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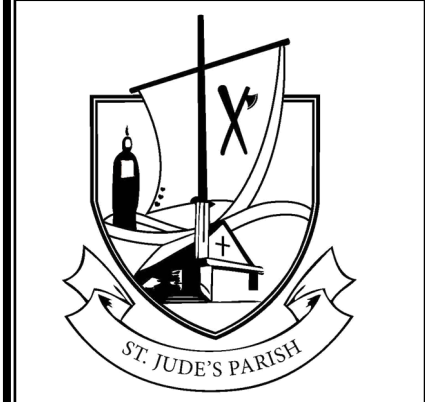
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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**SUNDAY MASSES**  
Saturday: 5:00pm (English)  
Sunday: 8:00am (Italian)  
9:30am, 11:00am (English)  
12:30pm (Spanish)

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
Mon-Thurs 8:00am  
Friday 7:00pm  
1st Friday 8:00am & 7:00pm  
(Holy Hour every Friday 6:00pm)

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
Mon - Wed 8:30am-4:00pm  
Thurs & Fri 2:00pm-7:00pm

**CHURCH HOURS**  
Mon - Wed 7:30am - 4:00pm  
Thurs 7:30am - 10:00am  
& 2:00pm - 7:00pm  
Fri 2:00pm - 8:00pm  
Saturday 2:00pm - 6:30pm  
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 required to make contact with 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.

**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.

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

**Renovación Carismática**  
(Spanish) meets Fridays at 7:30pm  
Mario Vasquez (Coordinator)

**Neo Catechumenate Way**  
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**Knights of Columbus**  
We are Catholic men who put charity and community first. If you wish to join; call 416-859-7738 or email john.colonna@gmail.com

**Parish Finance Council**  
Pastor (Chair) Paschal D'Souza (Vice-chair), Mary Lovisa (Secretary), Teresa Tedesco, James Downey, Yolanda Flores.

**Building Committee**  
Dan Christante (property manager)  
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**Parish Schools**  
St. Jude's Tel: 416-393-5279  
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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, December 14th**  
**5:00pm Mass**  
 † Agnese De Ciantis  
 † Debbie Suppa  
**Sunday, December 15th**  
**8:00am Mass**  
 † Luciano Clauser  
 † Agata & Filippo Colacci  
 † Agnese De Ciantis  
 † Lea Del Frate Alvazzi  
 † Domenico & Flavia Fama  
 † Anna Leko  
 † Antonietta & Phil Martorano  
**9:30am Mass**  
 † Agnese De Ciantis  
**11:00am Mass**  
**PRO-POPULO**  
**12:30pm Mass**  
 † Víctor Eduardo & Víctor Hernán Arévalo  
 † Luis Fernando & Alfredo Becerra  
 † Alejandrina Chacón de Dávila  
 † Martha Elba Diaz de Leon  
 † Carlos Alberto Lodato  
 † Ana Isabel Muñoz De Mosquera  
 ♦ In Honour to St. Jude  
 ♦ In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph from Araceli  
**Monday, December 16th**  
**8:00am Mass**  
 † All Souls in Purgatory  
**Tuesday, December 17th**  
**8:00am Mass**  
 † Luigi & Concetta Ognibene  
 † Desmond Rodrigues  
**Wednesday, December 18th**  
**8:00am Mass**  
 † All Souls in Purgatory  
**Thursday, December 19th**  
**8:00am Mass**  
 † All Souls in Purgatory  
**Friday, December 20th**  
**7:00pm Mass**  
 † Dory Bethy Portillo  
 ♦ For the Health of Reynaldo Joaquin Sr.

**Sanctuary Lamp**

**December 14th – 20th**  
 ♦ In Thanksgiving to the Guardian Angels of Ambra Perusini Savage children.



**Pray for the sick:**

Emanuel Bermudez, Luisa Zanella, Tony Mattachione, Filomena Canzino, Valentina Rodriguez, Louie Lino Vieira, Nubia Nuñez, Eliza Tomsen, Lina Grecco, Elsa Moreno, Ida Colombo, Jeyathas Balasingam.

**Pray for the recently deceased:**

Antonio Petracco, Grace Ferretto, Nevis Perusini, Mario Capobianco, Brian Monk.

**III Sunday of Advent**

*"Shout for joy, O daughter of Zion."* Rejoice in the Lord at all times.

Dear brothers and sisters, we have reached the third Sunday of Advent. This Sunday is called "gaudete," meaning "rejoice." When we wait for the fulfillment of a promise that will bring us happiness, like finishing college, getting married, being ordained a priest, or a mother waiting for her child to be born, we can get tired of waiting, but at the same time we are happy because we know that we have achieved our goals. That is why while waiting for Christmas we must be patient and rejoice that the Son of God is coming soon. That is why today the Word of God invites us to rejoice as the First Reading says "Sing, O daughter of Zion, shout for joy, Israel, be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Jerusalem" (Zeph 3:14). St. Paul also makes a similar invitation to us in the second reading, *"Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near"*. 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**

*"Gioisci, figlia di Sion"*. Rallegrati nel Signore in ogni momento.

