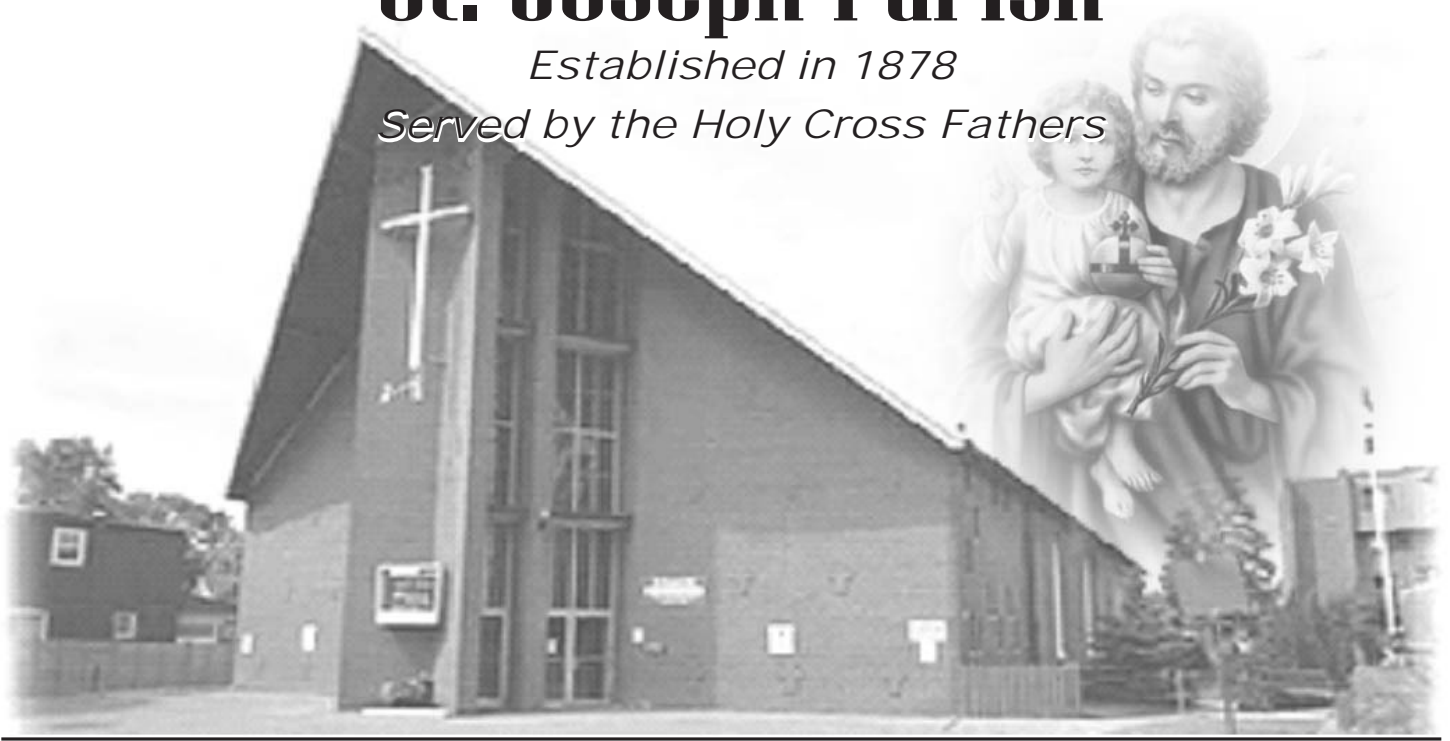


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OFFICE HOURS:
Monday to Friday: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Music Ministry: Megan Montifar & Eric Fahn

PARISH MINISTRIES

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*If you feel called to
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St. Vincent de Paul Society:
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Principal: Eoghan Morishita-Miki
Phone: 416-393-5209

MASS TIMES:

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| 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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : JANUARY 28, 2024



From the Pastors' Desk:



Seeking True Satisfaction

Jesus saw Matthew, a tax collector, sitting at his custom post collecting taxes. Jesus walked up to him and said two simple words: "Follow me." What did Matthew do? He got up and followed Jesus and invited Him to his home for a meal. When the Pharisees saw this, they acted with judgment and cruelty. They said, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" Their reaction and Jesus' subsequent response to them says much about the goodness of our Lord.

