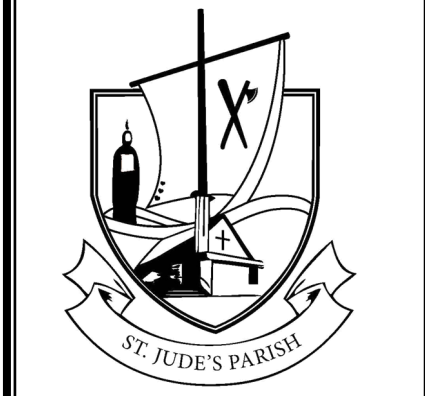


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**Welcome to New Parishioners**  
 We warmly welcome all new parishioners to St. Jude's and encourage them to register in the parish office. Offertory envelopes are available upon request when registration takes place.

**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.

**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. Please consider starting the process during the pregnancy which will make the process easier.

**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.

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

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

**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, in our website, social media, and from the pulpit.

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

**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.

**Neo Catechumenate Way**  
 Saturdays at 7:00pm  
 Giovanni Tersigni

**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.**

**CFC Handmaids of the Lord**  
 Anita Espino (coordinator)  
 Tel. Number 647-878-7195

**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.

**St. Vincent de Paul**  
 Marinella Gonzalez (coordinator)  
 Tel: 416-742-9072 Ext. 111

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

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 St. Jude's Tel: 416-393-5279  
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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  
 (Closed 12:30 - 1:30pm for lunch)  
 Thurs & Fri 2:00pm-7:00pm

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, December 16th**  
**5:00pm Mass**  
 † Leo Del Frate Alvazzi  
 † Flora, Francisco & Pia Domingo  
 † Giuseppina Grella  
 ♦ In Thanksgiving for The Birthday of Judy Sgro  
 ♦ In Thanksgiving to Our Lord Jesus Christ

**Sunday, December 17th**  
**8:00am Mass**  
 † Agata & Filippo Colacci  
 † Domenico & Flavia Fama  
 † Antonietta & Phil Martorano  
 † Luciano Pasut  
 † Vincenzo Saccucci

**9:30am Mass**  
 † Giuseppe & Fernando De Luca  
 † Roberta Perusini  
 ♦ In Thanksgiving to St. Jude for the intentions of Anna Petrella

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

**12:30pm Mass**  
 † Victor Eduardo Arévalo  
 † Victor Hernán Arévalo  
 † Maria Barragán  
 † Carlos Chamba  
 † Edmundo Corzo  
 † Luis Jiménez  
 † Joselito Jiménez Jiménez  
 † Zelmira Rojas Maroto  
 † Maria Ramirez  
 † Jose Ramon Sanders  
 † Arminda & Vicente Torrez

♦ For the Health of Daniel Picon Moreno  
 ♦ In Thanksgiving for the 20th Wedding Anniversary of Iyerlis Negrin & Joswel Guerrero  
 ♦ In Thanksgiving for the 6th Wedding Anniversary of Karyeling & Gaetano Fontana

**Monday, December 18th**  
**8:00am Mass**  
 † Rev. Patrick Joseph Fitzpatrick, CSSP

♦ In Thanksgiving for the 99th Birthday of Maria D'Amore  
**Tuesday, December 19th**  
**8:00am Mass**  
 † Rev. William Henry Irwin CSB  
 † Rajaratnam Elayathamby

**Wednesday, December 20th**  
**8:00am Mass**  
 † Luigi & Concetta Ognibene

**Thursday, December 21st**  
**8:00am Mass**  
 † Rev. John Szkodzinski, OM

**Friday, December 22nd**  
**7:00pm Mass**  
 ♦ In Thanksgiving to The Holy Spirit  
 ♦ In Thanksgiving to God by Marlon and Zenaida Lopez

**Sanctuary Lamp**  
**December 16th - 22nd**  
 † All Souls in Purgatory

**Pray for the sick:**  
 Lino Vieira, Adriana Toniolo, Nubia Nuñez, Eliza Tomsen, Lina Grecco, Elsa Moreno, Ida Colombo, Neelum & Rockey Badwal, Jeyathas Balasingam.

