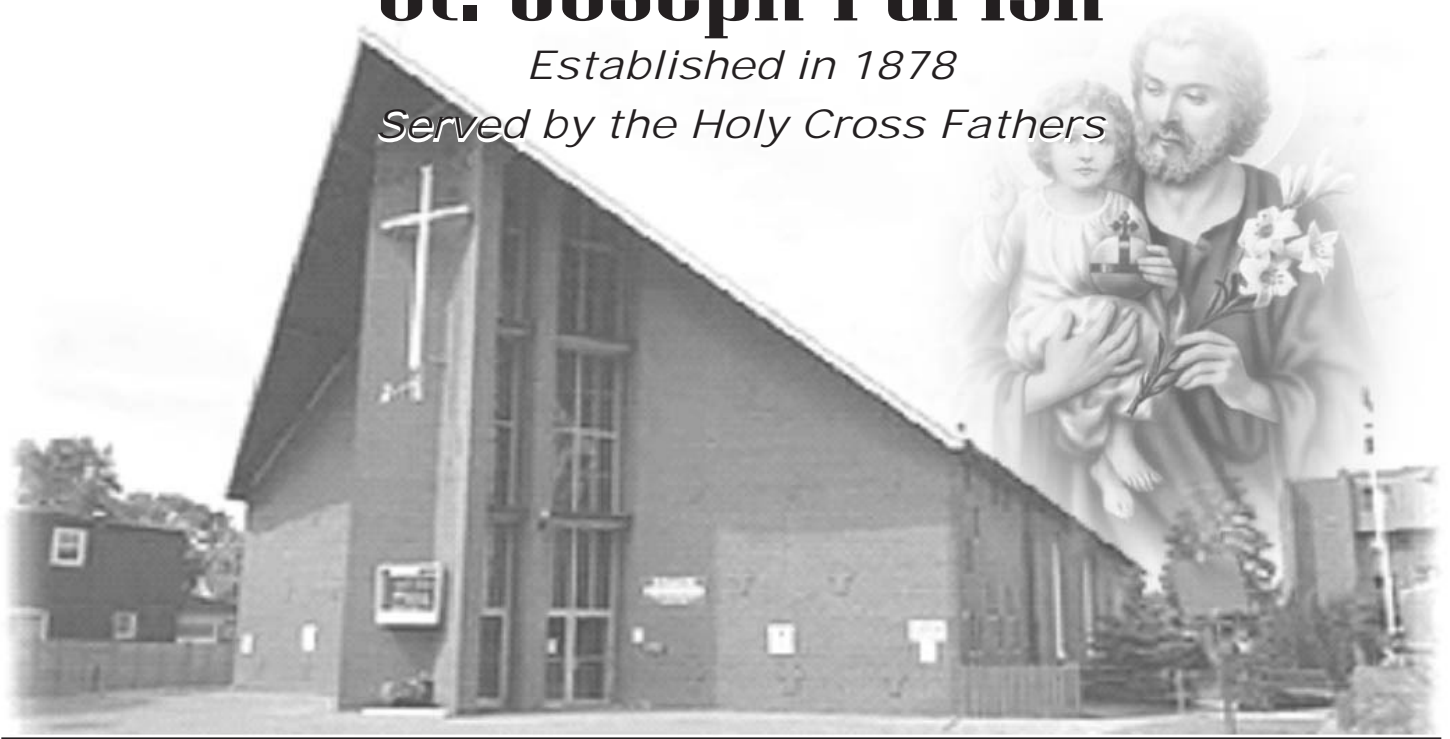


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MASS TIMES:

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



Advent: Longing:

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin once suggested that peace and justice will come to us when we reach a high enough psychic temperature so as to burn away the things that still hold us apart. In saying this, he was drawing upon a principle in chemistry: Sometimes two elements will simply lie side by side inside a test-tube and not unite until sufficient heat is applied so as to bring them to a high enough temperature where unity can take place. That's wonderful metaphor for advent. What is advent?

Advent is about getting in touch with our longing. It's about letting our yearnings raise our psychic temperatures so that we are pushed to eventually let down our guard, hope in new ways, and risk intimacy. John of the Cross has a similar image: Intimacy with God and with each other will only take place, he says, when we reach a certain kindling temperature. For too much of our lives, he suggests, we lie around as damp, green logs inside the fire of love, waiting to come to flame but never bursting into flame because of our dampness. Before we can burst into flame, we must first dry out and come to kindling temperature. We do that, as does a damp log inside a fire, by first sizzling for a long time in the flames so as to dry out.

