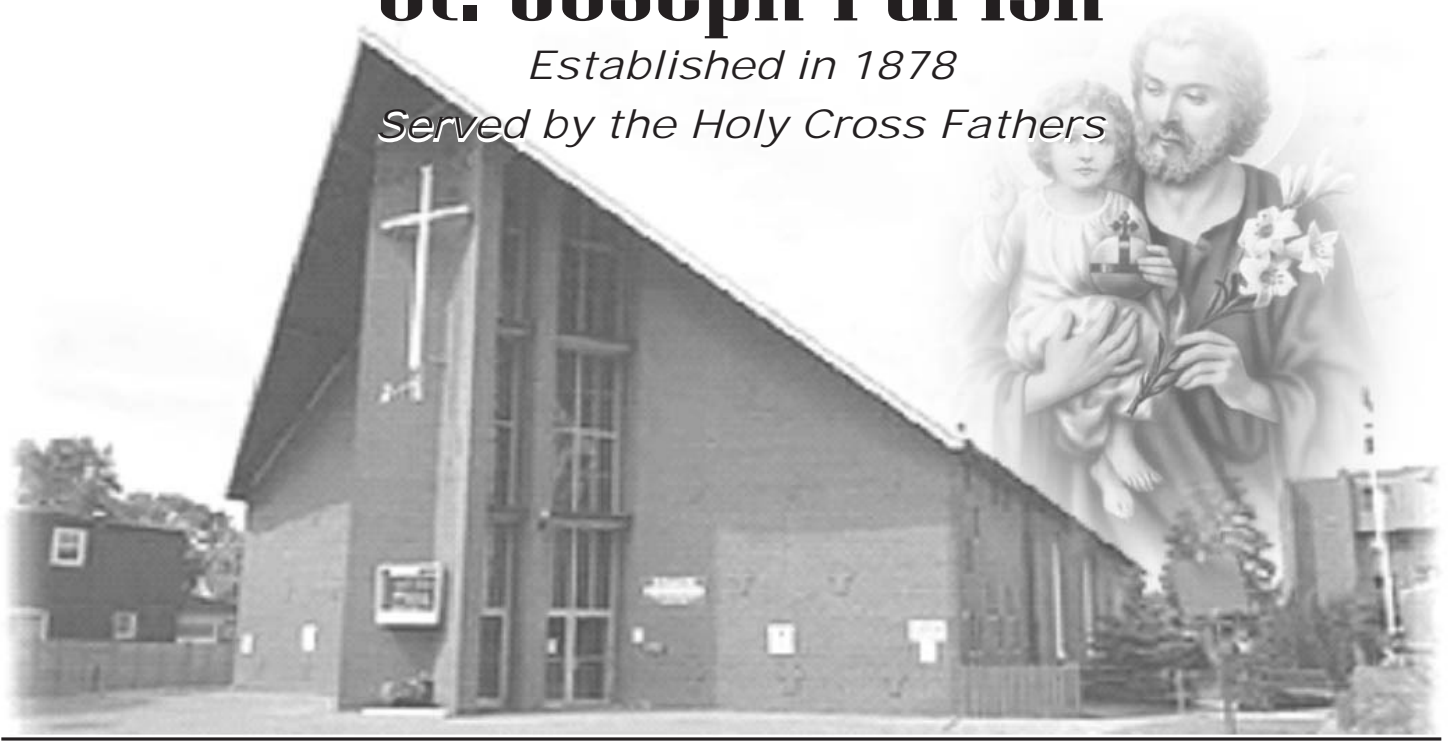


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St. Vincent de Paul Society:
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St. Joseph Catholic School:
Principal: David Comacchio
Phone: 416-393-5209

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.

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Ascension Sunday

We are so busy doing things, achieving, and making progress that we can forget what life is all about: preparing to meet God in heaven. Jesus' ascension reminds us that we are "only passing through" on this earth, as we say; we are pilgrims on a journey. Just as Jesus' earthly life was temporary, and he ascended to sit at the right hand of the Father, so also our lives here are temporary, will come to an end, and we will meet God in the next life. Jesus' ascension reminds us in all of our busyness not to forget what life is all about. Jesus' ascension reminds us that God has great plans for us out of this world and that prayer in the second reading also reminds us that God has great plans for us that are out of this world.

