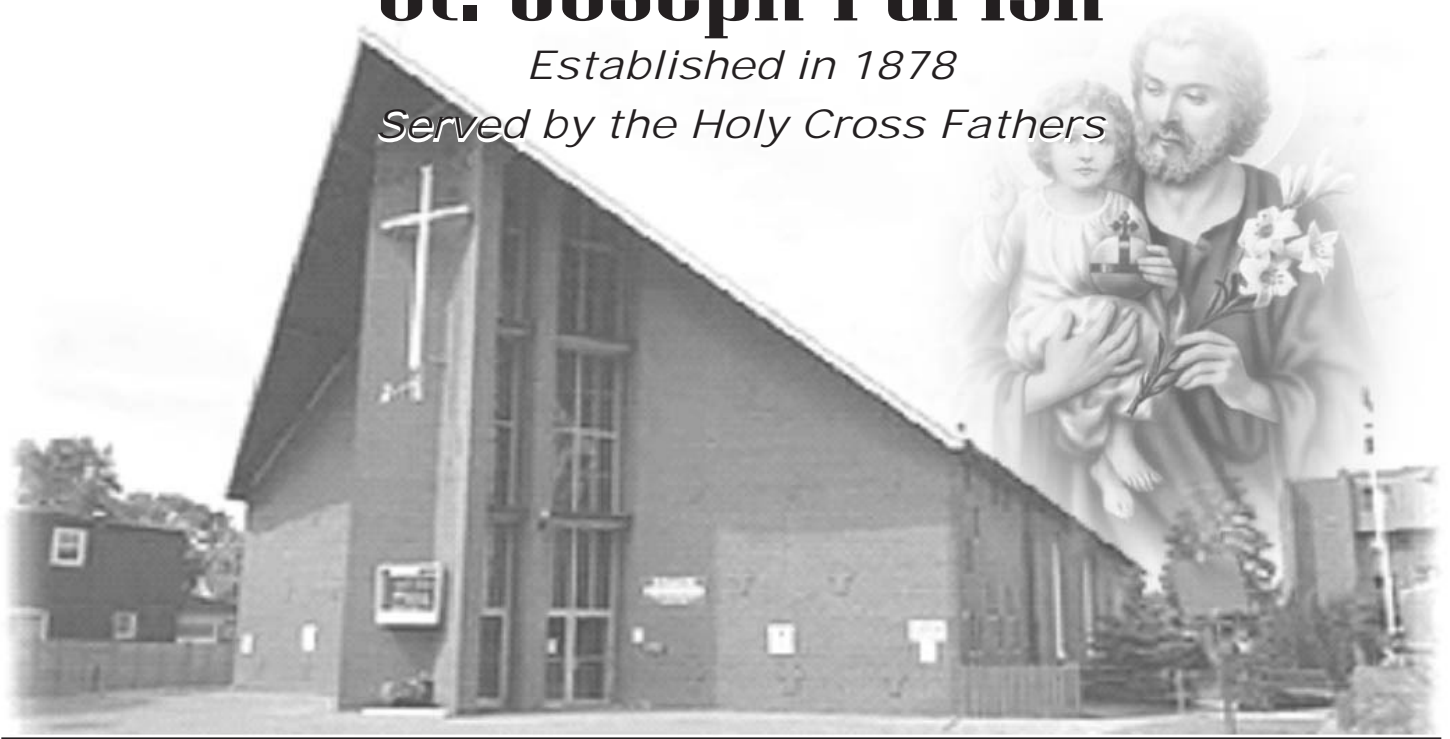


St. Joseph Parish

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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

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| 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

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

MASS TIMES:

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| 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.

Hall Rental: Please contact **Margaret MacDonald** at 416-463-8638

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*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



Take Up Your Cross and Follow Jesus.

Christians today have a comfortable familiarity with the image of the cross: We have crosses in our churches, some people have crosses hanging in our homes and some even wear crosses as jewelry around their necks. But that was certainly not the case in Jesus' day. In fact, in the first-century Roman world, the whole idea of the cross was completely abhorrent. The cross was the Roman Empire's most dreadful instrument of torture, humiliation and execution. The famous ancient Roman orator Cicero once said, "The very word 'cross' should be far removed not only from the person of a Roman citizen but from his thoughts, his eyes and his ears." You didn't even want to think about the cross.

