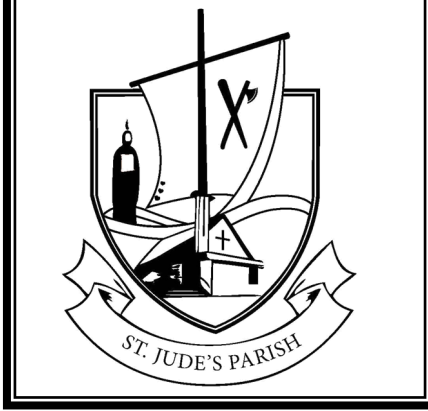


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St. Jude's Parish

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.

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

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
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Building Committee
 Dan Christante (property manager)
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Parish Schools
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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

CHURCH HOURS
 Mon - Wed 7:30am - 4:00pm
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 23rd

- 5:00pm Mass
 † Victor Hernan Arevalo
 † Nicola Bon
 † Vincenza De Angelis
 † Flora, Francisco & Pia Domingo
 † Jerome & Rosemary Downey
 † Olga & Ferruccio Fogal
 † Giuliana & Niggio Guerriero
 † Daisy Joseph
 † Pedro Ramirez
 † Nancy Lourdes Acosta Reale
 ♦ In Thanksgiving for the 63rd Birthday of Rita Omiyi
 ♦ In Thanksgiving to God for his blessings from Moises, Jane & Family
 ♦ In Thanksgiving to The Blessed Virgin Mary
 ♦ For the Intentions of The Di Sabatino Family

Sunday, December 24th

- 8:00am Mass
 † All Souls in Purgatory
 9:30am Mass
 † All Souls in Purgatory
 11:00am Mass
 PRO-POPULO
 12:30pm Mass
 † All Souls in Purgatory
 5:00pm Mass
 † All Souls in Purgatory

Monday, December 25th

- 8:00am Mass
 PRO-POPULO
 9:30am Mass
 PRO-POPULO
 11:00am Mass
 PRO-POPULO
 12:30pm Mass
 PRO-POPULO

Tuesday, December 26th

- 8:00am Mass
 † Rev. Russell Ralph Sampson
 S.F.M.

Wednesday, December 27th

- 8:00am Mass
 ♦ For the Health of M.A Grobin
 ♦ In Thanksgiving to St. Jude from Mary

Thursday, December 28th

- 8:00am Mass
 † All Souls in Purgatory

Friday, December 29th

- 7:00pm Mass
 † Noel Christopher Naince

Sanctuary Lamp

December 23rd - 29th
 † All Souls in Purgatory

Pray for the sick:

Louie, Lino Vieira, Adriana Toniolo, Nubia Nunes, Eliza Tomsen, Lina Grecco, Elsa Moreno, Ida Colombo, Neelum & Rocky Badwal, Jeyathas Balasingam.

The recently deceased:

Carlos Alberto Lodato, Luciano Pasut, Maria Minicucci, Vittorio Scelsa, Giovanna Colantonio.

**The Nativity of the Lord
 Merry Christmas to all!**



My dear and faithful parishioners, on this four Sunday of Advent, just a day before Christmas on behalf of your pastor Fr. Josue, Co-pastor Fr. Andrey, and the staff of St. Jude's Parish, we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Lord. May the joy of this most Holy season fill the hearts of all families during this time of year. As we celebrate Christmas the incarnation of God the Son, let us remember the many blessings that Jesus gives us by His birth. I pray that the grace of the Christmas message will brighten our lives, renew our faith, and strengthen our bonds of friendship. May the Peace of Christ dwell in our hearts throughout 2023. Merry, Merry Christmas once again and thank you for being a part of this community. **"May The LORD bless you and keep you! may The LORD let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you! and may The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!"** Number 6: 24-27 Merry Christmas

**Natale Del Signore
 Buon Natale a tutti!**

Miei cari e fedeli parrocchiani, in questa quarta domenica di Avvento, proprio un giorno prima di Natale, a nome del vostro parroco p. Josue, co-pastore p. Andrey e allo staff della parrocchia di St. Jude vorremmo augurare a tutti un buon Natale mentre celebriamo la nascita di nostro Signore. Possa la gioia di questo santissimo periodo riempire

i cuori di tutte le famiglie in questo periodo dell'anno. Mentre celebriamo il Natale, l'incarnazione di Dio Figlio, ricordiamo le numerose benedizioni che Gesù ci dona con la Sua nascita. Prego affinché la grazia del messaggio di Natale illumini la nostra vita, rinnovi la nostra fede e rafforzi i nostri legami di amicizia. Possa la pace di Cristo dimorare nei nostri cuori per tutto il 2023. Buon, buon Natale una volta guadagnato e grazie per far parte di questa comunità. **"Che il Signore ti benedica e ti protegga! il Signore faccia risplendere su di te il suo volto e ti sia propizio! e il Signore ti guardi benevolo e ti dia pace!"** Numero 6: 24-27 Buon Natale

**Natividad Del Señor
 ¡Feliz Navidad para todos!**

Queridos y fieles feligreses, en este cuarto domingo de Adviento, un día antes de Navidad, en nombre de nuestro párroco el Padre Josué, el párroco asistente, Padre Andrey y el personal de la parroquia, queremos desearles a todos una Feliz Navidad mientras celebramos el nacimiento de nuestro Señor. Que la alegría de esta santísima época llene los corazones de todas las familias durante este tiempo del año. Al celebrar la Navidad, la encarnación de Dios Hijo, recordamos las muchas bendiciones que Jesús nos regala con Su nacimiento. Mis oraciones para que la gracia del mensaje de Navidad ilumine nuestras vidas, renueve nuestra fe y fortalezca nuestros lazos de amistad. Que la paz de Cristo more en nuestros corazones durante todo el 2023. Feliz, feliz Navidad una vez más y gracias por ser parte de esta comunidad. **"¡Que el Señor os bendiga y os proteja! ¡Que el Señor haga brillar su rostro sobre vosotros y os conceda su gracia! ¡Y que el Señor os mire con bondad y os dé paz!"** Número 6: 24-27 Feliz Navidad!

Christmas Prayer

Merciful God, who made that first Christmas night so beautiful and bright, we ask You to bless us once again with Your gentle yet powerful Presence. As we experience the cold nights and bitter winds of this world, remind us that You have not left us alone, but have promised to be our Emmanuel, God-with-us. You once slept in a stable in Bethlehem, while shepherds and Magi visited You. Now, You dwell in glory in the Holy Eucharist, waiting once again for us to adore You. Please fill us with Your gift of heavenly peace and open our eyes to Your Presence in our midst. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

"Be it done unto me according to your word." Obedience to the Lord's will is the fruit of humble prayer. If you think God is inviting you to a deeper consecration as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, 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.

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.

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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.

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

Offertory Envelopes

Offertory envelopes for the year **2024** are available for pick up after each mass in the Holy Family Room **until December 31st.** After this date can only be picked up 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 request-