You can look at yourself in three ways: what you think of yourself, what others think of you, and what God thinks of you. The most important is what God thinks of you. What a wonderful privilege we all enjoy as sons and daughters of God since baptism. How wonderful is this calling we have all received. How wonderful are the riches of heaven that God has planned for us. It certainly makes us see everything in this life in a new light. How wonderful is the power God worked in Jesus' resurrection to raise us all to new life.

Before Jesus ascended, he entrusted his mission to the apostles saying, "Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations..." (Matt 28:19; Gospel Year A) While that mission was entrusted to the apostles, and to the bishops their successors, and to priests their assistants, you can assist them in their mission to evangelize by praying for them and by giving witness that you follow Jesus. This is another way in which you live the prayer of the second reading seeing what hope God's call holds for you:

May God our Father...enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. (Eph 1:17-19)

The Christian vocation is about learning to live this new relationship in Christ together, with the Father, through the Holy Spirit and for the sake of a world that still awaits its full redemption. The Feast of the Ascension is not some kind of Intermission but a Continuation of the Redemption of Jesus Christ. **HAPPY FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD.**

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 :

- May 22: Memorial: St. Rita Cascia
- May 25: Memorial: St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII, St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi
- May 26: Memorial: St. Philip Neri
- May 27: Memorial: St. Augustine of Canterbury
- May 29: Memorial: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Online Faith Formation Study Opportunity:

In partnership with the University of Dayton in Ohio, the Archdiocese of Toronto is offering a discounted rate for the upcoming cycle of online courses and seminars offered by the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation at the University of Dayton. Courses and certificate programs are on a variety of topics related to our Catholic faith.

The next cycle of courses and seminars run from May 22 to June 25, 2023. You can download a list of courses and seminars in both English and Spanish. Course topics include but are not limited to: An Introduction to Catholic Doctrine on the Blessed Virgin Mary, Introduction to Prayer, Faith and Human Development, Leadership Roles and Skills for Adult Learning and Faith Formation, Sacraments and much more!

Registration for this cycle closes on May 17, 2023. The discounted rate for a five-week course is \$50 (USD) and each three-week seminar is \$40 (USD). For more information or if you have any questions on this opportunity to learn and grow in faith, please feel free to reach out to the Office of Formation for Discipleship at formation@archtoronto.org.



Next **ShareLife Sunday collection on June 04, 2023.** Thank you for your generous contribution. **God Bless.**



POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION
FOR MAY 2023: For Church Movements & Groups:
We pray that Church movements & groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Healing Prayer Service for the Sick: Divine Retreat Centre Toronto will be having a Healing Prayer Service for the Sick, especially praying for cancer patients/survivors and the terminally ill. There will be Holy Mass and Eucharistic Adoration from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For further information please contact our office. Divine Retreat Centre Toronto (69 William Street) **PHONE:** 647-949-4932

Mark Your 
CALENDAR



Father's Day: June 18
BBQ after the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Wine & Cheese: Karaoke night:
July 22, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner & Dance: August 26:
Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

BBQ : September 24:
after the Sunday 10:00 a.m. mass

International Food Festival: Oct 29:
after the Sunday 10:00 a.m.



WEEKEND COLLECTION:
May 13-14, 2023: \$ 2,802.90



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God Bless You.

† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 21

10:00 am : † **Aristedis Nunes**
Req. Estela Luciano
† **Antonio Guerrero**
Req. Delinda, Ying & Jhun Dancel

Monday, May 22 : No Mass

Tuesday, May 23
9:00 am : **Healing Intentions for Marilyn & Ron Roberts**
Req. Grandchildren Jade & Alex

Wednesday, May 24
7:00 pm : † **Augustino & Idalina Oliveira**
Req. Alda Oliveira

Thursday, May 25
9:00 am : **Birthday Blessings to Victoria & Christopher & Family Intentions**
Req. Maria Carmo Oliveira
Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life for Epiteacio Bolofer
Req. Angie & Nick Blanco

Friday, May 26
7:00 pm : **Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life**
Req. Nerie Bernal

Saturday, May 27
5:00 pm : **For the Intention of St. Joseph Parish Community**
† **Eduardo Del Rosario**
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