How do we sizzle psychologically and spiritually? For John of the Cross, we do that through the pain of loneliness, restlessness, disquiet, anxiety, frustration, and unrequited desire. In the torment of incompleteness our psychic temperature rises so that eventually we come to kindling temperature and, there, we finally open ourselves to union in new ways. That too is an image for advent.

Our loneliness and longing are a hunger and an energy that drive us, always, beyond the present moment. In them we do intuit the kingdom of God. Advent is about longing, about getting in touch with it, about heightening it, about letting it raise our psychic temperatures, about sizzling as damp, green logs inside the fires of intimacy, about intuiting the kingdom of God by seeing, through desire, what the world might look like if a Messiah were to come and, with us, establish justice, peace, and unity on this earth. Let's revel in the beauty of the season of Advent and spend it in a saintly manner, sweeping our hearts clean to prepare for the coming of the King, inviting Him to take over our lives, each day and for all eternity.

Have a Blessed Season of ADVENT.

Fr. Roshan Loy D'Souza, CSC



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The Week Ahead :

- Dec 06: Memorial: St. Nicholas, Bishop
- Dec 07: Memorial: St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
- Dec 08: Memorial: Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary
- Dec 09: Memorial: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
- Dec 12: Memorial: Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Dec 13: Memorial: St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

St. Joseph, Pray For us

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for December 2022:

Volunteer & Non Profit Organizations.



We pray that volunteer & non profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

Catholicism 101: The History of Advent

The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming," which is a translation of the Greek word *parousia*. Most know Advent today as a time of anticipation and expectation of the birth of Christ. However, Advent began as early as the 4th and 5th centuries as a time of fasting and prayer for new Christians. The first mention of Advent occurred in the 300's A.D at a meeting of church leaders called the Council of Sargossa.

It gradually developed into a season that stretched across the month of December. Advent lasts for four Sundays leading up to Christmas. The Advent season not only symbolizes the waiting for Christ's birth but also for his final return.

Advent: Sacrament of Reconciliation: This year, the Day of Confessions in preparation for Christmas will be on December 15, 2022 (Thursday) from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. "In order to undergo an authentic and renewed conversion, and to encounter the Love of God, a focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation – this most powerful encounter with divine mercy – is essential." - *Thomas Cardinal Collins*.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

First Holy Communion & Sacrament of Confirmation:



First Holy Communion: Rite of acceptance on Sunday December 04, 2022 during the Sunday 10:00 am Mass. First Holy Communicants are requested to be present every Sunday 10:00 am mass.



Sacrament of Confirmation: Rite of acceptance for the Confirmation candidates will be on Sunday December 11, 2022 during the Sunday 10:00 am Mass.



"Christmas Tree Balls" : Remembrance Christmas Tree Balls are on sale (includes a raffle ticket for Christmas Basket) \$ 5.00 / Ball.



Raffle draw and Bake Sale :
December 18, 2022 after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.



Christmas Eve: December 24, 2022

5:00 pm: Family Christmas Mass, 7:00 pm: Christmas Mass

9:30 pm: Christmas Carols & 10:00 pm: Christmas Mass

Christmas Day: December 25, 2022: 10:00 am : Christmas Mass



New Year's Eve: December 31, 2022: 4:30 pm: Benediction & 5:00 pm : Mass: New Year: January 01, 2023: 10:00 am: Mass

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† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 04

10:00 am † **Johnwell Salvador & Jeffrey Tan & Thanksgiving Intentions**

Req. Jocelyn Salvador

† **Nichole Sfeir**

Req. Nathan & Family

Monday, December 05

No mass

Tuesday, December 06

9:00 am **Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life**

Req. Toni Muise

Wednesday December 07

7:00 pm † **Dominic Leone**

Req. Ron & Marilyn Roberts

Thursday, December 08

9:00 am † **Regalado Castro**

Req. Dulce & Ernesto Musngi

Friday , December 09

7:00 pm **Weekday Mass**

Req.

Saturday, December 10

5:00 pm **For the Intention of St. Joseph**

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