


New Parishioners

Please complete the grey registration form, available in the Church Office and on our website.

Parish Schools

Our Lady of Good Voyage	5850 River Grove Avenue	-(905) 567-8422	St. Barbara	1455 Samuelson Circle	-(905) 696-8860
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St. Herbert	5180 Fallingbrook Drive	-(905) 858-1171	St. Joseph	249 Church Street	-(905) 826-4422
St. Raymond	5735 Whitehorn Avenue	-(905) 286-1010	St. Joseph's S.S.	5555 Creditview Road	-(905) 812-1376
St. Marcellinus SS	730 Courtney Park Drive West	-(905) 564-6614	St. Julia	6770 Historic Trail	-(905) 795-2706

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

 Mass Intentions	
Monday, December 7 7:00 am 8:30 am	St. Ambrose † Gerald Haire † Petra Cruz Santos
Tuesday, December 8 7:00 am 8:30 am	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention † Roy Zaka
Wednesday, December 9 7:00 am 8:30 am	In Thanksgiving † Atanacio Mamaril
Thursday, December 10 7:00 am 8:30 am	† Effrozine & Polycarp Sequiera † Mary Sewerynek
Friday, December 11 7:00 am 8:30 am 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	† Lamberto Chicioco † Regina Folan † Manuel Fonte † Vincent Francica HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION
Saturday, December 12 9:00 am	Our Lady of Guadalupe † Urbano da Costa Branco † Paulo Luis da Costa

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Monday December 7, St. Ambrose, elected bishop of Milan in 37. His literary works have been acclaimed as masterpieces of Latin eloquence, and his musical accomplishments are remembered in his hymns. Ambrose is also remembered as the teacher who converted and baptized St. Augustine of Hippo, the great Christian theologian, and as a model bishop who viewed the church as rising above the ruins of the Roman Empire."


Tuesday Dec 8, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Blessed Pope Pius IX proclaimed on December 8, 1854: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin." — Catechism of the Catholic Church

Saturday December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to a poor, 57-year-old Aztec Indian convert to the faith living five miles outside of Mexico City on December 9, 1531. She left a marvelous portrait of herself on the mantle of Juan Diego. This miraculous image has proved to be ageless, and is kept in the shrine built in her honor, the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. In 1910 Our Lady of Guadalupe was declared Patroness of Latin America, and in 1945 Pope Pius XII declared Her to be the Empress of all the Americas.

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for December 2015

Universal: EXPERIENCING GOD’S MERCY,
 That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

Evangelization: FAMILIES
 That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.



MARY, CONCEIVED WITHOUT SIN

The dogma of the Immaculate Conception, as solemnly defined by Pope Pius IX in 1854, teaches that *the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin.*

This means that Mary, through the merits of her Son and Savior, Jesus Christ, received a special grace so that she might become the spiritual mother of all who come to believe in her divine Son cf. Gen. 3:20; Jn. 19:26–27; Rev. 12:17). Mary’s Immaculate Conception should be seen as the way God wanted all of us to come into the world: in the state of sanctifying grace and free from original sin, just like Adam and Eve.

Scripture, not coincidentally, first teaches the doctrine of Mary’s Immaculate Conception in the Book of Genesis. Just after the sin of our first parents, God promised to send a Savior. Speaking to the serpent, God said, “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel” (Gen. 3:15). The serpent is Satan (cf. Jn. 8:44; Rev. 12:9), and the “seed of the woman” who would be sent to crush the devil is Jesus Christ. Therefore, the “woman” is Mary, His mother. It is significant that Jesus addresses His mother in the Gospels as “woman” (e.g., Jn. 2:4; 19:26–27). Mary shares in the victory of her Son over Satan, which includes His victory over sin and death. Because she is sinless and pure, there is indeed “enmity” (Gen. 3:15) or “complete opposition” between Mary and Satan.

At the Annunciation, Saint Gabriel the Archangel greets Mary with the words, “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you” (Lk. 1:28). The phrase “full of grace” is a translation of the Greek word kecharitōménē. This word conveys a sense of completion and perfection that was already present at the time of the Annunciation. Mary’s holiness was not only as complete as possible, but it extended over the whole of her life, from conception onward.

~ Taken from Faith facts: Answers to Catholic Questions, Vol 1.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

St. John of the Cross	Dec. 14 10-11 am & 4-5 pm
St. Joseph Parish	December 15 at 7 pm
Merciful Redeemer	December 16 from 7 pm
St. Francis Xavier	December 17 from 7 pm
St. Ignatius Loyola	December 17 9:30 am-11:30 am 4-6 pm, 7 -8:30 pm

MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM

A Solemn High Mass in honour of:

The Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Virgin Mary



Will be held **HERE AT St Joseph Parish on Tuesday, December 8 at 7:30 pm**. The Mass will be celebrated according to the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite (Missal of 1962).

