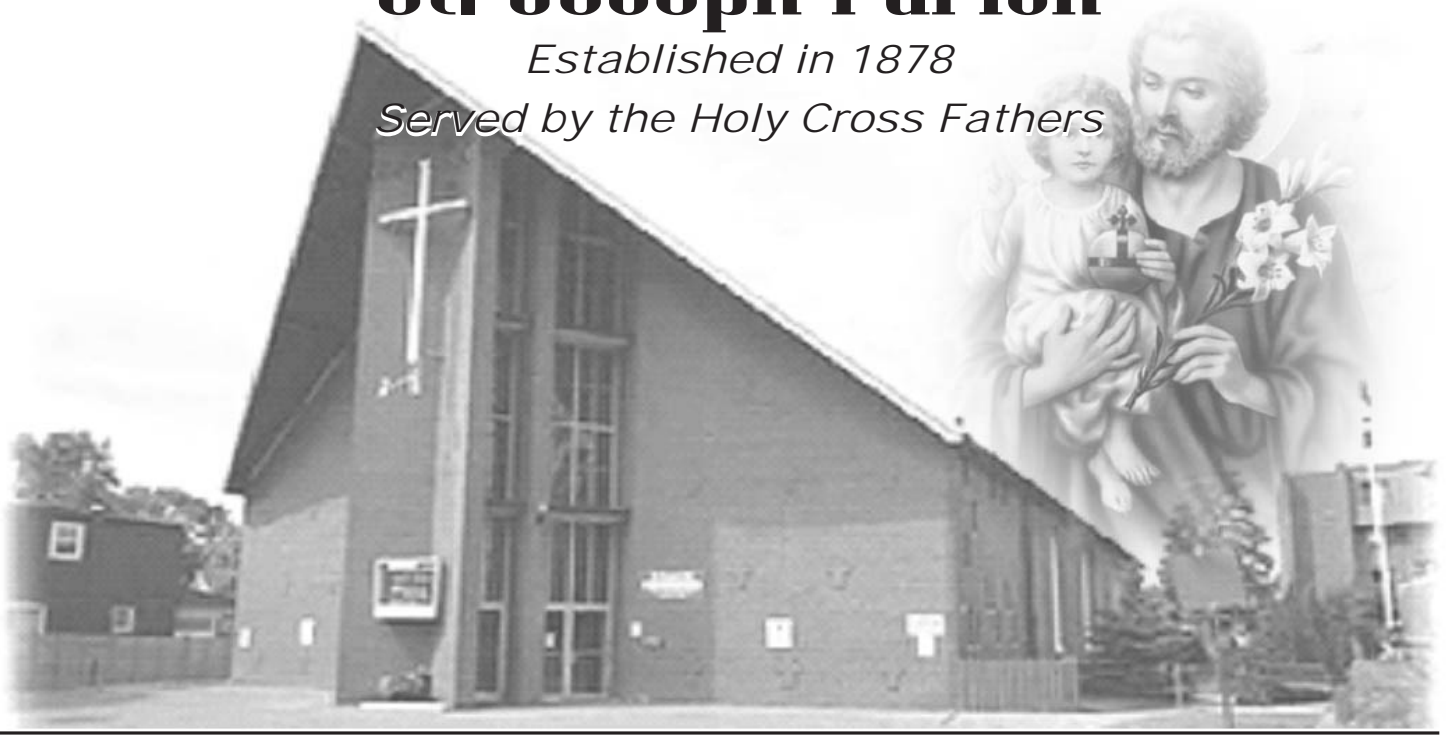


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“Moved by the Good News of Jesus Christ... We *Journey with St. Joseph*”

Pastor: Fr. Roshan Loy D’Souza, CSC
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Custodian: Allan Cobham

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

Music Ministry: Megan Montifar & Eric Fahn

PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Servers
Children’s Liturgy
Collection Counters
Communion to the Sick
Lectors & Eucharistic
Ministries
Legion of Mary
Social Action Committee
Parish Council

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Girl Guides

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society:
The Knights of Columbus: 647-885-7299

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.

Hall Rental: Please contact the parish office at 416-466-7815.

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD : FEBRUARY 02, 2025



The Joy of Giving

Giving and Faith: The Source of Joy: "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over . . . for with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." *Luke 6:38*

You may have considered that giving not only helps others but can also improve your own well-being. The act of giving is fundamental to the Christian experience. Existence itself is the outflow of God's benevolent giving. The Bible describes God as the Creator, the giver of all life, who graciously created humanity and our natural environment. Moreover, God has given humanity the gift of redemption in His Son, Jesus Christ. Through this great gift, humanity is reconciled to a condition of eternal peace with God. In both cases, the end result of giving is the same: joy.

