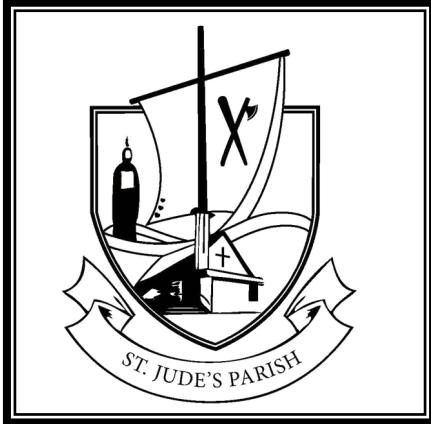


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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**SUNDAY MASSES**  
**Saturday: 5:00pm** (English)  
**Sunday: 8:00am** (Italian)  
**9:30am, 11:00am** (English)  
**12:30pm** (Spanish)

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**Sunday 7:30am - 2:00pm**

# St. Jude's Parish

**Welcome to New Parishioners**  
 We warmly welcome all new parishioners to St. Jude's and encourage them to register in the parish office. Offertory envelopes are available upon request when registration takes place.

**Sacrament of Baptism**  
 Contact the parish at least six months before the desired date of baptism to obtain information regarding requirements and sacramental preparation, and to discuss any other concerns you may have.

**Confessions**  
 The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available Saturdays at 4:00pm - 4:45pm and other times by appointment.

**First Communion & Confirmation Program**

Parents are asked to contact the office for information. Our programs begin in the fall (September or October) and end with the reception of the sacraments. Registration dates are announced in the bulletin, on our website, social media, and from the pulpit.

**Sacrament of Matrimony**  
 Couples contemplating marriage at St. Jude's Parish are asked to contact the parish office and review the marriage package before an interview with the priest. Diocesan regulation demands that marriages are booked one year in advance minimum.

**Funerals**  
 Please contact the Funeral Home of your choice first. They will contact the parish office to make church arrangements. **Remember Catholic Cemeteries when making your arrangements.**

**R.C.I.A. and R.C.I.C. Programs**

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and for Children (RCIC) has now been implemented. Please contact the office to register and arrange to fill out an application for next year. The RCIA will only take place if a minimum of 5 people register.

**Rosary**  
 Daily after 8:00am Mass (English).  
 Saturdays 8:00am (Spanish)

**First Friday**  
 Every **First Friday** of the month Mass at 8:00am, Holy Hour at 6:00pm, Mass at 7:00pm and devotions to St. Jude after mass.

**Devotions to St. Jude**  
 Every Wednesday after the 8:00am Mass, every Friday after 7:00pm Mass and privately in St. Jude's Chapel every day.

**Renovación Carismática**  
 (Spanish) meets Fridays at 7:30pm  
 Sarina Flores (Coordinator)

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MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, December 13th**  
**5:00pm Mass**  
† Agnese De Ciantis  
† Jerome & Rosemary Downey  
† Olga & Ferruccio Fogal  
† Giuseppina Grella  
† Alfredo Mendez  
† Rosa Pitto  
† Anna & Michele Velardi  
♦ In Thanksgiving to St. Lucy from Franca Dodaro  
♦ In Thanksgiving for Graces received

**Sunday, December 14th**  
**8:00am Mass**  
† Agnese De Ciantis  
† Angelina Brandolino  
† Concetta & Giovanni Mastrobuono

**9:30am Mass**  
† Agnese De Ciantis  
† Vasil Ngjeliu  
† Simeone Terreri  
♦ For the Health of Percy Annet

**11:00am Mass**  
PRO-POPULO

**12:30pm Mass**  
† Victor Eduardo & Victor Hemán Arévalo  
† Carlos Alberto Lodato  
† Roberto Lowndes  
† Reyes Martínez  
† Luis Carlos Montesdeoca  
† Raúl Narváez  
♦ In Thanksgiving for the Life of Erwin Enrique  
♦ In Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Lorena Ramirez Loaiza

**Monday, December 15th**  
**8:00am Mass**  
† Deacon William Daly

**Tuesday, December 16th**  
**8:00am Mass**  
† Lea Del Frate Alvazzi  
† Luciano & Carmela Malizia

**Wednesday, December 17th**  
**8:00am Mass**  
† Luigi and Concetta Ognibene  
† All Souls In Purgatory  
♦ In Thanksgiving to St. Jude from Mary


