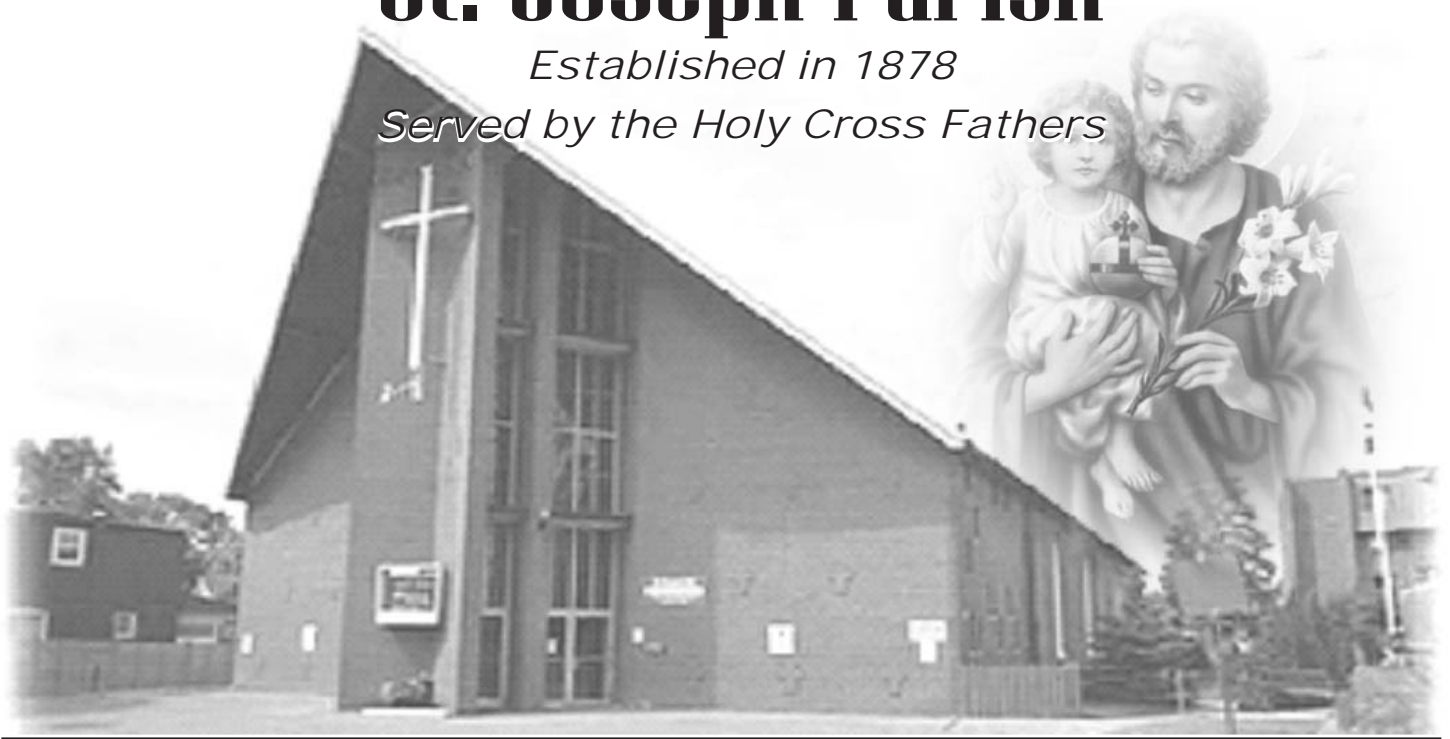


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**OFFICE HOURS:**  
**Monday to Friday:** 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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

## PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Servers  
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Girl Guides

*If you feel called to  
serve the church  
through any of these  
ministries, please call  
the parish office.*

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:**  
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**St. Joseph Catholic School:**  
**Principal:** Eoghan Morishita-Miki  
**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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# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT : DECEMBER 03, 2023



## The First Week of Advent-The Candle of Hope

The first week of Advent and the first Sunday of Advent mark the beginning of the Advent season in the Christian liturgical calendar. Advent is a period of preparation and anticipation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Day. Each of the four weeks of Advent has a specific theme, and the first week typically centers around the theme of "Hope" or "Expectation."

