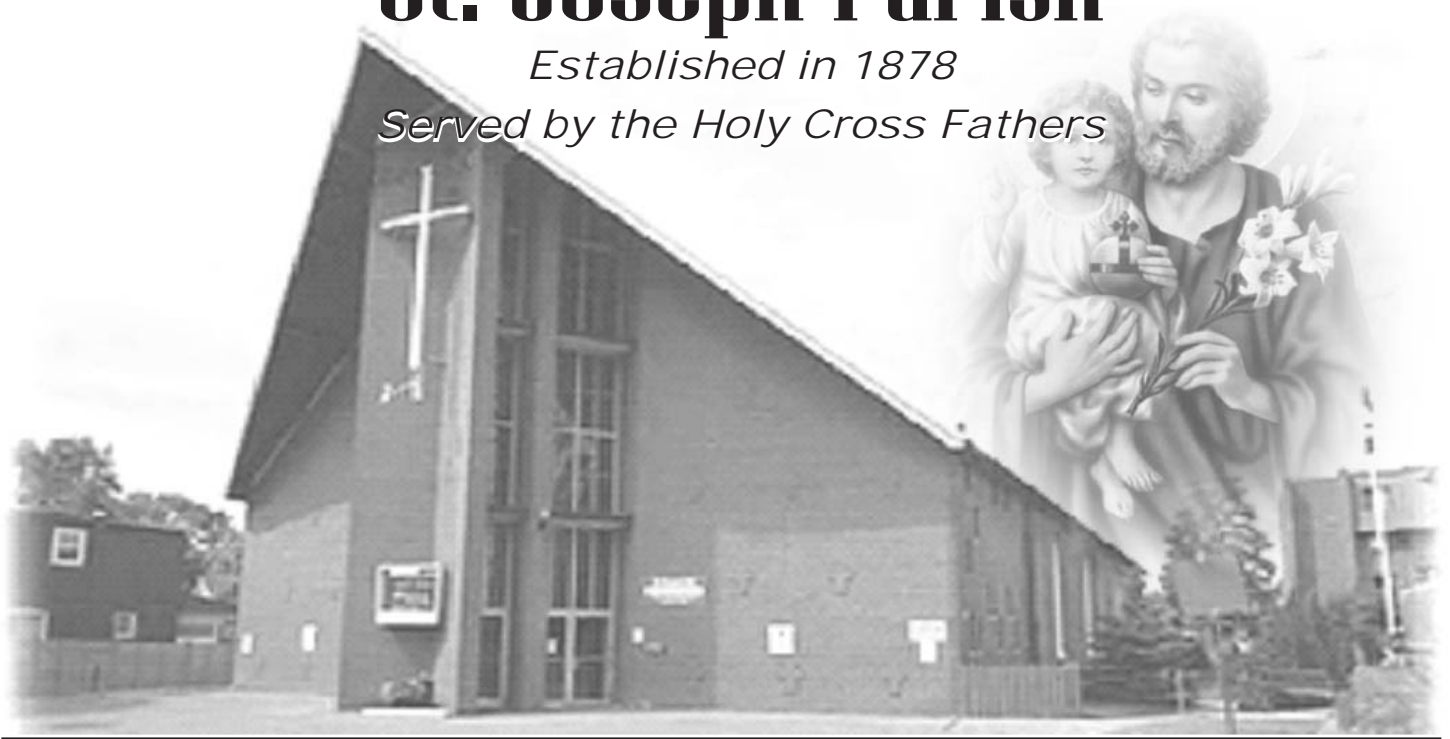


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## UNITY IN DIVERSITY

“Moved by the Good News of Jesus Christ... We *Journey with St. Joseph*”

**Pastor:** Fr. Roshan Loy D’Souza, CSC  
**Secretary/Bookkeeper:** Nerie Bernal  
**Custodian:** Allan Cobham

**OFFICE HOURS:**  
**Monday to Friday:** 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Music Ministry:** Megan Montifar & Eric Fahn

### PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Servers	Finance Council
Children’s Liturgy	Girl Guides
Collection Counters	
Communion to the Sick	<i>If you feel called to</i>
Lectors & Eucharistic	<i>serve the church</i>
Ministries	<i>through any of these</i>
Social Action Committee	<i>ministries, please call</i>
Parish Council	<i>the parish office.</i>

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** 416-546-4044  
**The Knights of Columbus:** [www.kofc9079.com](http://www.kofc9079.com)

**St. Joseph Catholic School:**  
**Principal:** Principal: David Comacchio  
**Phone:** 416-393-5209

### MASS TIMES:

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday, & Thursday	9:00 am
Wednesday & Friday	7:00 pm
Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am

### CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS

#### Sacrament of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage:

Please contact the office to begin the process of preparation.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday before the vigil mass or on request anytime.

#### Ministry to and Anointing of the Sick:

Please advise us if you have someone ill at home, hospital or in a nursing home so that we can minister to them.

**New members please register at the office.**

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*From the  
Pastor's  
Desk*



## HOPE KEEPS US ALIVE

Hope is the mainspring of life. Without hope we become lost and have no direction. Hope is a universal human need. Hope is the fuel to keep us going. It's the imagination to look beyond the bad things and see good in the future. As long as we hold onto hope, it's amazing what we can do. People can make it through wars, disease, broken dreams and more. They not only can survive the worst this world can dole out, but they can even flourish – as long as they have hope.