**Thursday, December 18th**  
**8:00am Mass**  
† Silvio Calomino

**Friday, December 19th**  
**7:00pm Mass**  
† Alessandra Coglino  
† Francis Halo

Sanctuary Lamp

December 13th – 19th

† All Souls In Purgatory



**Pray for the sick:**  
Giovanna Garbin, Maria Troitino, Santo Amodio, Domenico & Isabella Fonte, Tommaso Pozzuoli, Maria Di Palma, Emanuel Bermudez, Alexis Casella Lopez, Crystal Osborne, Tony Mattachione, Filomena Canzino, Lino Vieira, Nubia Nuñez, Eliza Tomsen, Lina Grecco, Ida Colombo, Jeyathas Balasingam.

**Pray for the recently deceased:**  
Angelo Ricci, Francis Halo.

**III Sunday of Advent**

Dear brothers and sisters, today we celebrate the Sunday of joy, of happiness called “*Gaudete*”, it is the day on which the rose candle of the Advent wreath is lit. This color is a sign of the joy that our waiting brings us. The first reading from the prophet Isaiah begins in the way: **“*The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing*”**. *And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away*”. This is the joy that Christmas brings, the Nativity of the Lord. It is like a woman who carries a child in her womb, no matter how many discomforts she suffers because of her pregnancy, she maintains joy because of the child she is expecting and after the delivery she rejoices to see her child.

On this third Sunday of Advent let us exalt the joy of being close to receiving the One who came from above, to the purest womb of the Holy Virgin and that we prepare to experience the second coming of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**III Domenica Di Avvento**

Cari fratelli e sorelle, oggi celebriamo la domenica della gioia, della felicità chiamata “*Gaudete*”, è il giorno in cui si accende la candela rosa della corona d’Avvento. Questo colore è segno della gioia che ci porta la nostra attesa. La prima Lettura del profeta Isaia inizia così: **«*Si rallegreranno il deserto e la terra arida, esulterà e fiorirà la steppa; come il narciso fiorirà in abbondanza ed esulterà di gioia e di canto*»**. *E i riscattati del Signore torneranno e verranno a Sion con canti di gioia; gioia eterna sarà sul loro capo; otterranno gioia e letizia, e fuggiranno tristezza e sospiri*”. Questa è la gioia che porta il Natale, la Natività del Signore. È come una donna che porta un bambino in grembo, non importa quanti disagi soffra a causa della gravidanza, conserva la gioia per il bambino che aspetta e dopo il parto gioisce nel vederlo. In questa terza domenica di Avvento esaltiamo la gioia di essere vicini ad accogliere Colui che è venuto dall'alto, nel

grembo purissimo della Vergine Santa e di prepararci a vivere la seconda venuta di Gesù Cristo nostro Signore.

**III Domingo de Adviento**

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, hoy celebramos el Domingo de alegría, de felicidad, llamado "Gaudete". Es el día en que se enciende la vela color rosa de la corona de Adviento. Este color es signo de la alegría que nos trae nuestra espera. La primera lectura del profeta Isaías dice en parte: **«Regocíjate yermo sediento. Que se alegre el desierto y se cubra de flores, que florezca como un campo de lirios, que se alegre y de gritos de júbilo, porque le será dada la gloria del Libano, el esplendor del Carmelo y del Sarrón»**. *Y los redimidos del Señor volverán y llegarán a Sión con cánticos; un gozo eterno estará sobre sus cabezas; Tendrán gozo y alegría, y la tristeza y el suspiro huirán*”. Esta es la alegría que trae la Navidad, la Natividad del Señor. Es como una mujer que lleva un niño en su vientre: por muchas molestias que sufra a causa del embarazo, mantiene la alegría por el hijo que espera y, tras el parto, se regocija al verlo. En este tercer domingo de Adviento, exaltemos la alegría de estar cerca de recibir a Aquel que vino de lo alto, al seno purísimo de la Santísima Virgen, y preparémonos para experimentar la segunda venida de Jesucristo, nuestro Señor.