ADVENT CONCERT

Our Parish annual free concert, featuring all of our parish choirs, will be held on **Saturday December 12th at 7:00 pm**. Join us as our exceptional choirs help us appreciate this very special season of Advent and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

Once again, this year, we are hosting a luncheon for Parkdale residents in the care of the Missionaries of Charity Sisters. We have boxes out at both entrances of the church for donations of items that will be included in gift bags to be handed out to our special guests. **Donations requested are: Hats, Mittens, Scarves, ONLY until December 10.**

Please drop donations off in the boxes set out in the front and back entrances to the church. **In addition the Sisters are looking for a donation of a good used stroller.**



Thank you for your help with this!

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE 2016



Friday, Feb. 19: 8pm-10pm & **Saturday Feb. 20:** 10am-5pm; **Friday, Feb. 26:** 8pm-10pm & **Saturday, Feb. 27:** 10am-5pm. Couples must attend all four days. To register, attend at the Parish Office to complete registration form.

Vita Centre



Vita Centre a project started by the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League to support women with unplanned pregnancies, has reached the 25th anniversary. Again this year, they are seeking donations of disposal diapers and wet wipes. Please place your donations in the boxes in the front lobby of the church.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Prayer Services every Wednesday 7 pm – Parish Hall

DMPG Youth Group:

Next meeting will be on

*Saturday, December 19, from 7-9 pm
in the basement meeting room*

CHURCH HISTORY FAITH STUDY - EPIC



Have you ever been curious, confronted or criticized about some element of Catholic history? As Catholics, we are heirs to a remarkable heritage. The history of our Faith is so much more than a list of facts and dates. It is a fascinating story of adventure, rebellion, tragedy, and triumph. A story 2,000 years in the making, one word best describes Catholic history: *Epic*. This highly praised 20 week Study gives an understanding of Church history that enables us to have a greater sense of meaning and identity as Catholics.

Join us **Monday nights at 7 pm in the Church Hall starting January 4th**.

Cost is \$40 for materials and participant guide. Register with the office or email michele@stjosephsstreetsville.com

**FIRST COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION 2016
OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

First Holy Communion dates will be available the Weekend of December 5/6 in the parish office; parents have also been notified by email.

**SUPPORT FOR RECENTLY SEPARATED OR
DIVORCED CATHOLICS**

Support for Recently Separated or Divorced Catholics Catholic Family Services of Toronto is offering a 6 week group program for adult men and women coping with the many struggles involved in the process of separation and divorce. Group participants will receive support and guidance as they move through this difficult period of transition. The group will run on Tuesday evenings from 6.30 to 8.30 beginning January 5th to February 9th, 2016 at our Central Office, 1155 Yonge Street (Summerhill Subway Station). For further information, please contact Alex Lopechuk at 416-921-1163.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION



The annual special collection for SVDP, our wonderful group that assists our less fortunate brothers and sisters will be next weekend, December 13/14. Last Christmas SVDP provided Christmas gift baskets and assistance for 200 families as well as providing ongoing assistance throughout the year to those in need. Use the special St Vincent de Paul envelope (yellow) from your envelope box or put your donation in the SVDP envelopes in the pews marked with your name & address if you wish a tax receipt. **Your support is needed and greatly appreciated!**

CATHOLIC SPONSORSHIP 1 YEAR COMMITMENT

Since 1989, the **Human Family in Christ** has been taking care of poor children in Bolivia through a sponsorship program. A donation of \$180 a year provides food, clothes, medicine and scholastic material to a sponsored child. Sponsors will receive a photo and information on the child's family background. The sponsor will also receive a tax receipt. Contact Marie Morrison at (905) 821-9012. Or visit stjosephsstreetsville.com for additional details.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



Tree of Hope Angel Ornaments will be on sale this weekend. They are \$5 each and will be personalized with your name. The proceeds are used to support The Human Family in Christ charity.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2016

Envelope boxes for 2016 are in the Hallway between the office and the hall in **numerical order**. For those using PAG (pre-authorized giving), your envelope box is still available if you wish to use for those additional envelopes for collections outside of the monthly deductions. Those left behind in January will be cancelled and the numbers redistributed to new parishioners. We thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this regard.

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