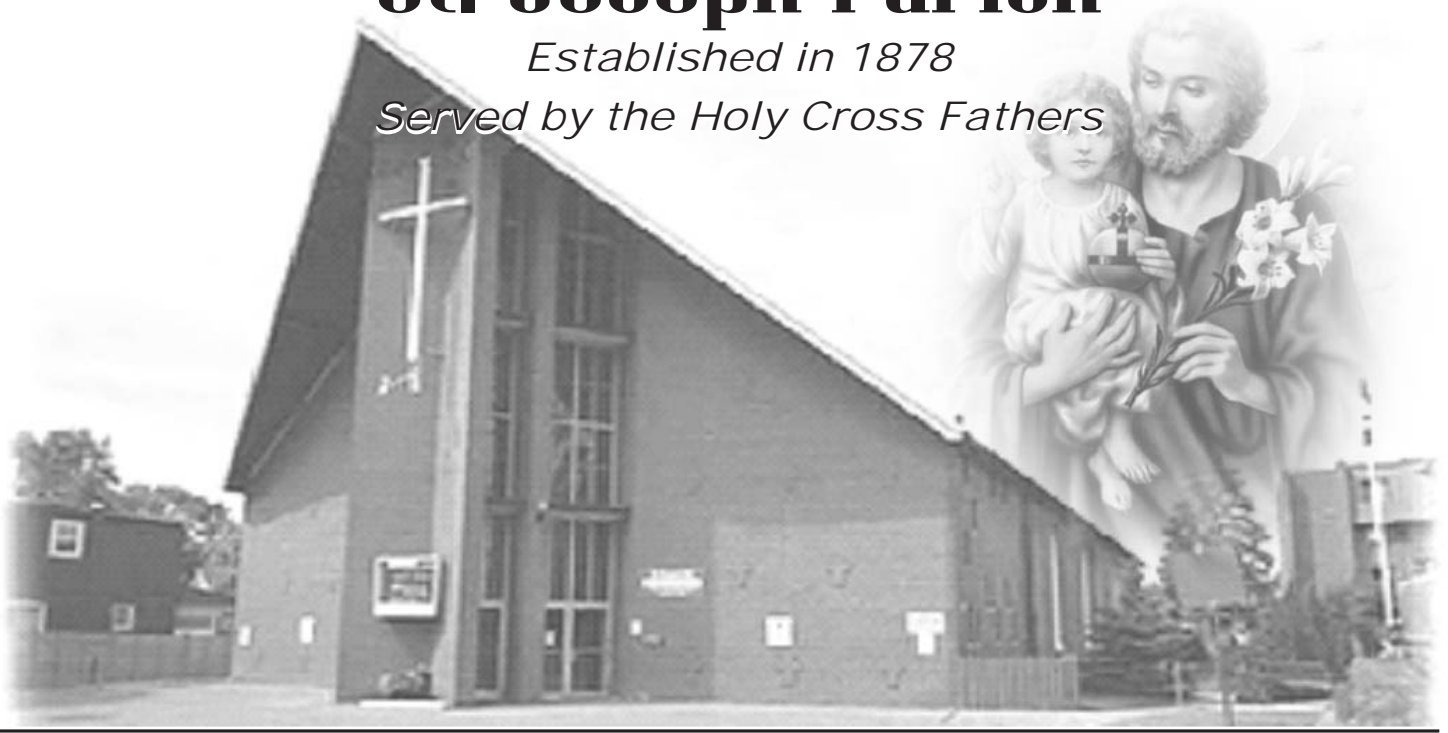


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Monday to Friday: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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
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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.

New members please register at the office.

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT : MARCH 03, 2024



From the Pastors' Desk **Forgiveness** **A Reflection of God's Love**

"Bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive." Colossians 3:13 In the pursuit of living a Christ-centered life, forgiveness plays a significant role.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to bear with one another and forgive each other, just as the Lord has forgiven us. In Colossians 3:13, the Apostle Paul emphasizes the importance of forgiveness in our relationships with others.

It is no secret that we live in a world marred by brokenness and imperfections. We encounter situations where we may feel wronged, betrayed, or hurt by those around us. The natural response may be resentment, bitterness, or a desire for revenge. However, as believers, we are called to a higher standard of love and forgiveness.

Christ's forgiveness is the ultimate example of divine love extended towards humanity. Despite our sins and failures, God chose to forgive us through the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ. This forgiveness is not conditional or limited; it is all-encompassing and freely given. Understanding the depth of God's forgiveness towards us should inspire and motivate us to extend the same grace to others.

Forgiveness is not easy. It requires us to let go of our pride, release our grievances, and choose to love instead of holding onto bitterness. It is a deliberate act of obedience, reflecting the character of Christ within us. When we forgive, we acknowledge that we are all flawed and in need of God's mercy. By forgiving others, we break the chains of resentment and allow God's healing and restoration to flow into our lives. Unforgiveness erects barriers that hinder our spiritual growth, rob us of peace, and strain our relationships. Yet, forgiveness opens the doors to reconciliation, freedom, and a deeper connection with God and others.

We must remember that forgiveness is not excusing the wrong or forgetting the pain. Instead, it is a conscious choice to extend grace, as God has shown us grace. It may require us to seek God's strength and guidance, especially when forgiveness seems impossible in our own strength. Through prayer and surrender, we can rely on the Holy Spirit to empower us to forgive and love unconditionally.

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 :

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

Mar 18: Memorial: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Mar 19 : Memorial: St. Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary



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Lenten Retreat:

Saturday, March 09, 2024 08:30am to 03:00pm

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre , 1617 Blythe Rd

Queen of Apostles Lenten Day Retreat

Saturday March 9, 2024

Cost: \$45.00 (includes lunch)

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

CONTACT: Jean 905-278-5524

EMAIL: office@qoa.ca to register or for more information

Fasting and Deliverance Retreat

Saturday, March 09, 2024 09:00 AM to 06:00 PM

The Fasting and Deliverance Retreat will be led by Fr. Sam Samuel VC and the Divine team on March 9th and 10th from 9 a.m. to 6 pm (Both days are mandatory). The Retreat will consist of Holy Mass, Praise and Worship, Confession, Spiritual talks and Eucharistic Adoration. Please note this is a fasting retreat, however do to any reason if you require a meal, you may bring your own meal and use our dining facilities during the break. **Prior registration is required with a fee of \$20 (plus service fees) and registration can be done through our website divineretreatcentretoronto.org.**

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT : MARCH 03, 2024



POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION

For March 2024:

For the New Martyrs:

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage & missionary enthusiasm.

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.



CHILDRENS' LITURGY
AT SUNDAY MASS

Our trained leaders help the children to understand the readings of the day through prayers, discussions and activities.



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 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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DURING THE SEASON OF LENT

AT 6:30 PM

AND MASS AT 7:00 PM



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† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 03:

10:00 am : **Liberal, Elizabeth & Sammy**
Birthdays & Family Intentions

Req. Maria Carmo Oliveira

Birthday Blessings to Surem Garcia

Req. Perla Ramirez

Monday, March 04: NO MASS

Tuesday, March 05:

9:00 am : † **Constancia Calero**

Req. Nick & Angie Blanco

Wednesday, March 06:

7:00 pm : † **Leonora Paez**

Req. Nick & Angie Blanco

Thursday, March 07:

9:00 am : Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life to
Audrey Weiss

Req. Nicole Plach

Friday, March 08:

7:00 pm

Req.

Saturday, March 09:

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

St. Joseph Parish Community



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