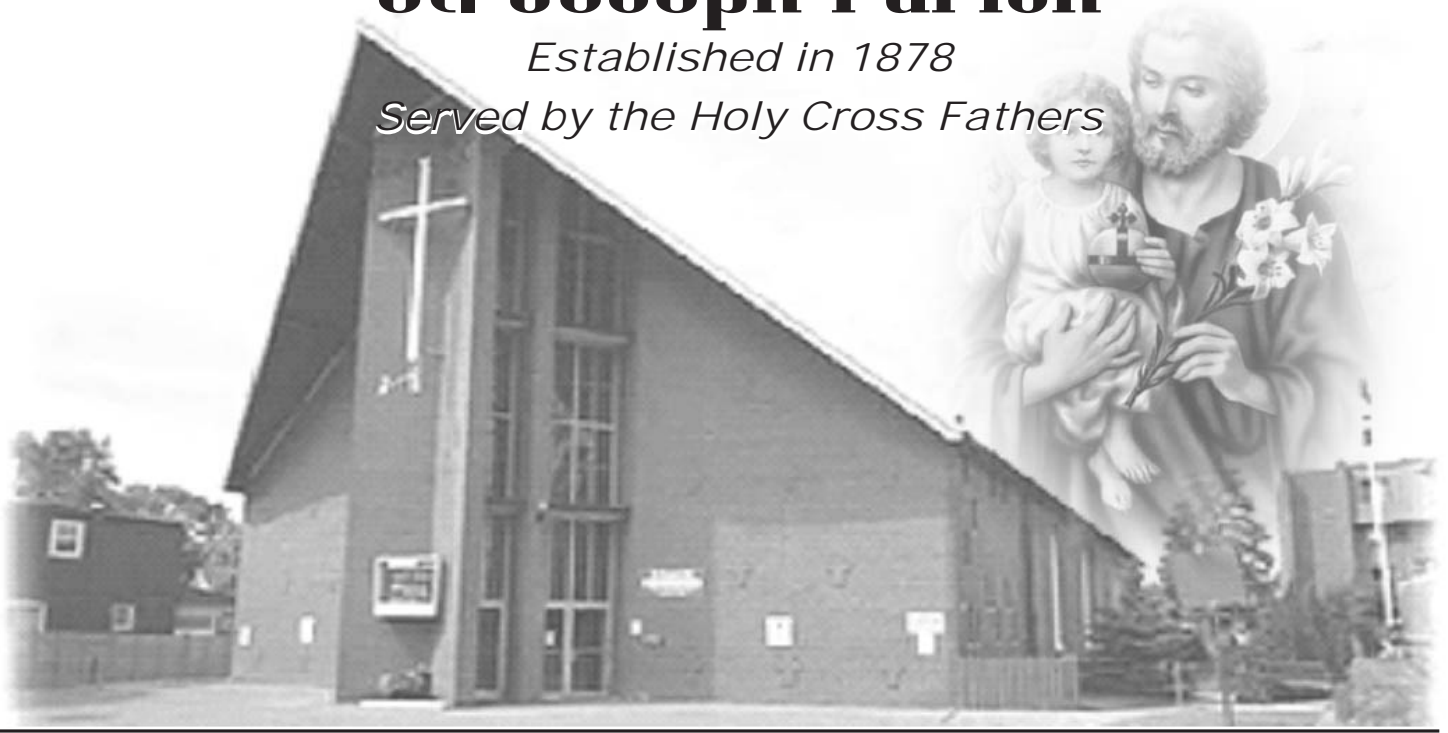


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**Music Ministry:** Megan Montifar & Eric Fahn

## PARISH MINISTRIES

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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:

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# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE : NOVEMBER 26, 2023



*From the Pastor's desk:*

## **JESUS IS THE KING**



"Are you the King" – Pilate's question resounds aloud as we celebrate the feast of Christ the King this weekend. In the presence of Pilate, Jesus looks anything but a king. He is chained, flogged, and crowned with thorns. They bow to him in mockery calling Him, 'the king of the Jews', without their knowing, in a typical Johannine irony, they speak eternal truth. Is Jesus really the king of our life? Our fidelity and allegiance to Him will answer the question for us.

In the Lord's prayer, we pray to God, "Thy kingdom come", asking Him to establish His reign over us. A kingdom is fully established only if the subjects obey the will of its king. God sent His son to this world as our Lord and King. When we accept the Son's will and respect Him, then God's reign starts in our lives. Jesus promises that the kingdom of God is among us, provided we are ready to do God's holy will.

