

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



Mass Intentions

Monday, December 14 7:00 am 8:30 am	<i>St. John of the Cross</i> † Michael Kiet Nguyen † Lloyd Asselin
Tuesday, December 15 7:00 am 8:30 am	In Thanksgiving † Marian Concessio
Wednesday, December 16 7:00 am 8:30 am	† Villanueva & Exaltacion Families † Victoria Kampikan
Thursday, December 17 7:00 am 8:30 am	† Josph Fernandez † Trang Vu & Familiy
Friday, December 18 7:00 am 8:30 am 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	In Thanksgiving † Michael Gerrie † DECEASED HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION
Saturday, December 19 9:00 am	† Maria do Carmo Furtado † José de Sousa Guégué

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Monday December 14, St. John of the Cross. His father was disowned by his noble family for marrying a weaver's daughter. After his father died, his mother kept the destitute family together as they wandered homeless in search of work. At 14, he took a job caring for hospital patients who suffered from incurable diseases and madness. It was out of this poverty and suffering that John learned to search for beauty and happiness not in the world, but in God. His efforts to help St Teresa of Avila return the Carmelites to a life of prayer threatened some monks who kidnapped him, locked him in a cell 6 feet by 10 and beat him 3 times a week. Yet in that unbearable dark, cold, and desolation, his love and faith were like fire and light. He had nothing left but God -- and God brought John his greatest joys in that tiny cell. His life of poverty and persecution could have produced a bitter cynic. Instead it gave birth to a compassionate mystic. John left us many books of practical advice on spiritual growth and prayer -including *Dark Night of the Soul*.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Thursday December 24	4 pm , 6pm, 8 pm, 10pm & 12 midnight
Christmas Day Friday December 25	8 am , 9:30 am, 11 am, & 12:30 pm
New Year's Eve Thursday December 31	5:30 pm
New Year's Day Thursday January 1	9:30 am, 11 am & 12:30 pm
The Epiphany of the Lord Sunday January 3	8 am , 9:30 am, 11 am, 12:30 pm & 6:00 pm



LIVE MORE SIMPLY

Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise. (Luke 3.11)

It is a cliché but also a truth that Christmas is a time for giving. For months in advance, it seems retailers bombard us with messages to buy more and more, playing on our guilt by equating consuming with caring. On the other hand, though, Christmas does tend to bring out our most generous selves. Charitable donations and volunteering increase during this season, and many people genuinely seek out opportunities to give to loved ones and strangers alike.

In today's gospel reading, John the Baptist instructs his hearers on how to "bear good fruit" — in other words, how to translate faith into action. His advice seems simple and straightforward: share what you have with those who have not. How hard can this be?

John's words, however, actually propose a radical transformation in how we live our lives. Experts tell us that the world produces enough food to feed every person on the planet, yet vast numbers of people around the globe are hungry. When many of us consume far more than we need, others are deprived of the basic necessities.

Often we may feel that major ethical issues such as hunger, poverty and environmental degradation are so vast and widespread that there is very little that one person, one family or one community can do to make a difference. The temptation is, therefore, to throw up our hands in despair and do nothing.

A number of well-loved Christmas carols and stories describe a visitor to the Nativity, perhaps a shepherd, regretting that they have no gift worthy of presentation to the Christ child. Invariably it is the gift of themselves — their goodwill, their humility, their love — that constitutes the best gift. Each of us can start somewhere — perhaps with giving away that extra coat to someone who lives in a shelter, for instance. More importantly, we can examine our understanding of needs versus wants. How much is "enough" for us?

Along with the gifts we exchange this Christmas, perhaps we can offer God the gift of our willingness to explore ways to "live more simply so that others may simply live."

O God the giver of all gifts, forgive us for the ways in which we take more than we need. Help us to bear good fruit by more generously sharing what we have with others, both locally and globally.

~ FROM: Word Made Flesh – Daily Reflections December 13,2015

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

Confissões em Português
Domingo 13 Dezembro pelas 3:30 hás 4:30 da tarde

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.

THE ROSARY APOSTOLATE



Is always seeking volunteers to assist with the expansion of this faith-based program. The Rosary Apostolate is a group of volunteers who are devoted to Mother Mary and who are willing to share their love by teaching elementary school students how to pray the Rosary. Teaching children about the Rosary and the Mysteries will keep our faith alive for generations to come. If you are interested in becoming a Rosary Apostolate Visitor or would like additional information, please contact: Margaret Stanley 905-567-8371 or Aileen Haig 905-607-6851.

CHILDREN WITH DIFFERING ABILITIES - KINDERGARTEN 2016

There will be an information session for parent of children with differing abilities including vision, hearing, autism, physical/medical and/or developmental delays who are transitioning to Kindergarten in September 2016. The meeting will be at: **Catholic Education Centre**, Room 301 on **Tuesday, January 12 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**. Snow date, Wednesday, January 13 7:00 - to 8:30 p.m. **Parents are also reminded to register their child at their local school.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Credit Valley Council

Would like to thank you for supporting "Breakfast with Santa". We raised \$200 for Vita Centre, the council will match this and issue a cheque for \$500.

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*

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.

PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME & ADDRESS ON YOUR ENVELOPE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

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

First Holy Communion dates were made available the Weekend of December 5/6. If you did not get a date contact Andrew at sacraments.streetsville@gmail.com.

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 is this weekend. 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 again 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.

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 registration. Register with the office or email michele@stjosephsstreetsville.com

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