On the first Sunday of Advent, Christians light the first candle on the Advent wreath, which is often purple in color. This candle is called the "Hope" or "Prophet's Candle," symbolizing the anticipation of the coming Messiah and the hope that He brings to the world. The Scripture readings and prayers during this week often focus on the prophecies in the Old Testament about the promised Savior and the expectation of His arrival.

Like the prophets in the Old Testament, we hope for a Messiah to save us from the sin in the world (Isaiah 9:6-7). We anticipate our Savior's arrival. Also known as the "prophecy candle," this candle assures us we can have hope that God will fulfill the prophecies declared in the Old Testament about Jesus. Hope doesn't disappoint us (Romans 5:5).

In this day and age, where evil abounds and all seems lost, we can also hope that the prophecies about Jesus' second arrival to earth will also be fulfilled. The somber purple color on the candle represents repentance and fasting as we anticipate the Lord's coming. Christians can often confuse the word hope for wishful thinking. If we hope something will happen, we have no control over whether or not it will take place. But the biblical sense of hope is very different. Hope, in the Bible, exists as a secure assurance, a trust placed in a trustworthy God. God has not failed us in the past, and therefore, if he claims he will do something in the future, we can have a hope that he will fulfill that claim. Hope waits and endures. It isn't flimsy or merely wishful thinking. It can withstand fire, trials, and despair.

**Wishing you A Blessed Advent:**

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



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### The Week Ahead :

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 Cuauhtlatotzin



## ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

### Coping with Grief at Christmastime

**Wednesday, December 06, 2023 7:00 pm to 8:00pm: Virtual via Zoom**

For many among us who bear the weight of silent struggles, Christmastime can be a difficult period marked by quiet grief, lingering sadness and a profound sense of loneliness. We want you to know that you are not alone.

Join us on Wednesday, December 6 at 7 p.m. for our Share-Life Speaker Series event "Coping with Grief during Christmastime" with Amanda Wendelgass of CFS Counselling + Wellbeing. This is more than just a virtual gathering – it will be a shared space where we'll explore practical coping skills, extending a hand of support to make Christmastime a bit more manageable for those who need compassion most.

REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/coping-with-grief-at-christmastime>

CONTACT: Jennifer Lazo, EMAIL: [jlazo@archtoronto.org](mailto:jlazo@archtoronto.org)

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### Spirit & Life Series:

**Journeying with the Petitions of the Lord's Prayer:**

*An Advent Reflection on Dec-09-2023 9:00 AM to 4:00*

*At St. Augustine's Seminary, 2661 Kingston Road.*

REGISTRATION: <https://staugustines.on.ca/events-listing/st-augustines-spirit-life-series-advent-retreat>

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## POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION

For December 2023:

### For Persons with Disabilities:

We pray that people living with disabilities maybe at the center of attention in society , and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

**CHILDRENS' LITURGY:** The Liturgy of the Word with Children during the Sunday 10:00 a.m. mass each week. This ministry is for school-children 4 years old and up. Special thanks to coordinators and volunteers who are dedicated 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.



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AT SUNDAY MASS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS!

**Bake Sale: December 17, 2023**  
after the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass  
at St. Joseph Parish Hall.

*"Christmas Balls" sale starts on the First Sunday of Advent . It costs \$5.00 each with a raffle ticket. Raffle Draw : December 17, 2023.*

**SACRAMENTS: First Holy Communion & Reconciliation** Sessions will be during the Childrens' Liturgy on every Sunday during the 10.00am Mass.

**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.



**Parish Advent Confessions:**  
on December 20, 2023  
at 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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### WEEKEND COLLECTION:

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# † MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, December 03**

**10:00 am : Thanksgiving for the Gift of  
Life to Rose Elliott**

Req. Lourdes Elliott

**Monday, December 04 : No Mass**

**Tuesday, December 05**

**9:00 am : Thanksgiving for the Gift of  
Life to Josefina De Los Santos**

Req. Angie & Nick Blanco

**Wednesday, December 06**

**7:00 pm : Thanksgiving for the Gift Life**

Req. Toni Muisse

**Thursday, December 07**

**9:00 am : † Domenic Leone**

Req. Frank Fernandes

**Friday, December 08**

**7:00 pm Birthday Intentions to Toni  
Muisse on her 100th years.**

Req. Eileen Docet

**Saturday, December 09**

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



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