When Jesus said that He "did not come to call the righteous but sinners," He was not speaking of the truly righteous. For example, the most righteous person alive at that time, other than Jesus, was His dear mother. And we can be certain that not only did Jesus call her but that she always responded with her whole heart. However, Jesus was speaking of those who were "self-righteous." A self-righteous person is one who thinks highly of himself, ignoring the truth of God but choosing, instead, to elevate their own image in their own eyes and in the eyes of others. Simply put, to be self-righteous is to believe a lie and, in fact, to believe the worst of lies. It's the worst of lies because this sin has the effect of causing a person to remain obstinate and stuck in their sin. The self-righteous person does not see any need for repentance or change in their life. Therefore, they are not open to the Word of God and to allowing that Word to transform them.

What's amazing is that Jesus approached Matthew, the sinner and tax collector, and confidently called him to be a follower. Most likely, Jesus could see into his heart. He knew Matthew was not happy with his life and was searching for more. Therefore, as soon as Jesus called him to follow Him, it is clear that something took place within Matthew's soul. The fact that he got up and followed our Lord shows that the spiritual draw to Jesus was far more powerful than his desire for earthly wealth.

This same truth applies to each and every one of us. No matter what we find ourselves drawn to and no matter how we seek satisfaction in life, the supernatural truth is that there is only one thing that will satisfy. We could have all the money in the world, all earthly power and prestige, and still, in the depths of our souls, we will not find peace until we turn to Jesus and follow Him. Some people learn this truth early in life, some later in life, and some never discover it at all. *God Bless: 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. Contact: 416 466 7815 or 416 518 0276

The Week Ahead :

- Jan 31: Memorial: St. John Bosco, Priest
- Feb 02: Memorial: Presentation of the Lord
World Day For Consecrated Life
- Feb 03: Memorial: St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr
St. Ansgar, Bishop
- Feb 05 Memorial: St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
- Feb 06: Memorial: St. Paul Miki & Companion, Martyrs
- Feb 07: memorial : St. Jerome Emiliani
St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin



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Celebration of Marriage Mass with Archbishop Francis Leo

Sunday, February 11, 2024
3:00 PM at St. Michael's Cathedral
Basilica (65 Bond Street)

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversaries in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. **Registration:**

www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

CONTACT: formation@archtoronto.org | 416-934-3400 ext. 523

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POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION

For January 2024:

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church:

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions & rituals in the Catholic Church.

CHILDRENS' LITURGY: The Liturgy of the Word with Children during the Sunday 10:00 am 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.



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY
AT SUNDAY MASS**



Confirmation Input Sessions: All the candidates are requested to attend Sunday 10:00 am Mass.

All the sessions will be shortly after the Sunday 10:00 am Mass. Next session is on January 28, February 4, 11, 25, March 03 & April 7, 2024.

First Holy Communion & Reconciliation Sessions.

During the Childrens' Liturgy at every Sunday 10:00 am Mass.



St. Joseph Church

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On February 11, 2024

After the Sunday 10.00 am Mass

At St. Joseph Parish Hall. Ticket \$ 10.00



WEEKEND COLLECTION:

January 20-21, 2024: \$ 932.85

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† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 28:

10:00 am : **Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life - Ying Dancel**

Req. Delinda & Jun Dancel

† **Methat Michael**

Req. Family

Monday, January 29: NO MASS

Tuesday, January 30

9:00 am : **Thanksgiving Intentions**

Req. Jovy Toledo & Family

Wednesday, January 31

7:00 pm : **Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life & Family Intentions**

Req. Jean Mathew Bernal

Thursday, February 01

9:00 am :

Req.

Friday, February 02

7:00 pm

Req.

Saturday, February 03

5:00 pm : **For the Intentions of**

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