That's what makes Jesus' statement so startling. For Jesus to tell his disciples to pick up a cross and follow him would have been as shocking as him telling people in the modern world to pick up their electric chairs or pick up their guillotines and follow him. Of all the images Jesus could have used to depict discipleship, why would he choose this most horrific one? Noah got a rainbow. Moses got a burning bush. The Magi got a star in the sky. Why do Jesus' disciples get a cross?

Because, as we will see, it's only through the cross that we find our ultimate fulfillment in life and experience what we're made for: the total, perfect, self-giving love of God himself.

Through the cross, God reveals himself most fully, his very inner life, which is love. And in the process, he shows us what we're all made for. The God who is love made us in his own image and likeness. We, therefore, are made to live like God, which involves *loving like God loves*. So much did God desire to make this clear for us that he took on human flesh in Jesus Christ and showed us what his perfect love looks like: total self-giving love. That's what we're made for. We are made for the cross. In other words, we are made to give our lives completely as a gift like Jesus did for us on Calvary.

When we give of ourselves in love to God, to mission and to others, we don't lose anything, but our lives are deeply enriched and we gain so much more, for we are living according to the way God made us. Take up your cross and follow JESUS.

HAVE A BLESSED LENT : Fr. Roshan Loy D'Souza, CSC



**REMEMBERING ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH,
MAKING A CHARITABLE 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 :

- Apr 02: Memorial: St. Francis of Paola, Hermit
- Apr 04: memorial: St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
- Apr 05: Memorial: St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest
- Apr 07: memorial: St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

St. Joseph, Pray For Us

March 27, 2022: 4th Sunday of Lent

Prayer: For those working to end inequalities, especially those of hunger and famine, that they may achieve solutions that sustainably and equitably share the land and food, and provide nourishment for all, we pray to the Lord. Sign our petition for this at devp.org/act and spread the word.

Thank you for supporting our campaign!



Consecrating Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Our Lady asked for the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart in the Fatima apparition of July 1917. Fittingly, March 25 marks the 38th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's consecration of the world and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We pray for the people of the Ukraine who are experiencing conflicts and deaths. Bless the leaders with wisdom, vision and perseverance needed to build together a world of justice and solidarity, and to break down walls of hostility and division. Amen.





St. Joseph Parish Reconciliation (Confession)

Service: On April 06, 2022 (Wednesday)

Time: 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

Every Friday: Stations of the Cross

at: 6:30 p.m. & Mass at 7:00 p.m.

The Three Pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

UPCOMING EVENTS



EASTER BASKET:

Tickets are available after the weekend masses.



In association with: Knights of Columbus, Fish and Chips dinner on: April 08 & 15 (Fridays) from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



ShareLife Offerings: (ShareLife Sunday)

2022: March 27, May 1 & June 5, 2022

Dates for the Sacraments of Reconciliation & Holy Communion:

April 23, 2022 (Saturday) at 10 a.m. First Reconciliation Service.

April 30, 2022 (Saturday) at 10 a.m. First Holy Communion Mass



Pope Francis Prayer Intention for March 2022: A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges:

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 27

10:00 am † Eduardo Del Rosario

Req. Nimpha Del Rosario

† Escolastica Ferreira & Antonio

Ferreira Nunes

Req. Maia Luciano

† Regis Deveau

Req. Toni Muise

Monday, March 28

No mass

Tuesday, March 29

9:00 am † Teofilo Ferrer

† Bethlehem Ignacio

† Jupiter Ignacio

Req. Judita Ferrer

Wednesday March 30

7:00 pm † Teofilo Ferrer

† Bethlehem Ignacio

† Jupiter Ignacio

Req. Judita Ferrer

Thursday, March 31

9:00 am † Joaquin Taturan

Req. Andrea Cornista

Friday, April 01

7:00 pm Healing Intentions for Anthony Roberts

Req. Ron & Marilyn Roberts

Saturday, April 02

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

GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER

WEEKEND COLLECTION:

March 19-20, 2022

Total Amount: \$1,398.40

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.

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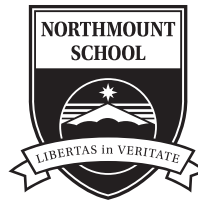
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