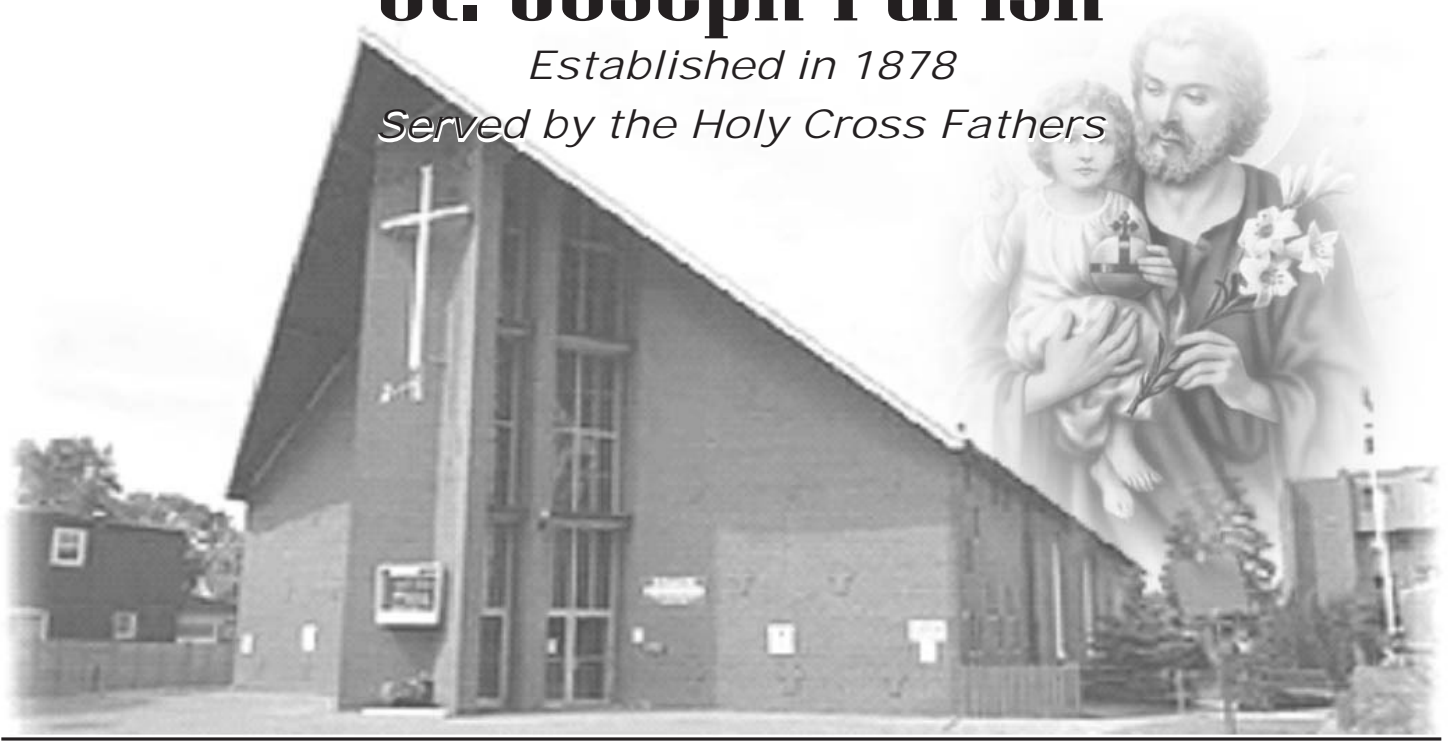


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**OFFICE HOURS:**  
**Monday to Friday:** 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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

## PARISH MINISTRIES

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Lectors & Eucharistic	<i>serve the church</i>
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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:** 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.**

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

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**Lent is a time to discover true Joy**



The Church gives us the season of Lent as a means to guide us in our search for lasting happiness. Far from being a dark and dreary penitential season, Lent is truly a time of joy-filled anticipation. It is intended to ready us for "the glorious and joyful love" that is still to come at Easter time.

The Lenten practices that we are invited to embrace during this holy season—prayer, fasting and almsgiving—are meant to strengthen us. As an athlete prepares for the events that will win him or her a crown of victory, we Christians discipline our minds, hearts and bodies in anticipation of the Lord's victory over sin and death. We steel our souls in anticipation of the ecstasy to come—the exultant, overwhelming joy of Easter.