It is no surprise then, that Christians are generally supportive of and participate in charitable giving. Recent empirical research has shown that Christians are among the most charitable givers in the world. In a study conducted by the Barna Group, it was found that Christians in the United States donate an average of 5% of their income to charitable causes. Additionally, the study found that Christians are more likely to volunteer their time and resources to charitable organizations than non-Christians. The importance of giving cannot be overstated. It creates a sense of community, builds trust, and strengthens relationships. It also helps to address social problems such as poverty, hunger, and homelessness. Giving is a way to show compassion and empathy for others and to make a positive impact on the world.

The Benefits of Giving: Giving has many benefits for both the giver and the receiver, including increased happiness, reduced stress, improved physical health, and stronger social connections. Giving, whether it be through donating money, volunteering time, or simply helping others in small ways, can boost our mood and improve our outlook on life. Research published in the *Journal of Positive Psychology* found that people who spent money on others experienced greater happiness and satisfaction. One of the lesser-known benefits of charitable giving is its ability to reduce stress and anxiety. When individuals give to charitable causes, they experience a sense of purpose and fulfillment that can have a positive impact on their mental health. Charitable giving can help individuals put their own problems and concerns into perspective. By focusing on the needs of others and contributing to causes they care about, individuals can shift their attention away from their own worries and stressors.

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 / 416 518 0276.**

The Week Ahead :

Feb 02: Presentation of the Lord;

World Day for consecrated Life

Feb 03: St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

Feb 05: St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

Feb 06: St. Paul Miki & companions, Martyrs

Feb 08: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

Feb 09: world Marriage Sunday



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Jubilee Year Regional Masses

All Parishioners are invited to celebrate the Opening Jubilee Year Masses in the Central Region of the Archdiocese of Toronto. All Masses begins at 7:00 pm. Confessions will take place from 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm. No Need to register. Please join us! They include:

Wednesday February 12, 2025

* St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power St., Toronto, ON

Officiated by: Bishop Kasun

Thursday February 20, 2025

* St. Mary's Church, 588 Adelaide St., Toronto, ON

Officiated by: Bishop Kasun

Tuesday February 25, 2025

* St. Edward the Confessor Church

Officiated by: Cardinal Francis Leo

**JUBILEE YEAR
OF HOPE 2025**



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD : FEBRUARY 02, 2025



POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION

For February 2025: For Vocations to the priesthood & religious life:

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires & doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood & religious life.



Be an ALTAR Server: St. Joseph's Church provides young Catholics in grades 4 through 12 (ages 10 and up) with the opportunity to grow stronger in their faith and become more active in the celebration of the Mass by altar serving. There will be training for both new and returning altar servers and is required prior to being scheduled for Sunday Masses.



Children's Liturgy:

During every Sunday 10:00 am. Helping our children grow in faith.



First Holy Communion & Reconciliation Sessions:

Every Sunday at 10:00 am. For us as Catholics, there is nothing greater than to receive Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist at Mass.



Sacrament of Confirmation:

In Confirmation the Christian becomes more closely united with Christ. With the strengthening of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit the Christian is able to accept new responsibilities for witnessing Jesus to the world. **Sessions for the candidates: February 02, 09, 16 & 26, April 06, 13 & 20. All the candidates are requested to be present for these sessions and the following.**

Marriage Sunday 2025 - Celebration of Marriage: Mass with Bishop Ivan Camilleri: Marriage Sunday in 2025 will be held on the weekend of Feb. 8/9, 2025



WEEKEND COLLECTION:

January 25-26: \$ 792.35

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Thanks to all our volunteers for their commitment and to our benefactors for the continued support.

Kindly contribute through Pre - Authorized Giving. Forms are available in the foyer.

A Big thanks to Knights of Columbus, Council 9079.



† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 02:

10:00 am : † **Andres Salamat**

Req. Andrea & Salvador Cornista

Monday, February 03: NO MASS

Tuesday, February 04:

9:00 am : † **Joe Arruda**

Req. Fatima Arruda

† **Rosalia Messina**

Req. Tania Arruda & Family

Wednesday, February 05:

7:00 pm : **Thanksgiving Intentions**

Req. Toni Muise

Thursday, February 06:

9:00 am : **Special Intentions**

Req. Toni Muise

Friday, February 07:

7:00 pm: † **Ida Marchese**

Req. Ron & Marilyn Roberts

Saturday, February 08:

5:00 pm : **St. Joseph Parish Community**

Legion of Mary's Corner



What is the Legion of Mary?

The Legion of Mary is a world-wide organization of the lay apostolate, in which the Catholic men, women and youth sanctify themselves through prayer and apostolic work in union with Our Lady under the guidance of a priest.

Our Spiritual Director is Fr. Roshan.

The Legion of Mary meets every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. at the back of the church.

We welcome new members and visitors!

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