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PARISH TEAM

Fr Paul Dobson Parish Priest

Fr Rafal Bartosinski Associate Pastor

Deacon George Jurenas

Deacon Oliver D'Mello



MASS INTENTIONS

SAT 20 |
 4:30 pm † Manuel, Vincenta & Justin Guzman
SUN 21 |
 8:00 am † Angela Soares
 9:30 am *Pro Popolo*
 11:00 am † Benjamin + Alice Britto
 12:30 pm † Bernardina Maceta
 6:00 pm † Marjorie Brown
MON 22
 8:30 am † Walter Teodoro
TUES 23 |
 8:30 am † Antonio Ricciardi
WED 24 | Christmas Eve
 4:00 pm | 6:00 pm | 8:00 pm | 12:30 pm
THUR 25 | Christmas Day
 8:00 am | 09:30 am | 11:00 am | 12:30 pm
 *** NO 6:00 PM Mass ***
FRI 26 | St. Stephen
 8:30 am *Multiple Intentions Mass*
SAT 27 | St. John, The Apostle
 9:00 am *Multiple Intentions Mass*

WHAT SHOULD JOSEPH DO, THEN?

Today's Gospel brings St. Joseph into our Advent picture. He is the last of King David's descendants from whom the Redeemer had long ago been promised by the Prophets. Let us look at what is happening: Our Lady and Joseph are betrothed, which, to use our own words, means more than "engaged", but less than "married". They are truly husband and wife in Jewish law but not yet living together. So, when Mary is found to be pregnant what should Joseph do?

He is described by St. Matthew as "a just man". He does not want to cause Mary harmful publicity and shame, because he already knows enough about her to be morally sure that she has not been unfaithful to him. Then why should he think of "putting her away secretly"? We can only assume that Joseph was unsure what God wanted of him at this delicate stage in his relationship with his young wife. Maybe after much careful reflection and prayer he came to the conclusion that God would not want him to "pretend" to be the Father of the child his wife was carrying.

It is at this point that God intervenes. Just as He had sent Gabriel to announce His will to Mary, so now He sends another angel to Joseph in a dream to convince him that all that has happened to Mary is part of God's own plan, and that Joseph's part in this plan is precisely to take Mary as his wife, and her child as his own, and to name the boy "Jesus" - a name which means "God saves (His people)". In the first reading the prophet Isaiah also speaks of another name indicating the Redeemer's role of uniting God and His people: Emmanuel - "God is with us".

Together with Fr Rafal, Deacon George, Deacon Oliver and the parish staff, I wish you and yours a blessed Christmas and every good wish in the year to come. ~ Fr. Paul Dobson.

*** TAX RECEIPTS 2025 ***

To be included in 2025, donations must be received by the parish (or dropped in lock box outside at back entrance of church) **by 5 pm Wednesday, December 31 (not post marked)**, otherwise they will be credited to 2026.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The parish office closes on Wednesday December 24th at noon and will reopen on Friday January 2nd at 9 am. For funerals or an anointing leave a message on the emergency line as prompted. For other urgent matters please leave a message or send us an email.

Deacon George's WALK-IN MINISTRY is suspended over Christmas until January 20

2026 ENVELOPES are in the parish hall.

YOUTH MINISTRIES AT ST. JOSEPH

LifeTeen: Grades 9-12 | Edge: Grades 6-8
 For more info or to register, email Megan, our Youth Minister at ym.stjosephmi@gmail.com
Follow us on Instagram @ym.stjosephmi to keep up with our schedule and events!

CLOSING MASS FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR

All are welcome to join with Cardinal Leo for the Closing Mass for the Year of Jubilee on Sunday, December 28, 2025 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at 5 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available with numerous priests present from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. All are most welcome. Each Jubilee Pilgrimage Church will also celebrate a Closing Mass for the Year of the Jubilee on Sunday, December 28, 2025. For more information, visit www.archtoronto.org and click the PILGRIMAGE CHURCHES tab.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2026 With Bishop John Boissonneau

A special Mass will take place **at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8, 2026 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto)** to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2026. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2026. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

MINISTRIES

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Collecting: socks and underwear for both men and women sizes S - XL. Collected items will be distributed to our brothers and sisters in the various community shelters. Place in the collection box at the front entrance. Thank you for your generous support.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Vita Centre Donation Drive In Support of Vita Centre, we are collecting baby items (formula, bottles, baby food, diapers, wipes and clothing). Please place items in the crib at the Church foyer. Please contact gk8661@ontariokofc.ca for monetary donations.

Nativity Scene Contest - Is back! Take a picture of your nativity scene and email to kofc8661@gmail.com by Sunday, Dec 21, 2025 to win a prize. Include your name and phone number in the email.

OUR LADY SEAT OF WISDOM COLLEGE

A representative from the college (located in Barry's Bay, Ontario) will be here after all of the Sunday Masses on December 28th to answer questions about their program. Offering a variety of Bachelor of Arts degrees that focus on Theology, Philosophy, History, Literature, and Latin, Our Lady Seat of Wisdom is the only Catholic post-secondary institution in Canada recommended by the Newman Guide.

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THIS WEEK ON
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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR 2025 – 2026



Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

4:00 pm | 6:00 pm | 8:00 pm | 12:00 midnight



Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25, 2025

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

*** NO 6:00 pm Mass ***

St. Stephen, The First Martyr

Friday, December 26, 2025 8:30 am

St. John, The Apostle

Saturday, December 27, 2025 9:00 am

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday December 27, 2025

Vigil 4:30 pm

Sunday, December 28, 2025

8:00 am | 9:30 am | 11:00 am | 12:30 pm | 6:00 pm

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday December 31, 2025

Vigil 4:30 pm

Thursday, January 1, 2026

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

*** NO 6:00 pm Mass ***



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SMILE FOR THE WEEK:

What kind of king do you see every Christmas?

ANSWER:

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