**The recently deceased:**  
 Carlos Alberto Lodato, Luciano Pasut, Maria Minicucci, Vittorio Scelsa, Giovanna Colantonio.

**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. Almost all women who carry a child in their womb, no matter how many discomforts they suffer because of their pregnancy, maintain joy because of the child they are expecting.

In the second reading from St. Paul to the Thessalonians he said to them and now he says to us: "Brothers and sisters, rejoice always" all Christians are called to the apostolate of joy, the real joy, which lasts forever. This joy is found and stirred in prayer, in listening to the Divine Word and in sacramental life. This joy finds its best foundation in Christian faith and hope. An example of that joy was St. John the Baptist. He jumped for joy in the womb of his mother Elizabeth, when the Virgin Mary arrived at her house, bringing the incarnate Word in her womb; and in today's gospel the Baptist transmits at the Jordan the joyful news that the Messiah is coming after him.

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. Have a blessed week.

**Avvento**

Cari fratelli e sorelle, oggi celebriamo la domenica della gioia, della felicità detta "Gaudete", è il giorno in cui viene accesa la candela rosa della corona dell'Avvento. Questo colore è un segno della gioia che ci porta la nostra attesa. Quasi tutte le donne che portano un bambino nel grembo, nonostante i disagi che soffrono a causa della gravidanza, conservano la gioia per il bambino che aspettano.

Nella seconda lettura di San Paolo ai Tessalonicesi ha detto loro e ora dice a noi: "Fratelli e sorelle, rallegratevi sempre" tutti i cristiani sono chiamati all'apostolato della gioia, la vera gioia, che dura per sempre. Questa gioia si trova e si suscita nella preghiera, nell'ascolto della Parola Divina e nella vita sacramentale. Questa gioia trova il suo miglior fondamento nella fede e nella speranza cristiana. Un esempio di quella gioia fu San Giovanni Battista. Saltò di gioia nel grembo della madre Elisabetta, quando la Vergine Maria giunse alla sua casa, portando nel suo grembo il Verbo incarnato; e nel vangelo di oggi il Battista trasmette al Giordano la lieta notizia che il Messia viene dopo di lui.

In questa terza domenica di Avvento esaltiamo

la gioia di essere vicini ad accogliere Colui che è venuto dall'alto, nel grembo purissimo della Santa Vergine e di prepararci a sperimentare la seconda venuta di Gesù Cristo nostro Signore. Buona settimana.

**Adviento**

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, hoy celebramos el domingo de alegría, de felicidad llamado "Gaudete", es el día en el que se enciende la vela rosa de la corona de Adviento. Este color es señal de la alegría que nos trae nuestra espera. Casi todas las mujeres que llevan un niño en su vientre, a pesar de las molestias que sufren debido al embarazo, conservan la alegría del niño que esperan.

En la segunda lectura de San Pablo a los Tesalonicenses les dijo y ahora nos dice a nosotros: "Hermanos y hermanas, estad siempre alegres" todos los cristianos estamos llamados al apostolado de la alegría, la verdadera alegría, que dura para siempre. Esta alegría se encuentra y suscita en la oración, en la escucha de la Palabra Divina y en la vida sacramental. Esta alegría encuentra su mejor fundamento en la fe y la esperanza cristianas. Un ejemplo de esa alegría fue San Juan Bautista. Saltó de alegría en el vientre de su madre Isabel, cuando la Virgen María llegó a su hogar, llevando en su seno al Verbo encarnado; y en el evangelio de hoy el Bautista transmite en el Jordán la feliz noticia de que el Mesías viene después de él.

En este tercer domingo de Adviento exaltamos la alegría que está cerca, de acoger a Aquel que vino de lo alto al vientre mas puro de la Santísima Virgen y de prepararnos para vivir la segunda venida de Jesucristo nuestro Señor. Les deseo una bendecida semana.

