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## SUNDAY MASSES

**Saturday Vigil** 4:30 pm

**Sunday** 8:00 am, 9:30 am,  
11:00 am, 12:30 pm, 6:00 pm

## WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday to Friday**

8:30 am

**1st Friday of the month:**

7:30 pm Followed by  
Holy Hour & Benediction

**Saturday** 9:00 am

**Holiday Mondays**

8:30 am Mass only

## CONFESSION

*Anytime by appointment.*

**1st Fridays** 6:30 - 7:15 pm

**Saturday** 3:15 - 4:15 pm

## DEVOTIONS

*Our Mother of Perpetual Help*

*Mondays at 9:00 am in the Church*

*Followed by Holy Rosary*

*with Cenacle M.M.P.*

## PARISH OFFICE

Sunday: Closed

Monday: Closed

Tuesday - Friday 9 AM - 1 PM

2 PM - 4 PM

*(closed for lunch from 1pm - 2pm)*

Saturday: 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

## OUR NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:

**stjosephmi@archtoronto.org**

## PARISH TEAM

**Fr Paul Dobson** Parish Priest

**Fr Anish Alex** Associate Pastor

**Rev. Mr George Jurenas** Deacon

## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism** Call the parish office or  
email [baptisms@stjosephstreetsville.com](mailto:baptisms@stjosephstreetsville.com)

**First Holy Communion / Confirmation**

email [sacraments.stjosephmi@gmail.com](mailto:sacraments.stjosephmi@gmail.com) or call 905-826-2766 **ext 226**

**Anointing of the Sick** For the ill and elderly. Contact the parish office.

**Marriage** Couples must contact the parish office (905-826-2766) or by  
email [stjosephmi@archtoronto.org](mailto:stjosephmi@archtoronto.org)

\*\*\* **Or refer to our website tab | Sacraments at St. Joseph |**

at <https://stjosephmi.archtoronto.org> **for more information**

## MINISTRIES

**Catholic Women's League** Every 3rd Saturday at 9:30 am.

Rashmy Lobo: [cwlrashmy@gmail.com](mailto:cwlrashmy@gmail.com)

**Divine Mercy Prayer Group** Alphonsa Meyn: 416-659-1490

Email: [dmpgdurie@gmail.com](mailto:dmpgdurie@gmail.com)

**Prayer Line: 905-817-1288, [elsa\\_sa@live.com](mailto:elsa_sa@live.com)**

**Knights of Columbus** Every 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 pm. Contact Grand

Knight Antonio D'Souza: 647-323-2797, [GK8661@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:GK8661@ontariokofc.ca)

**Legion of Mary** For inquiries or to have Our Lady of Fatima statue to  
visit your home, email [stjosephlegionofmary@yahoo.ca](mailto:stjosephlegionofmary@yahoo.ca)

**Rosary Apostolate** Margaret: 289-914-5747, Aileen: 905-607-6851

**St. Joseph's Protectors Pro-life group:** [stjosephprotectors@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephprotectors@gmail.com)

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** Call the parish office **ext. 3**

**Youth Ministry** Megan [ym.stjosephmi@gmail.com](mailto:ym.stjosephmi@gmail.com)

## NEW PARISHONERS

Request Parish Registration at the Office  
or on our website in the Contact Us Tab

**Our Lady of Good Voyage** 5850 River Grove Ave  
**St. Herbert** 5180 Fallingbrook Dr  
**St. Raymond** 5735 Whitehorn Ave  
**St. Barbara** 1455 Samuelson Cir

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1075 Swinbourne Dr 905-814-5237  
6770 Historic Trail 905-795-2706  
249 Church St 905-826-4422  
5555 Creditview Rd 905-812-1376



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## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>SAT 17  </b>	
4:30 pm †	Manuel Costa & Deceased Relatives
<b>SUN 18  </b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>
8:00 am †	Primrose Miranda
11:00 am †	Mathias, Francis & Bernard Mendonca
12:30 am	In Thanksgiving
6:00 pm †	Jaime Aldaba Jr.
<b>MON 19  </b>	<b>Family Day</b>
8:30 am †	Harry Singh
<b>TUES 20  </b>	
8:30 am †	Libby D'Souza
<b>WED 21  </b>	<b>St. Peter Damian</b>
8:30 am †	Anita Abay
<b>THUR 22  </b>	<b>The Chair of St. Peter</b>
8:30 am †	Walter Teodoro
<b>FRI 23  </b>	<b>St. Polycarp</b>
8:30 am	<i>Multiple Intentions Mass</i>
4:30 pm †	Mary D'Souza
	<i>Followed by The Stations of The Cross</i>
<b>SAT 24  </b>	
9:00 am	<i>Multiple Intentions Mass</i>

