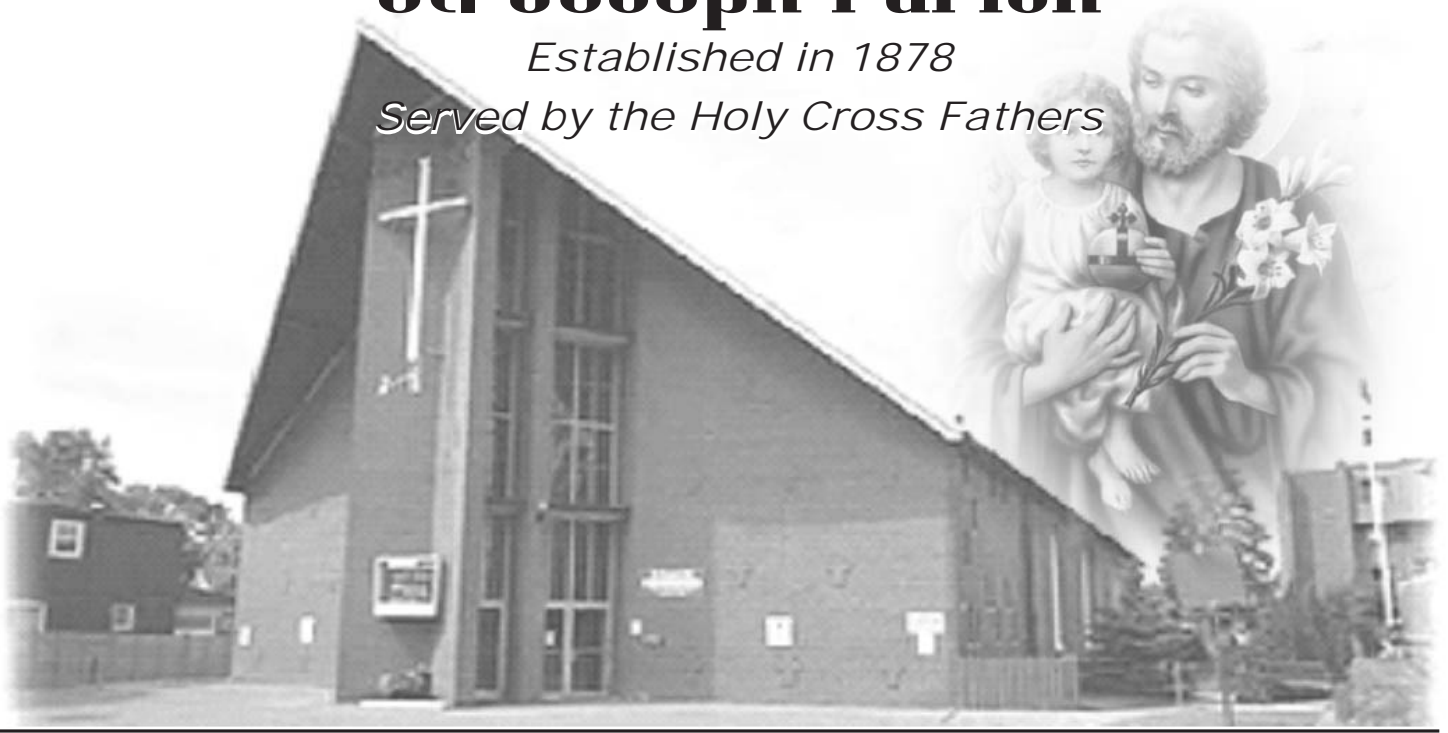


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*If you feel called to
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MASS TIMES:

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.

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT : DECEMBER 10, 2023



Second Sunday of Advent: The Candle of Peace

The peace of God allows us to look at others through heaven's eyes and help guide the world to see God's here and not-yet here kingdom. Peace from God, biblical peace, allows us to trust in God's promises (Proverbs 3:5), through restful, tranquil faith, despite the dark, scary world around us.