Why is Lent necessary? Why not simply bask in the Easter sun that we know dawned for us—once and for all—more than 2,000 years ago? Why deny ourselves the good things that we enjoy all year-round when Christ has given us everything we could hope for? Lent is a time of self-denial. It is necessary to remind us that we are still called to repent, to change our ways of thinking and acting so that we can believe in, and be transformed by, the Good News of our Savior Jesus Christ. Lent is needed to keep us spiritually fit.

Lenten observances prepare us for the evangelizing mission that the Risen Lord gave to us, his disciples, just before he ascended into heaven to sit at his Father's right hand. Lent prepares us for the gift of the Holy Spirit that comes as a consequence of the Lord's Passion, death and resurrection.

We need Lent because we never want to take for granted "the glorious and joyful love, spreading outward and radiant with light" that the Holy Father tells us is God's gift of himself freely given to us through Jesus' supreme sacrifice on the Cross.

We need Lent for the same reason that we need the sacrament of penance. We are sinners who need to be cleansed and healed before we are truly able to experience God's forgiveness in the holy Eucharist and in the Easter mystery. Lent is not a time of painful lamentation for one who is focused on following Our Lord. It is a time of union with the suffering Savior enroute to the glory of Easter. Oh Lord, I unite my difficulties in this season and wish to become holy.

***Have blessed season of Lent***

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



**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 :**

- Mar 07: Memorial : Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs
- Mar 08: Memorial: St. John of God, Religious
- Mar 09: Memorial: St. Frances of Rome, Religious
- Mar 17: Memorial: St. Patrick, Bishop
- Mar 18: Memorial: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop
- Mar 20: Memorial: St. Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary

**Archdiocesan Events: Development and Peace**

This year, Development and Peace, Caritas Canada's Create Hope: Stand for the land campaign calls you to support our sisters and brothers in the Global South in defending their land and territory. Do this by:

1. Donating online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give) or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on March 26, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 86 projects in 40 countries around the world!
2. Learning more by reading the Mini-magazine and other resources available at [devp.org/lent/resources](http://devp.org/lent/resources).
3. Participate in the campaign launch webinar on February 25 at 1:30 p.m. ET.

**14th Annual - Dynamic Women of Faith Catholic Women's Conference**

Saturday, March 25, 2023 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Location: Old Mill Toronto Event Venue  
21 Old Mill Road Toronto, ON M8X 1G5

**Speakers & Topics:** **Sister Deirdre Byrne:** The Heroes of My Life Lead Me to Our Lady, **Dr. Josephine Lombardi:** Healing and Forgiveness, **Diana Filipiak, Kasia Ryba, Sandra Wojcik:** Journeying with Mother Mary, **Dorothy Pilarski:** talk on *Why minister to Moms?* **CONTACT: 416-907-1042**



**POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION**

**FOR MARCH 2023: For The Victim of Abuse:** We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



**First Communion & First Reconciliation:** All the grade 2 students preparing for the sacraments are requested to be part of Sunday 10:00 am children's liturgy.



**Confirmation Sessions:** All the sessions will be shortly after the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass. Next session will be on March 12, 2023. All the candidates are requested to attend Sunday mass and be enriched spiritually.



**Stations of the Cross**

*Every Friday during Lent at 6:30 pm followed by Eucharistic celebration.*



**FISH FRY: hosted by Knights of Columbus**

on Friday's Feb. 24 & Apr 7, 2023.  
Time: 5:00 pm to 6:45 pm at St. Joseph Parish Hall.



**Coming up: Novena and Feast of St. Joseph**

We will have novena to St. Joseph in preparation for the feast of St. Joseph from March 10 to 18 during the Masses. The feast of St. Joseph will be celebrated on March 19 (Sunday).

There will be breakfast after the Sunday Mass for the parish community. **All are Welcome.**



**WEEKEND COLLECTION:**

February 25-26, 2023  
Total Amount: \$ 1,200.40

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St. Joseph Parish community sincerely thanks Knights of Columbus, Council 9079 for their continued support. God Bless You.

# † MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, March 05**

10:00 am † *Delfina D'Sousa*  
Req. *Olga Oliveira*

**Monday, March 06**

*No mass*

**Tuesday, March 07**

9:00 am † *Leonora Paez*  
Req. *Angie & Nick Blanco*

**Wednesday, March 08**

7:00 pm † *For the Unborn*  
Req. *Toni Muise & Marilyn Roberts*

**Thursday, March 09**

9:00 am † *Constancia Calero*  
Req. *Angie & Nick Blanco*

**Friday, March 10**

7:00 pm *Healing Intentions to Ron Roberts*  
Req. *Marilyn Roberts*

**Saturday, March 11**

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



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