Christmas Mass Schedule


**Wednesday December 24th**  
5:00pm English  
7:00pm English

**Thursday December 25th**  
8:00am Italian  
10:00am English  
12:00pm Spanish

**Friday December 26th**  
Church closed, no masses

**Wednesday December 31st**  
5:00pm English

**Thursday January 1st**  
8:00am Italian  
10:00am English  
12:00pm Spanish



First Communion 2025/2026

**Session 2**

**Group 1:** Saturday January 24th, 2026  
10:00am - 12:00 noon


**Group 2:** Saturday January 31st, 2026  
10:00am - 12:00 noon

Confirmation 2025/2026

December 19th, 7:30pm

**Session 6:** God’s Forgiveness

**Note:** the confirmation class time has been changed to 7:30pm - 8:30pm



Parish Meetings, Events and other News



**Pray for Vocations**

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.” Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Toronto, at 416-968-997, vocations@archtoronto.org

**Advent Day of Confessions**

The Archdioceses has assigned the week of December 14th to 20th as the week for Advent confessions. The confessions schedule in our Parish is as follows:

**Monday December 15th**  
9:00am - 11:00am  
English & Italian

**Wednesday December 17th**  
9:00am - 11:00am  
English & Spanish

**Friday December 19th**  
5:00pm - 6:00pm  
English & Spanish

**Saturday December 20th**  
3:00pm - 4:45pm  
English & Spanish

**Lectio Divina**

Come, join us for Lectio Divina (scriptural reading, meditation & prayer) every second and fourth Sunday of the month from **2:00pm** at St. Jude’s Parish-Holy Family Room.

**December 28th Christmas Party**  
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**Offertory Envelopes**

The **2026** offertory envelopes can be picked up after mass in the Holy Family Room. The envelopes must be picked up by the person whose name is on the box, not by a family member. If you are not currently an envelope user but would like to start, please contact the

parish office. Please do not use prior years’ envelopes, as your donation may be misdirected.

**Changes to PAG:** Please contact the Parish office to make any changes to your Pre-Authorized Giving prior to notifying your bank with the changes.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

Enter to win a **HAND-PAINTED NATIVITY SET** (13 pieces). But that's not all, there are **“Gift Baskets”** for second , third prize & fourth prize, tickets are 2 for \$5.00. Please purchase your tickets after all weekend masses and at the Parish Office during the week.

**Raffle date: December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025** after the Spanish Mass. All proceeds will help pay off the roof loan. Thank you for your support!

**Year End Donations**

CRA regulations prevent us from accepting 2025 donations in 2026. If you would like to make a “year end donation” please do so before December 31, 2025, as the parish office will be closed on December 31st. Thank you for your generous support.

**ShareLife**

**“The poor are our brothers and sisters”**

Through your support of ShareLife, you become a sign of hope to uplift the poor, the vulnerable, the marginalized, and the hungry through agencies that carry out your love in action. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate). Thus far we have raised **\$27,804.20 or 95.9%** towards our goal of \$29,000.00.

**Mass Intentions**

Mass intentions to be announced on weekend masses and the following week, must be requested by **Wednesday of each week at office closing time or 4:00pm**. We cannot change dates for masses previously requested. **Each mass intention can include up to two individual names with the same last name.** Thank you for your understanding and your co-operation.

**Pastoral Reference Requests**

In order for the pastor to be able to recommend you, he needs to know you. This is only possible if he has personal knowledge of your faith practice and involvement in the parish; not your relatives, but yourself, as this is a personal recommendation. The following are required at St. Jude’s:

- ♦ Be (yourself, not your parents or grandparents) a registered member of the parish using offertory envelopes for at least one year.
- ♦ Be in the parish for participation in Sunday/Saturday mass for at least one year prior to approaching the pastor.
- ♦ Applicant must be actively involved in a parish ministry or volunteer activity for a least one year. requirements before making your request.

It is important for you to know that to be hired to teach in any Catholic School Board in Ontario as part of your application for employment you must provide a recommendation letter from your Pastor.

Parish Office Closure During Christmas

The parish office will be closed on the following dates:

Wednesday December 24<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday December 25<sup>th</sup>

**Both Church and Office closed on Friday December 26<sup>th</sup>**

Tuesday December 31<sup>st</sup>  
Wednesday January 1<sup>st</sup>

We will return to the regular hours on Friday January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026