One of the hallmarks of the Christmas story is when the angels appear to the shepherds and proclaim, "Peace on earth," in Luke 2:14. Jesus brought about peace, in the most unexpected ways, when he arrived. The Jews, particularly the zealots, wanted a rebellion. They wanted their Savior to overturn the oppressive rule of the Romans and bring about peace in a violent way. But Jesus had something else in mind. First, he gives us inner peace. Because of his work on the cross, we have a chance to receive salvation and be indwelt by the Holy Spirit. This grants us an inner peace (John 14:27). Not only do we have the peace that comes from our assurance of salvation, but we also have the peace of mind knowing God will heal this broken world and will come again.

Second, we have peace with others. We put aside our differences (Galatians 3:28), especially with other believers, because we belong to the same family. We have the same purpose: to let others know about the peace of Christ.

The Hebrew word for peace: Shalom, goes far beyond not fighting with others or peace as we know it. Shalom is, in essence, how things are meant to be: a slice of heaven. The peace of God allows us to look at others through heaven's eyes and help guide the world to see God's here and not-yet here kingdom.

And so, as we reflect on God's peace this Advent season, may we be reminded of our role: to actively make peace as we await the fullness of God's shalom through the second Advent of Jesus Christ.

*Wishing you A Blessed Advent:
Fr. Roshan Loy D'Souza, CSC*



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Contact: 416 466 7815 or 416 518 0276

The Week Ahead :

Dec 11: Memorial: St. Damasus, Pope

Dec 12: Memorial: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dec 13: Memorial: St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

Dec 14: Memorial: St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church



ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

A Mother's Advent (Children welcome)

Saturday, December 16, 2023 10:00 AM - to—01:00 PM

Join St. Teresa's Catholic Moms Group as they host a Mother's Advent - an event for both moms and their children (under 10 years old). The event will involve an inspiring Advent themed talk entitled A Mother's Advent — given by Elizabeth Tan. It will also include crafts, a pizza lunch and a cookie exchange. Since we have to know how much pizza to buy and plan on craft supplies, we are asking moms to GET YOUR TICKETS by Saturday, December 9, 2023 at Midnight.

REGISTER: <https://cmgadvent2023.eventbrite.ca/>

Give ear to my words, O LORD; give heed to my sighing:

Friday, January 12, 2024 07:00 PM - Sunday, January 14, 2024 01:30 PM. Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre Pickering.

Men Ignatian Silent Retreat - facilitated by Fr. Jim Kelly, SJ. — "Give ear to my words, O LORD; give heed to my sighing." Praying with the Psalms. This silent weekend retreat begins on Friday evening and runs to Sunday with lunch. The suggested offering is \$250 per person which includes 2 night's accommodation with meals, spiritual direction and retreat program. **REGISTER: Email registration@manresa.ca or visit <https://manresa-canada.ca>**

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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.



CHILDRENS' LITURGY
AT SUNDAY MASS



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: 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.



WEEKEND COLLECTION:

December 2-3, 2023: \$ 999.10

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† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 10

10:00 am : † Honorato & Alexandrina Pavao

Req. Emmanuel Medeiros

† Darrin Elliott

Req. Lourdes Elliott

† Erlindo Tabaniag

Req. Antonia Tabaniag

Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life

Req. Toni Muise

Monday, December 11 : No Mass

Tuesday, December 12

9:00 am : † Romana & Julian Naron

Req. Luz Naron

Wednesday, December 13

7:00 pm : † For the Unborn

Req. Toni Muise & Marilyn Roberts

Thursday, December 14

**9:00 am : Thanksgiving for the Gift of
Life to Arsenia Ausenia**

Req. Montifar Family

Friday, December 15

7:00 pm † Genara Benito

Req. Angie & Nick Blanco

Saturday, December 16

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

**Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life to
Elvie Milaya**

Req. Montifar Family

**Birthday Blessing s to Joe & Fatima
Arruda**

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