*St. Joseph Lenten Day of Confessions*  
**Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00**

*Lenten Rosary with Deacon George*  
In the church Wednesdays 6:30 pm:  
Feb 21, 28, 23, March 06, 13, 20, 27

### IMPORTANT: Parking Lot Etiquette

Recently an ambulance was called at an 11 am Sunday Mass. When it arrived, it experienced difficulty entering the property and maneuvering the vehicle to the front entrance. This was because when they arrived the Mass was ending and the 12:30 Mass goers were arriving and those being picked up or dropped off were impeding the ambulance getting in front of the entrance.

**Please be sure to always give precedence to an ambulance or fire truck and NEVER park in the restricted parking places.**

## A SPIRITUAL BATTLE FOR JESUS

On the First Sunday of Lent, we hear each year one of the Gospel accounts of Our Lord's temptations in the Wilderness. This year we hear that of St. Mark. St. Mark's is the shortest Gospel, and the most condensed. Today's Gospel passage is a good example of his writing. Mark tells us no details of Our Lord's temptations, unlike Matthew and Luke who tell us about each of the three of them in great detail. Instead he focuses our attention on several other things.

First, he tells us that "*The Spirit drove [Jesus] into the wilderness.*" This took place immediately after Our Lord's baptism. On that occasion the Spirit had come down upon Him in the form of a dove, and the Father's voice had marked Him out as "**God's beloved Son**". Now St. Mark seems to tell us that Our Lord was compelled to go into the desert. This was not a whim of His, but clearly followed on from His Baptism. Since it was at His baptism in the Jordan that He effectively took upon Himself His role as Messiah, "**the Lamb of God**", this time in the wilderness immediately afterwards suggests to us that it was a necessary preparation for His work ahead. The fact that He was driven out implies that Our Lord must have been in a sense reluctant to undergo this ordeal. That reluctance can be understood when we read on that Jesus was "*tempted by satan.*" The wilderness was understood in Our Lord's time as the place of chaos and the abode of evil spirits, precisely because it was so inhospitable and uninhabitable. Left in this simple unadorned way, the temptations take on more of the unnerving character of the wild surroundings in which they took place. St. Mark's account of this ordeal is the only one to include that small but significant detail that "He was with the wild beasts", which also increases the inhuman and frightening aspect of this strange event. We can imagine how dreadful the onset of nighttime particularly would be in such surroundings.

What we can learn specifically from St. Mark's account is that Our Lord, with understandable reluctance, yet obedient to God the Holy Spirit's direction, willingly allowed Himself to endure some kind of contest of will with satan in a place where satan could play on His fears and put Him to the test. But St. Mark also tells us that "*the angels looked after Him*". This event was clearly a huge spiritual battle in which good and evil spirits were warring within our Lord's own spirit over His future work as Redeemer. The outcome of this was to be the beginning of His public ministry. Our Lord. St. Mark tells us immediately afterwards that "*Jesus went into Galilee. There He proclaimed the good news from God. The time has come, and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the Gospel* (which is the "**Good News**"). ~ **FR. PAUL DOBSON**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Children's Liturgy** will be suspended during March break.

Children's Liturgy will be cancelled March 10 & 17 returning March 24

### Knitting & Crochet Club

Next session is March 7 7pm – 8:30 pm in the hall.

## MINISTRIES

### SPIRITUAL WALK-IN MINISTRY with Deacon George

To answer questions and lend spiritual support.

Tuesdays 11 am – 3 pm | Thursdays 5 – 8 pm.

(25 minute slots) **(No cost)** Book appointment →

Or Register at <https://bit.ly/3YDCZpc> or drop-in.



### PARISH FUNERAL MINISTRY

Are you available to help serve at funeral receptions at the church? As funeral requests come in, we need 3 – 4 volunteers to help set up and cleanup. This is an important and valuable service to our community. If you can help weekdays or Saturdays (usually 10:30am– 2pm) please contact the parish office at [stjosephmi@archtoronto.org](mailto:stjosephmi@archtoronto.org).

