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**Mass Intentions**  
FOR THE WEEK 

**Sunday, March 19**

- 9:00 a.m. +Danny & Agnes Gomes
- 10:30 a.m. Josephine Ortega (I) Thanksgiving
- 12:15 p.m. People of the Parish

**Monday, March 20 – Feast of St. Joseph**

**No Morning Mass**

- 7:00 p.m. +Monica Pereira

**Tuesday, March 21**

- 8:00 a.m. +Emy Quidipan

**Wednesday, March 22**

- 7:00 p.m. +Joseph Quial

**Thursday, March 23**

- 8:00 a.m. +Christie Emmanuel

**Friday, March 24**

- 8:00 a.m. +Evelina Priscilla Bacquel
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 25- The Annunciation of the Lord**

- 9:00 a.m. +Selwyn Muckath
- 4:30 p.m. +Aida Abuel

**Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 19, 2023**



“We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day.” Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact **Rev. Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-**

**0997; email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) or call Rev. Glass at 416-757-2806 or at [olfatimasc@archtoronto.org](mailto:olfatimasc@archtoronto.org) for more information.**

**Next Week Readings**

5th Sunday of Lent

Raising from Death to Life

**1st Reading: Ezekiel 37.12 -14**

**2nd Reading: Romans 8.8 -11**

**Gospel: John 11.1-45**

The Raising of Lazarus

Latin Songs: can be found on Catholic Book of Worship (Pages 299 A, D, E, F, & G).

**FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:**

*Solemnity of St. Joseph*

We do not fully comprehend the awesome sanctity of St. Joseph, whom God not only chose, but also prepared, to be the guardian of the Messiah. St. Joseph is often pictured as an elderly man. It has even been suggested that the ‘brothers and sisters of Jesus’ mentioned in the Gospels were the children of Joseph from a previous marriage. This has no support in Scripture. The early Church fathers, including St. Jerome, pictured Joseph as virile and chaste. He would have been the model of fatherhood.

St. Joseph is the patron of a happy death because he died in the arms of Mary and Jesus. But why did he die at all? With a mere word Jesus could have healed him, as he healed so many others. Instead, Jesus permitted Joseph’s death. Why?

In reflecting on this, I recall St. Augustine’s account of a conversation he had with his mother, Monica:

My mother and I were leaning from a window that overlooked the garden. Our conversation was serene and joyful. We were wondering what eternal life would be like. As we spoke of the eternal Wisdom, and the life of the saints, we longed for it with all the strength of our hearts. For one fleeting instant we reached out and touched it. And then my mother said, “My son, why am I still in the world? There was one reason, and one alone, why I wished to remain a little longer in this life, and that was to see you a Catholic Christian before I died. God has granted my wish and more besides. What is left in the world for me to do?” It was about five days after this that she took to bed with a fever.

I can imagine a similar scenario with St. Joseph. Seeing Jesus grown to maturity, no longer in need of a protector and guardian, Joseph must have looked lovingly at Mary and her son, and thought, “What more do I have to do in this world? My mission is now accomplished.” Joseph knew that Jesus’ path led to the cross. He also knew that Jesus had to walk that path alone.

Every life must come to an end. But an ‘end’ does not always mean an abrupt cessation; it can also be a fulfillment and completion. When the weaver has completed his work he is satisfied, and he removes it from the loom. Joseph’s life, in this sense, was satisfactorily completed. It was time for him to go. He welcomed death with peace of soul. If he felt some sorrow being separated from Mary, he knew that this would be only for a short time, and she would be well cared for in his absence.

Jesus did not cause Joseph’s death, but he permitted it, just as he permitted the deaths of St. John the Baptist, St. Stephen, and all the martyrs, and just as he will permit my death and yours. Not so that we should be deprived of this earthly life, but so that we may, without any further delay, cross over into the fullness of the life of the saints.





### Confirmation Classes 2023

Applications for CONFIRMATION are available in the office. Candidates must submit their application as soon as possible. Classes start next *Saturday, March 25 at 2:30 pm in the church hall*. Attendance is **mandatory** for all the meetings. Weekly participation in the Sunday Eucharist - here or in another church - is mandatory. Thanks



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2022-2023



The Children's Liturgy meetings and First Holy Communion classes will resume *next Sunday, March 25 & April 02*. Attendance for these sessions are mandatory. Thanks.

### R.C.I.A. program for 2022-2023 – sessions ...

Sessions continues *every Saturday at 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.* in our church hall. The next sessions are on **March 18 & 25 in the church hall**. At this point we cannot accept any more new applicants. *Thank you.*



### Archdiocese of Toronto- Lenten

“WEEK OF CONFESSION” (Mar. 19 to Apr. 01, 2023)  
(‘Reconciliation/Confessions’ in our church:)

*Wednesday, March 22, 2023  
at 5:30 pm to 6:50 pm  
Saturday, March 25, 2023  
at 3:30 pm to 4:20 pm  
Saturday, April 01, 2023  
at 3:30 pm to 4:20 pm*



Call the office during office hours at 416-757-2806 or e-mail at [olfatima@archtoronto.org](mailto:olfatima@archtoronto.org).



**Every Friday during Lent ...**  
8:00 am Morning Mass  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
**Every Saturday in Lent ...**  
9:00 am Morning Mass  
4:30 pm Sunday Vigil Mass

### Baptism Preparation for March 2023

A meeting for parents and godparents in preparation for baptism, will take place *on Friday, March 24, 2023 at 6:00 pm* in the church hall (stage room). Baptism Celebration will be on *Saturday, April 01, 2023 at 10:30 am*.



### School Mass for Lent

**St. Joachim School**  
**Thurs., March 23, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.**  
**Our Lady of Fatima School**  
**Mon., March 27, 2023 at 9:30 am**



### Prayer to St. Joseph for Canada



*Hail Saint Joseph, Patron of Canada, protector and guardian of our beloved homeland. Keep under your sovereign patronage, in this hour of crisis, the unity, the faith and integrity of your children, the Canadian people from sea to sea. Amen. St. Joseph, pray for us.*

### The Annunciation of the Lord

On Saturday, *Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord*, Mass at **9:00 am** to celebrates this feast followed by Rosary and other prayers. The anticipated Mass for the **5th Sunday of Lent** is at 4:30 pm as usual. All are invited.



### Show your love on the Feast of St. Joseph through ShareLife



Today we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph and reflect on his holy life and the way he loved and cared for Jesus and Mary. Next week is ShareLife Sunday. May we emulate St. Joseph's example and share our blessings with the least of our brothers and sisters. Thank you very much for supporting our parish's ShareLife campaign. Our goal toward this campaign is [31,000.00]. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

### The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

**- Our Lady of Fatima Conference**  
**- Recruitment Weekend**



There will be a recruitment for new members at all Masses during the next weekend *of March 25 and 26*. The conference is in desperate need of new members who are able and willing to give a few hours each month to help us to help the needy in our community. If you are looking for an opportunity to volunteer in a meaningful way by serving those who are less fortunate, please consider signing up for an information session to learn how you can share your most valuable gifts of time and talents.

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