Cari fratelli e sorelle, siamo giunti alla terza domenica di Avvento. Questa domenica è chiamata "gaudete", che significa "ralleggrati". Quando aspettiamo il compimento di una promessa che ci porterà felicità, come finire l'università, sposarci, essere ordinati sacerdoti o come una madre che aspetta la nascita del suo bambino, possiamo stancarci di aspettare, ma allo stesso tempo siamo felici perché sappiamo di aver raggiunto i nostri obiettivi. Ecco perché nell'attesa del Natale dobbiamo essere pazienti e rallegrarci che il Figlio di Dio verrà presto.

Ecco perché oggi la Parola di Dio ci invita a rallegrarci come dice la prima lettura *"Gioisci, figlia di Sion, giubila, Israele, rallegrati e rallegrati con tutto il cuore, Gerusalemme"* (Sof 3,14). Anche San Paolo ci rivolge un invito simile nella seconda lettura: *"Rallegratevi sempre nel Signore; ve lo ripeto: rallegratevi. La vostra mitezza sia nota a tutti. Il Signore è vicino"*. 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**

*"Grita de alegría, hija de Sión"*. Alegraos en el Señor en todo tiempo.

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, hemos llegado al tercer domingo de Adviento. Este domingo se llama "gaudete", que significa "alegraos". Cuando esperamos el cumplimiento de una promesa que nos traerá felicidad, como terminar la universidad, casarnos, ser ordenados sacerdotes, o una madre que espera el nacimiento de su hijo, podemos cansarnos de esperar, pero al mismo tiempo estamos contentos porque sabemos que hemos alcanzado nuestras metas. Por eso, mientras esperamos la Navidad, debemos ser pacientes y alegrarnos de que el Hijo de Dios viene pronto. Por eso, hoy la Palabra de Dios nos invita a alegrarnos como dice la Primera Lectura: *"Canta, hija de Sión, grita de alegría, Israel; alégrate y regocíjate de todo corazón, Jerusalén"* (Sof 3,14). También San Pablo nos hace una invitación similar en la segunda lectura: *"Alegraos siempre en el Señor; os repito: ¡Alegraos!"*. *"Que vuestra dulzura sea conocida por todos. El Señor está cerca"*. En este tercer domingo de Adviento exaltamos la alegría de estar cerca de recibir a aquel que vino de lo alto, al seno purísimo de la Santísima Virgen y que nos preparemos para vivir la segunda venida de Jesucristo nuestro Señor.

**Advent Day of Confessions**

This coming week **December 17th - 21st**, our schedule for Advent confessions is as follows:

- Tuesday December 17th**  
8:30am-10:00am  
English & Italian
- Wednesday December 18th**  
8:30am-9:30am  
English & Spanish
- Friday December 20th**  
5:00pm-7:00pm  
English, Italian, & Spanish
- Saturday December 21st**  
3:00pm-4:45pm  
English, Italian, & Spanish

**Best Wishes for Frank Cardinal Leo**

The faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto offer our prayers and best wishes for the newest members of the College of Cardinals, including our chief shepherd, the Archbishop of Toronto, Frank Cardinal Leo. Last weekend, Cardinal Leo was in Rome as one of the 21 new cardinals from around the world gathered with Pope Francis. Please pray for our new cardinal as he begins this important role of service to the Church.

**Sacramental Preparation Programs**



**First Communion 2024/2025**

**Session Two**  
 Saturday January 25th, 2025  
 10:00am - 12:00noon

**Confirmation 2024/2025**

**Session 6**  
 January 10th, 7:00pm-8:00pm  
 God's forgiveness




**Parish Meetings, Events and other News**



**Pray for Vocations**

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? contact: Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org

**Offertory Envelopes**



The 2025 offertory envelopes are available. They can be picked up after mass in the Holy Family Room, or during the week at the parish office.

Please double check the information is correct and initialize the list before you take the box home.

Please do not use prior years' envelopes, the old numbers are reassigned and 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.

**Year End Donations**

CRA regulations prevent us from accepting 2024 donations in 2025. If you would like to make a "year end donation" please do so before December 31, 2024, as the parish office will be closed on December 31st. Thank you for your generous support.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

This is the last weekend to buy your tickets for your chance to win a hand carved **MUSICAL NATIVITY SCENE**, made from olive wood from the Holy Land, or a "Gift Basket of Sweets". The cost of the tickets is 2 **FOR \$5**. The raffle draw will take

place this **Sunday December 15th** after the Spanish mass. Winning tickets will be published in the **December 22nd** bulletin. Thank you for your support!

**Lectio Divina**

Parishioners are invited to come and join Lectio Divina (scriptural reading, meditation, & prayer) from **2:30pm to 3:30pm** at St. Jude's Parish in the Holy Family Room.

Dec. 29, Christmas party (food, games, and gifts exchange)  
 For information please contact: Anita Espino 647-878-7195.

**ShareLife**

*Answer the call to compassion*  
 Please help combat hunger at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate) or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. **Thank you for your compassion**. Thus far we have raised \$26,514.00. 95.4% of our parish goal of \$27,800.

**Mass Intentions**

Mass intentions to be announced on weekend masses and the following week, must be requested by **Wednesday of each week**. 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.
  - ♦ Please ensure that you meet these 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 letter of recommendation from your Pastor.

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

- Tuesday December 24th**  
5:00pm English  
7:00pm English
- Wednesday December 25th**  
8:00am Italian  
10:00am English  
12:00pm Spanish
- Tuesday December 31st**  
5:00pm English
- Wednesday January 1st**  
9:00am Italian  
11:00am English  
1:00pm Spanish