**HUMAN FAMILY IN CHRIST** - Are you looking for an Act of Charity as your Lenten sacrifice? Please consider sponsoring an underprivileged child from Bolivia. Only \$5/day for 40 days [\$200 per year], will provide an education and healthcare to a child for a whole year. For further information, contact Marie Morrison at [kilgallenmorrison@gmail.com](mailto:kilgallenmorrison@gmail.com) or (226) 384-3979 or Teresa Pimentel (905) 858-0117.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE *Upcoming Events*

**The Coldest Night of the Year** - The CWL will be participating on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> by walking and fundraising to support Armagh House. To join our team or donate Visit <https://walk.w-ith.me/CWLStJoseph>.

**Spiritual Bouquet for 2024 Ordinandi** Our collective commitment of spiritual prayers and devotions will be presented to our 6 Ordinandi candidates for this year in the form of a Spiritual Bouquet at the Ordinandi Dinner by CWL members. These offerings are not paid offerings and you can start anytime offering freely and lovingly as many Masses, Rosaries, Adorations etc as you wish. A box is placed at both church entrances with offertory slips. Please complete the slips and place in the box with your commitments.

### DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Prayer Meetings Wednesdays - 7 pm in the Parish Hall

#### OUR FORTHCOMING IMPORTANT EVENTS:

1 DAY Lenten Retreat \$10 – includes Refreshments and Lunch.

Saturday, March 9, 2024 - 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parish hall

Preachers: Fr. Paul Dobson, Parish Priest, St. Joseph Church  
Fr. Dominic Borg, Former Pastor Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Scarborough

Registrations: After All Weekend Masses Saturday & Sunday:  
February 24 and 25, and March 2 and 3

Please register early. Once we have reached the fixed number of retreatants allowed by our Parish, we will stop further registrations.

\*\*\* Everyone is welcome at all our meetings and events \*\*\*

## AROUND THE ARCH

### SHARE LIFE 2024

Our first ShareLife Sunday collection will be March 17. This important collection addresses many needs in our community with counselling and support for the many needs of the community.

### FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

**Virtual Presentation** on Saturday, February 24, 2024, at 9 a.m.  
Learn: How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection. How to create your own legacy, and About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials, and funerals.

REGISTER: with the QR code:

OR visit [https:// QRcode/WebFeb24](https://QRcode/WebFeb24)

OR email [Development@ArchToronto.org](mailto:Development@ArchToronto.org)

and write “**webinar February 24**” in the title line and **include your name(s) in the body of the message.**



**LIFT JESUS HIGHER Rally 2024** Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. **THEME: “TAKE HEART: by his wounds we are healed”,** Hope in God and know we can trust him. Visit [www.ljhr.ca](http://www.ljhr.ca) or [contact@LJHR.ca](mailto:contact@LJHR.ca) or call (647) 873-1753. You can arrange tickets and bus transportation with Enza Fenech at 905-301-3376.

### QUEEN OF APOSTLES LENTEN RETREAT

Facilitated by the Centre Team Saturday March 9, 2024

Cost \$45.00 includes lunch. Registration 8:30am

Please call jean 905-278-5524 OR EMAIL: [office@qoa.ca](mailto:office@qoa.ca)

### "THAT MAN IS YOU" at Merciful Redeemer Church

A men's program that combines the latest findings of modern science with the teachings of the Catholic Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop authentic male leaders capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society. Merciful Redeemer Parish is in their 7th year and men from our parish are invited to join them Saturday morning from 8 to 10 a.m. to build faith and fellowship over coffee and consider starting a group at St. Joseph. If you are interested in starting a program at St. Josephs this will equip you and you can contact Fr. Paul Dobson (905-826-2766 extension 5).

### PROJECT RACHEL AT THE REFUGE

A retreat April 19-21, 2024, for women who are suffering the effects of abortion. We have been offering Project Rachel retreats for more than fifteen years. At our retreats, we welcome women whose pain has been silenced and denied by the world. See our web site ([stmarysrefuge.org/rachel](http://stmarysrefuge.org/rachel)), and phone or e-mail us in confidence, 289 691 6840 or [projectrachel@stmarysrefuge.org](mailto:projectrachel@stmarysrefuge.org).

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