To become the subjects of God's kingdom, we need to follow the commands of Jesus. There is basically one commandment that He wants us to follow – "love one another as God loves us". This one commandment is the passport to God's kingdom. To understand the depth of this commandment, we need to look at our King and learn from Him.

In this world Jesus' throne was the cross – a punishment for capital offences and therefore a sign of shame. His life was an utter failure for those who seek authority, power and prestige. The cross and a failed life for Jesus is a perfect symbol of God's love to humanity – "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

As an exhibition of this earthly power, Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor for Judea, introduces a bruised and humiliated Jesus to the crowd saying, 'Ecce Homo', which means, "Here is the Man (human being)". Again, we see the artistry of Johannine irony which brings out the beauty of the deepest of reality. In its most vulnerable situation 'a man' understands perfectly the true nature of humanness with all its limitations and such a man totally recognizes the value of God's kingdom.

Unless we walk along with our Lord and try to live in the spirit of the Gospel – doing God's will in every walk of our lives – we are not yet in the kingdom of God.

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



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**Contact: 416 466 7815 or 416 518 0276**

### **The Week Ahead :**

Nov 30: Memorial: St. Andrew, Apostle

Dec 04: Memorial: St. John Damascene,  
Priest & Doctor of the Church

Dec 06: Memorial: St. Nicholas, Bishop

Dec 07: Memorial: St. Ambrose, Bishop &  
Doctor of the Church

Dec 08: Memorial: Immaculate Conception of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

Dec 09: Memorial: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin



## **ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO**

**Online event: On the Eve of Advent:**

**The Mother of God in Art, Theology and Music**

Saturday, December 02, 2023 05:00 AM - Saturday,  
December 02, 2023 01:00 PM

*ONLINE EVENT RECOMMENDED BY THE OFFICE FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN UNITY AND RELIGIOUS RELATIONS WITH JUDAISM:* The Centre for Marian Studies at St Mary's University in England is hosting a day-long conference that will bring scholars from various Christian traditions to explore the significance of the Blessed Virgin Mary in art, theology, and music. Some of the sessions of ecumenical interest include, "Cranmer's Contribution to Anglican Marian Liturgy and its Subsequent Development," "Joseph Ratzinger's Mariology and Contemporary Theology," and "Our Lady in Today's Church." As we enter Advent, join to honour Mary's place in the history of salvation and appreciate her role in bringing Christians of various ecclesial traditions together for evangelization and common witness today.

EMAIL: [catherine.obrien@stmarys.ac.uk](mailto:catherine.obrien@stmarys.ac.uk)

REGISTER: <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/events/2023/12/on-advent-eve>

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## POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION

For November 2023: For the Pope  
We pray for the Holy Father: as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY  
AT SUNDAY MASS

## CHILDRENS' LITURGY:

The Liturgy of the Word with Children during the Sunday 10:00 a.m. mass each week. This ministry is for school-aged children 4 years old and up. Special thanks to coordinators and volunteers who are returning to this important ministry for our children. Our trained leaders help the children to understand the readings of the day through prayers, discussions and activities.



## Bake Sale: December 17, 2023

after the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Christmas Balls sale starts on the First Sunday of Advent . The Ball is \$5.00 each.

**SACRAMENTS: First Holy Communion:** First Holy Communion & Reconciliation Sessions will be during the Childrens' Liturgy.

**Confirmation:** Rite of acceptance will be during the Sunday 10:00 am Mass on December 03, 2023. All the candidates for the Sacraments are requested to attend Sunday 10:00 a.m. mass to grow in Faith. Parish Children are requested to participate at the Christmas pageant on Christmas eve and vigil.



## ADVENT CONFESSION:

on December 20, 2023  
at 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.



## WEEKEND COLLECTION:

November 18-19, 2023: \$ 1,160.70

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# † MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 26

10:00 am : † Pedro Luciano

Req. Escolastica Medeiros

† John Oliveira

Req. Alda Oliveira

† Darrin Elliott

Req. Lourdes Elliott

Monday, November 27 : No Mass

Tuesday, November 28

9:00 am : † Romeo Labagnoy

Req. Delinda, Ying & Jun Dancel

Wednesday, November 29

7:00 pm : † Mary Kay Butler

Req. Audrey Weiss

Thursday, November 30

9:00 am : † Mary Kay Butler

Req. Audrey Weiss

Friday, December 01

7:00 pm † Mary Kay Butler

Req. Audrey Weiss

Saturday, December 02

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

† Nicanor De Los Santos

Req. Angie & Nick Blanco

Thanksgiving for the Gift of  
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Req. Virginia Sison

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