The Bible says, "Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

Ironically, hope grows out of discontent. If we're completely satisfied with the way things are, then there's no need for hope. It's the pain and disappointments of life that give birth to hope. Hope always looks to the future. God designed us to get through today by anticipating tomorrow. God wants us to have hope!

Never lose hope. Tomorrow will be another day that will bring new hope and greater blessings. Keep faith in the abundance of the universe and the mystery and perfection of life. Hope for nothing but the best and that's what you will be granted. We have to have hope that we will ascend. Hope keeps us going when we get discouraged about our spiritual progress. Hope is the quality that enables human being to survive, even when all seems lost. Hope, however, is just one factor in the mystical order of life. It's a blend of desire and expectation and it derives from the spirit, not the obsession.

Life is full of struggles. On such a thorny path called life, it is only hope that keeps us moving forward. Hope engages our creativity and our problem solving skills. It is a factor in our ability to appreciate ourselves and others and our ability to be grateful for our lives. Look for ways to make hopefulness tangible. Don't let it be just something for the future. Hope is all of the little things we do each day to make our lives. Everything you do contributes to hopeful living or takes away from it. That may seem heavy. But hope is that important. It needs to be treasured. Think positively - negative thoughts will slow you down every time. You begin second guessing yourself and stall in one spot. Keep your hope alive by feeding it with the belief that it is an attainable hope. God bless you.

**Fr. Roshan Loy D'Souza, CSC**



## REMEMBERING ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, THROUGH A BEQUEST

Having a properly made will is one of the best gifts anyone can leave their loved ones in the event of their passing. It also ensures that charities and causes closest to their hearts will be sustained. By putting the parish in their will, parishioners can help the Church faithfully carry out the pastoral mission entrusted to her by our Lord, for generations to come. For more information, please call the Parish office of St. Joseph Church : 416 466 7815 or 416 518 0276

### The Week Ahead :

Jan 09: memorial: Baptism of the Lord

Jan 10: Memorial: St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, OBL

Jan 13: Memorial: St. Hillary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Jan 17: Memorial: St. Anthony Abbot

Jan 18: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

Jan 20: Memorial: St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr

St. Sebastian, Martyr

**St. Joseph, Pray For Us**

### Update on COVID-19 Policies in the Archdiocese of

**Toronto:** Capacity restrictions for places of worship are set at 50% of pre-Covid capacity however distancing of two metres (6 feet) must be maintained by those not from the same family. The Archdiocese of Toronto encourages all Catholics to be vaccinated for the common good, we are making every effort to ensure that our churches remain open to all. The Worship safe protocols have kept our parishioners safe throughout the pandemic and will continue to do so as COVID-19 restrictions are gradually removed throughout the province.

### Pope Francis Prayer Intension for January 2022:

#### For True Human Fraternity



We pray for all those suffering religious discrimination and persecution: may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**2022 First Communion and Confirmation Registration:**

Grade 2 students wishing to receive their First Communion and Grade 7 students wishing to receive their Confirmation must be registered at St. Joseph Parish office. Registration closes on January 30th 2022. For the registration packages, please visit the parish office. Kindly note that you will need to provide a copy of your child's baptismal certificate with the registration.

*Thank  
you*

The Christmas season posed significant challenges given the number of Masses as well as the need to adapt to the fluid nature of the Omicron situation. A special thanks to the Pastoral Team, staff and volunteers for the tireless efforts to serve the faithful and foster a safe environment for all! God Bless.

**The Synod on Synodality: Share Your Thoughts:**

With the Synod on Synodality, Pope Francis is asking every Catholic to help discern what the Holy Spirit is telling us at this moment as the Church enters its third millennium.

The first phase of the Synod on Synodality will last through the first half of 2022 and will see the world's faithful sharing their thoughts at a diocesan level. All those diocesan-level responses will be collected and summarized. Then the bishops of Canada will meet to discuss what they heard in their respective dioceses, followed by larger multinational meetings and, ultimately, culminating in a synod of bishops in the Vatican in 2023.

**GOD LOVES A  
CHEERFUL  
GIVER**



**WEEKEND COLLECTION:**

January 1-2, 2021

**Total Amount: \$ 1,611.50**

Since all our fundraising events can't be held due to pandemic, kindly increase your donations towards our Building Fund. Kindly contribute through Pre Authorize Giving. Forms are available in the foyer.

**Thank you for your constant support and generous contribution. A special thanks to our volunteers for your dedication during these unprecedented times.**

**† MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, January 09**

10:00 am † *Flaviana Bandayanon*

*Req. Angie & Nicolas Blanco*

**Monday, January 10**

*No mass*

**Tuesday, January 11**

09:00 am † *Idalina & Agostinho Oliviera*

*Req. Domingos Oliviera*

**Wednesday January 12**

7:00 pm † *For the Unborn*

*Req. Marilyn Roberts & Toni Muise*

**Thursday, January 13**

9:00 am *Weekday Mass*

*Req.*

**Friday, January 14**

7:00 pm † *Constancia Calero*

*Req. Angie & Nicolas Blanco*

† *Jerry Brosnan*

*Req. Shiela Brosnan*

**Saturday, January 15**

5:00 pm **For the Intentions of St. Joseph  
Parish Community**



***Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.***

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