**Advent Day of Confessions**



This is the last week of confessions for Advent. Let's be prepared to receive our Lord Jesus Christ with a pure heart by taking part in this important Sacrament. Our schedule is as follows:

**Monday December 18th**

8:30am-10:00am

English and Italian

**Tuesday December 19th**

8:30am-10:00am

English and Spanish

**Friday December 22nd**

6:00pm-6:45pm

English, Italian and Spanish

**Saturday December 23rd**

3:00pm-4:45pm

English, Italian and Spanish

**Sacramental Preparation Programs**

**First Communion**

**Session Two**

**Group 1** Saturday January 27th, 2024 at 10:00am  
**Group 2** Saturday February 3rd, 2024 at 10:00am



**Confirmation**

**Session Six**

Friday January 19th at 7:00pm  
 God's Forgiveness



**Parish Meetings, Events and other News**

**Prayer for Vocations**



There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, for the Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org

**Christmas Office Hours**

During Christmas the parish office will be Closed on **Monday December 25th, Tuesday December 26th and Monday January 1st, 2024.** We wish our parishioners a Joyful Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

**Thank You**

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all those who purchased a panetone. Your continued support to St. Jude's Parish is greatly appreciated. We raised a total of **\$2894.10** that will go towards payment of our new roof.

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Sunday December 24th**

8:00am Italian  
 9:30am English  
 11:00am English  
 12:30pm Spanish

**Christmas Eve**  
 5:00pm English

**Monday December 25th**

8:00am Italian  
 9:30am English  
 11:00am English  
 12:30pm Spanish

**Sunday December 31st**

8:00am Italian  
 9:30am English  
 11:00am English  
 12:30pm Spanish

**New Year's Eve**  
 5:00pm English

**Monday January 1st**

9:00am Italian  
 11:00am English  
 12:30pm Spanish

**Agradecimiento**

El pasado Domingo hicimos la celebración a la "Virgen de Guadalupe". Mil gracias por sus donaciones: monetarias, comida, refrescos y otros artículos, también al mariachi que alegró la tarde con sus canciones. De igual manera agradecemos a las personas que colaboraron durante el evento y con la limpieza. Finalmente a todos los que asistieron, su participación hace que nuestros eventos sean exitosos. Recaudamos **\$3,010.05** para continuar pagando la deuda del techo nuevo de nuestra parroquia. Los esperamos en los eventos del 2024. *Les deseamos una Feliz Navidad y un Prospero y Bendecido Año Nuevo!*

**Missals for Sale 2023-2024**

We have English and Spanish missals for sale at the Parish office. **English** missals are **\$7.00** each and the **Spanish** ones are **\$12.00** each. Thank you for your support.

**Offertory Envelopes**

Offertory envelopes for the year **2024** are available, and can be picked up in the Holy Family Room after all weekend masses or during the week at the parish office.

The envelopes should only be picked up by the person the box is assigned to, not by friends or family members. Please do not use prior years' envelopes as some of the old numbers may have

been reassigned and your donation may be misdirected. Please only use the **2024** envelopes.

**Changes to PAG:**

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

**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. Thank you for your understanding and your co-operation.

**Planning to be a Catholic School Teacher?**

It is critical 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. It is highly recommended to contact the pastor a year in advance, especially in light of the fact that all universities make this matter known to every student at the beginning of the year. Please plan to have a conversation with your pastor early you will avoid disappointment and stress at the time when applications are to be submitted.

The following are required at St. Jude's:

- ♦ Be (yourself, not your parents or grandparents) a registered member of the parish using offertory envelopes (at least 1 year before the application).
- ♦ Be in the parish for participation in Sunday/Saturday mass for a minimum of 12 months prior to approaching the pastor.
- ♦ Make your request 3 months in advance. Applicant must be the one making the requests.
- ♦ No request by a relative or a parent will be accepted.

The pastor has to be able to recommend you, and that is only possible if he knows you at the basic level of regular mass attendance. Personal knowledge of the candidate's faith practice is what the pastor needs to recommend, not your relatives, but yourself, as this is a personal recommendation.