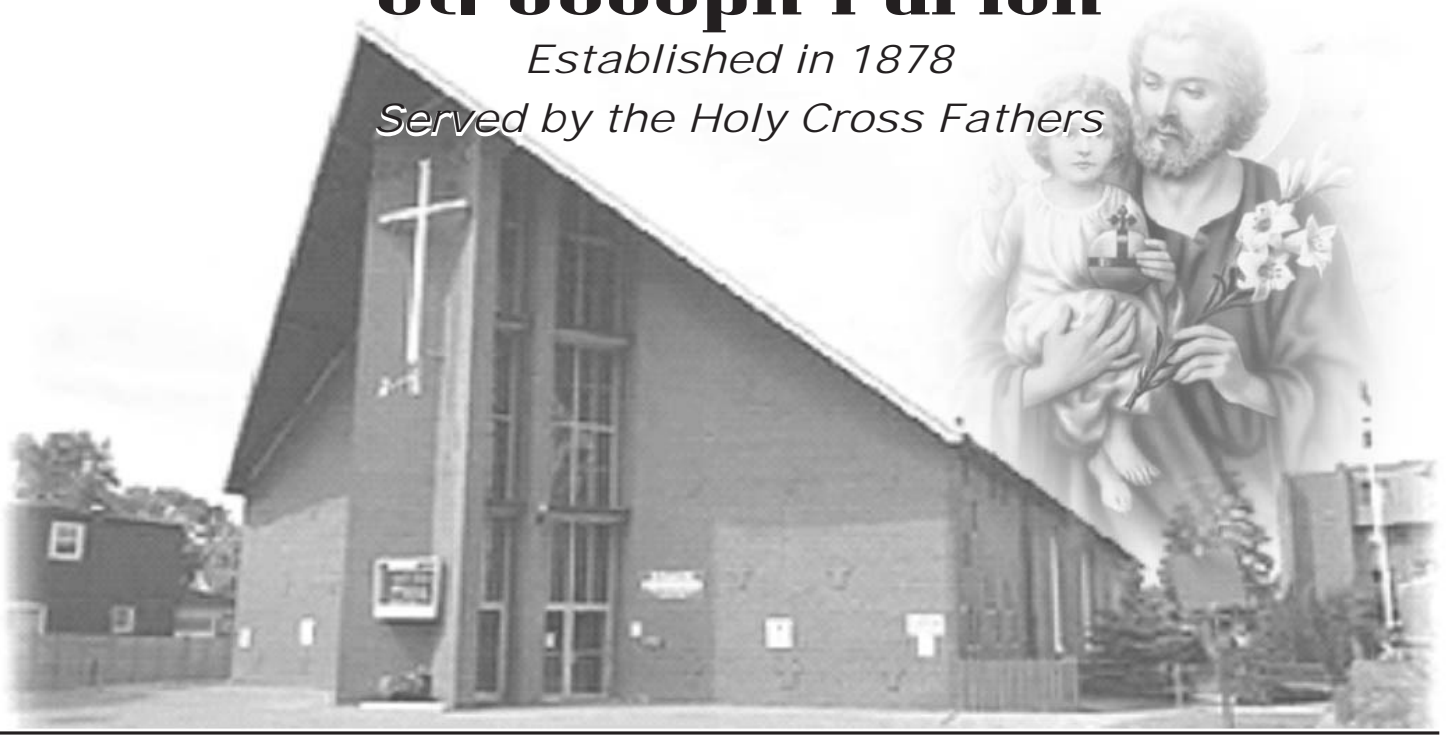


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MASS TIMES:

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 LENT : FEBRUARY 25, 2024



From the Pastors' Desk: **Ways to Grow During Lent**

Many people are puzzled when they first hear someone say they are giving up something for Lent. It raises questions. Why? Should I? Lent can be like fresh compost to your faith, regardless of your faith roots or lack of spiritual legacy. Lent can help you grow in faith as you learn what you have gained and who you truly are. Dig into this old tradition for new ideas for growth.

We observe anniversaries to remind us of commitments. Our love relationship with Jesus also requires focused attention. Lent is the period of the year when Jesus' trial, Crucifixion and Resurrection occurred. Lent reminds us of those events and draws us closer to Jesus in several ways. Observing Lent:

Creates Awareness: Lent provides a structure for us to slow down and pay attention. This awareness produces other benefits.

Heightens Our Gratitude and Appreciation: We reflect on the horrendous suffering Jesus endured for us. The movie *The Passion of the Christ* brutally portrays the Crucifixion scenes, yet no visual or written account begins to capture the actual brutality and malice by humans and demonic powers experienced by Jesus on physical, emotional and spiritual levels. We are grateful Jesus took our place.

Increases Our Humility and Love: As we realize the price Jesus paid, we can only respond in love toward Him. As we come to accept that our actions and sins led to Jesus taking our place, we can only be humbled by his sacrifice.

Identifies Priorities: Lent allows us to slow down and focus on the important. Where do we stand with God? Do I love God with all my heart? Where do those I love stand with God? How do I act as God's ambassador to my children, spouse, parents, siblings, friends, coworkers or neighbors? Lent gives us time to ask what is important and time to pursue it.

Breaks Control: Ancient practices of prayer, fasting and penitence reveal what controls us. We give the Holy Spirit quiet moments to teach and confront us. These times of reflection help us learn if guilt, approval from others, physical appetites, love of money, power, fear or abuse controls us. We can surrender to the Holy Spirit's leadership, break what controls us and gain a right balance in all areas of our lives. We learn to trust God through the insights gained during Lent.

Have A Blessed Lent: Fr. Roshan Loy D'Souza, CSC



REMEMBERING ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH,

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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 :

Feb 27: Memorial: St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

Mar 01: Memorial: World Day of Prayer

Mar 04: Memorial: St. Casimir

Mar 07: Memorial: Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

Mar 08: Memorial: St. John of God, Religious

Mar 09: Memorial: St. Frances of Rome, Religious



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POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION

For February 2024:

For the Terminally Ill:

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

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.



**CHILDRENS' 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 February 25, March 03 & April 7, 2024.

First Holy Communion & Reconciliation Sessions.
During the Childrens' Liturgy at every Sunday 10:00 am Mass.



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† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 25:

10:00 am : **Adrian, Veronica & Stephanie
Birthdays & Family Intentions**

Req. Maria Carmo Oliveira

Monday, February 26: NO MASS

Tuesday, February 27:

9:00 am : **Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life**

Req. Gabriel Bernal

Wednesday, February 28:

7:00 pm : **† Cecilia Villanueva**

Req. Dulce & Ernesto Musngi

Thursday, February 29:

9:00 am :

Req.

Friday, March 01:

7:00 pm

Req.

Saturday, March 02:

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



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