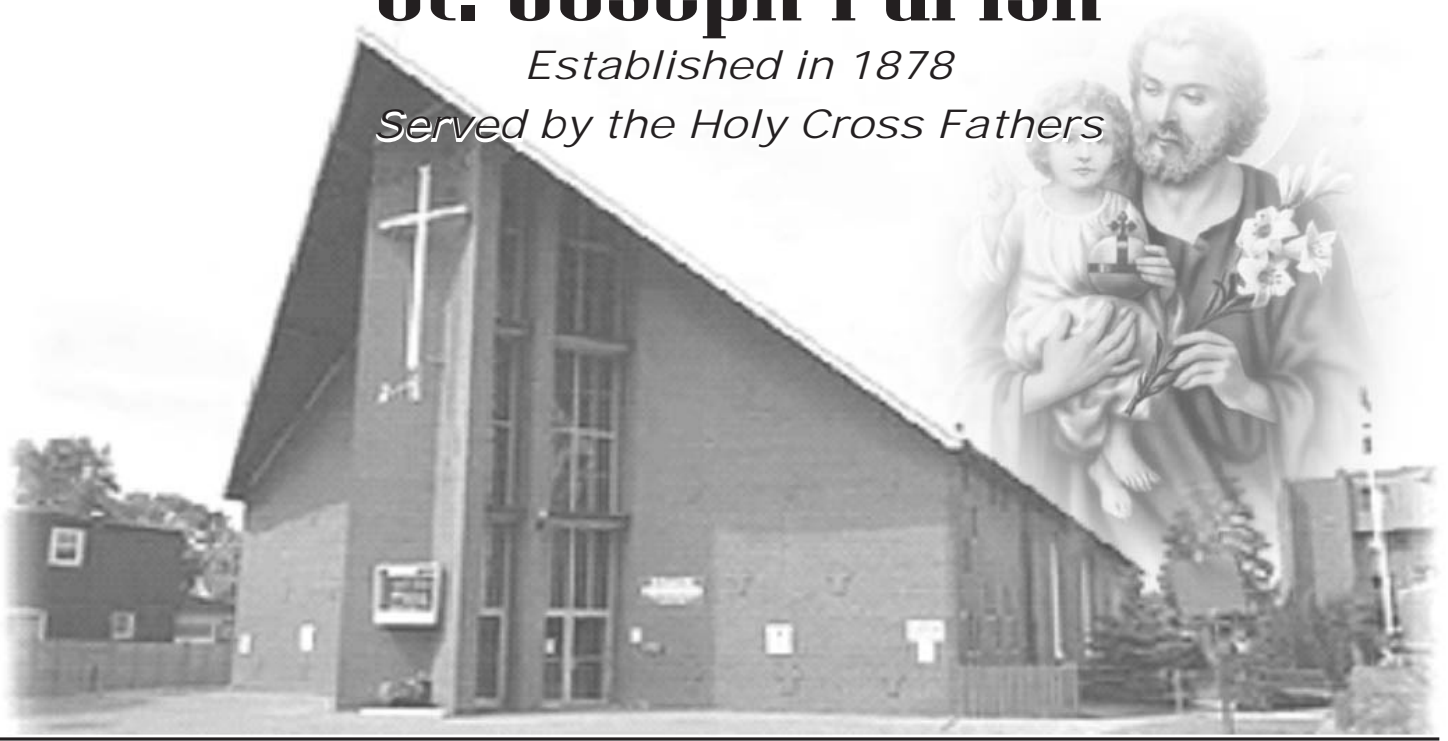


# St. Joseph Parish

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## UNITY IN DIVERSITY

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

**Pastor:** Fr. Roshan Loy D’Souza, CSC  
**Secretary/Bookkeeper:** Nerie Bernal  
**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

Finance Council  
Girl Guides

*If you feel called to  
serve the church  
through any of these  
ministries, please call  
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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**EYES OF FAITH**

*I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling...and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe (Ephesians 1: 18-19).*

There’s an important principle here, for in order for faith to rise in your life, you need to have the eyes of your heart enlightened to God’s calling and “the surpassing greatness of His power.” When you see things through the eyes of faith, God always is bigger than your problems. Fear, anxiety, and hopelessness melt away in the light of His glory.

The eyes of faith are moved only by God’s Spirit and His Word, not by what we see through our human eyes. This is shown in the story of the king of Aram sending “horses and chariots and a great army” to surround the city where the prophet Elisha was. (2 Kings 6:11-19).

Elisha’s servant was terrified by the spectacle of this mighty force, intent on taking Elisha captive. “Alas, my master!” he said in alarm. “What shall we do?” (v. 15).

Based on human understanding, it was a perfectly logical question. They were clearly outnumbered. Yet Elisha saw an entirely different picture — made possible by the eyes of faith. “Do not fear,” he told his servant, “for those who are with us are more than those who are with them” (v. 16).

Elisha and his servant were standing right next to each other, but they saw two different realities. Yet that was about to change: Then Elisha prayed and said, “O LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.” And the LORD opened the servant’s eyes and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha (v. 17). My friends, perhaps you feel like you’re surrounded by difficulties today. Maybe the enemy’s armies seem to have an overwhelming advantage over you. What’s the solution at such times? Just like Elisha’s servant, you simply must have your eyes opened to the all-surpassing greatness of God’s power available on your behalf.

While the world says, “Seeing is believing,” the Bible says just the opposite. We must make a choice to believe God’s Word and reject the lies of the enemy. Then, and only then, will our eyes of faith see what is going on in the spiritual realm. So don’t be blinded by your natural circumstances. Instead, ask God to open your spiritual eyes as He did for Elisha’s servant. When your spiritual eyes are opened, you will recognize that you’re not alone. God is with you, and He has a massive spiritual arsenal at your disposal. **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, Contact:

**St. Joseph Church: 416 466 7815 / 416 518 0276.**

**The Week Ahead :**

Feb 17: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order;  
Family Day; Presidents Day

Feb 21: St. Peter Damian, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Feb 22: The chair of St. Peter the Apostle

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

Mar 03: St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin

Mar 05: St. Casimir



**Archdiocese  
of Toronto**

**2025 Jubilee Year  
Pilgrims of Hope**



**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

# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : FEBRUARY 16, 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 at 10:00 am Mass:**

Children's Liturgy is designed to give children a better understanding of the Mass and the readings.

It provides a foundation for learning and participation that will remain with them throughout their lives.



**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 16 & 26, April 06, 13 & 20. All the candidates are requested to be present for these sessions and the following.**



**Valentine's Day Basket: February 16, 2025.**

Raffle tickets are available before and after the Masses. Ticket: \$ 5.00



**Pancake Breakfast: March 02, 2025:**

After the Sunday 10 am Mass at St. Joseph Parish Hall. Tickets are available before and after the Masses. Ticket: \$ 10.00



**WEEKEND COLLECTION:**

**February 08-09: \$ 743.50**

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A Big thanks to Knights of Columbus, Council 9079.



# † MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, February 16:**

10:00 am : † **Dianne De France**

Req. De France Family

**Special Intentions**

Req. Toni Muise

**Monday, February 17: NO MASS**

**Tuesday, February 18:**

9:00 am : **Healing Intentions for Nerie Bernal**

Req. Andrea & Salvador Cornista

**Wednesday, February 19:**

7:00 pm :

Req.

**Thursday, February 20:**

9:00 am :

Req.

**Friday, February 21:**

7:00 pm:

Req.

**Saturday, February 22:**

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

**Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life**

Req. Jaybee Bufete

## 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 .

**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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