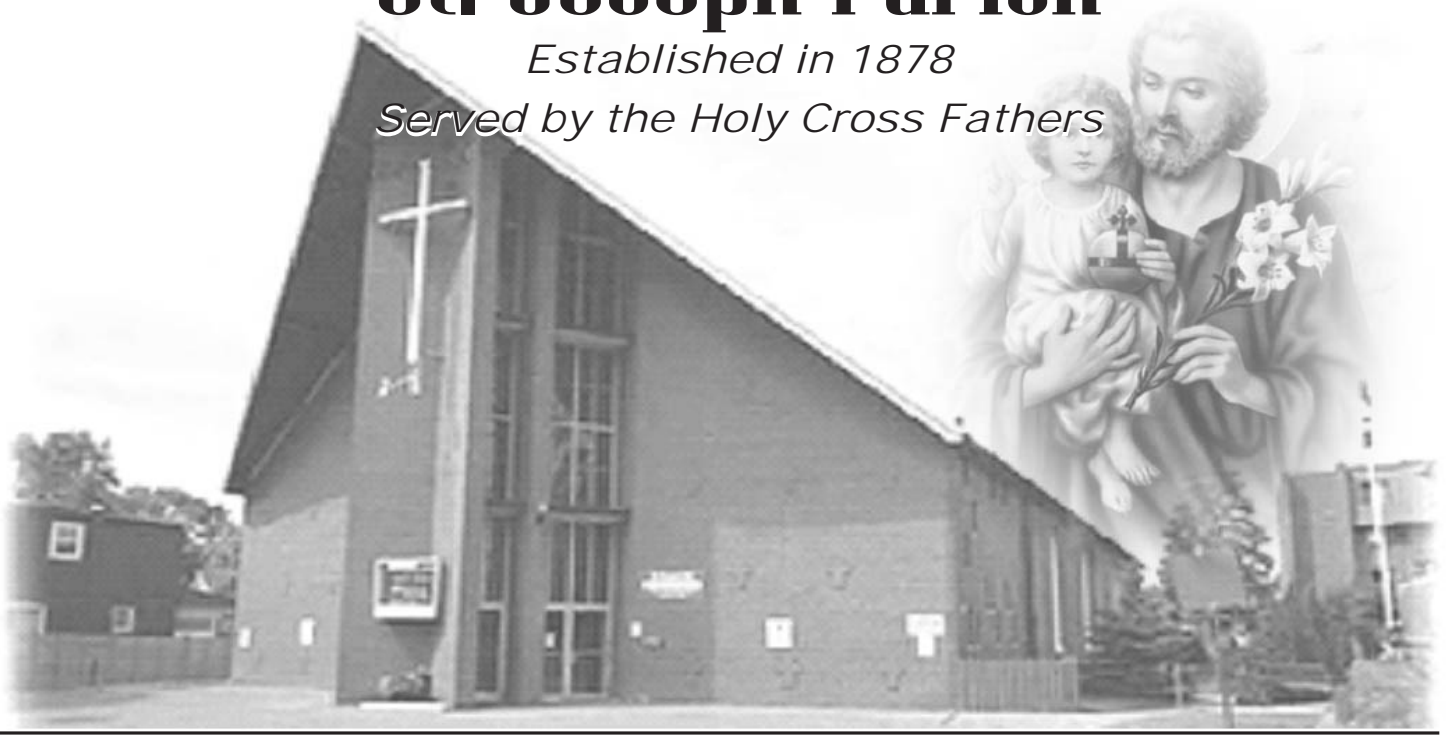


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UNITY IN DIVERSITY

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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
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Parish Council

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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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT : MARCH 30, 2025



Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane

In the garden of Gethsemane, as Peter, James, and John slept, Jesus engaged spiritually the forsakeness of the cross before he was actually arrested and crucified. He faced one final temptation to flee from the path of the cross and let the world face judgment instead of himself.

And through his earnest prayers, he made the agonizing decision to say, "Not my will, but yours, be done." He embraced the cup of wrath he did not deserve; he chose to pass through death and hades so his people might pass over them safely.

In Gethsemane, Jesus asked Peter, James, and John to "remain here, and watch with me" (Matthew 26:38). Of course, each time he returned, Jesus found them asleep. How the sad reproach must have pierced them with every memory in years to come: "So, could you not watch with me one hour?" (Matthew 26:40). Christ's disciples through the centuries have felt their own similar weakness. We were not asked to carry the weight of sin or endure the cross, only to stay awake and keep him company. But we could not. Still, we yearn to. Just reading these accounts, we are attempting to watch and pray with Jesus, to enter his agony and somehow share it in a way that would bring him comfort.

So Jesus as Christ would fulfill all three offices of prophet, priest, and king. But now, in Gethsemane, as Jesus drew near to completing our salvation, Jesus the Messiah would *himself* have to be squeezed. Jesus had to enter the olive press, where the weight of the world was upon him. His own soul was crushed by the burden of our sin. Jesus would have to make a deliberate choice to move into the darkness, despair, and death of bearing the sin of the world upon himself. Remaining faithful to his mission, Jesus in Gethsemane accepted being pressed down unto death on the cross. His blood would be squeezed from him in order to redeem us. What can we do for him? In one sense, absolutely nothing: this is Jesus's work alone to save us. But in another sense, everything.

We can do for him what he has been longing for since the beginning, in Eden. To keep him company. To stay near him. To place our hands on his hair and his shoulders. To anoint him with our tears at what it cost him. To abide with him. To love him who loves us so, who went so far into lonely forsakenness that we might not be alone. He passed through death and hell that we might pass over both safely.

God Bless You,

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 :

Mar 30: Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday
Apr 02: St. Francis of Paola, Hermit
Apr 04: St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Apr 05: St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest
Apr 06: Fifth Sunday of Lent
Apr 07: St. John Baptist de La Salle, Priest
Apr 11: St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr



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This Is Jesus: A Musically Immersed Passion Play

Friday, April 11, 2025 07:30 PM - Sunday, April 13, 2025 10:30 PM. St. Padre Pio, 5500 Major Mackenzie Dr., Kleinburg. THIS IS JESUS: A Musically Immersed Passion Play (Produced by St. Padre Pio Parish)

Jesus was, is and will be! Both human and divine, Jesus remains the most important figure in history, whether you are a follower or not. In this musically immersed Passion Play, "This Is Jesus," the story of Christ unfolds with timeless moments from His life, that will touch the heart. From the perspective of all the witnesses of Jesus' ministry and life and filtered for us through the four canonical Gospel writers, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, this musical production attempts to bring fourth the true reason for Jesus' life mission - love. We witness the power of his healing, the depths of his love for the hurting and the cost of that love when he is nailed to the cross. This year's Passion Play will leave us with the loving and forgiving message of redemption and the price that was paid. With a fully adult cast, high quality production value and talented singers and musicians, this Passion Play is not to be missed. Choose from Friday, April 11 or Sunday, April 13, both at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each. **CONTACT: St. Padre Pio Parish**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT : MARCH 30, 2025



POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION

For April 2025:

For the use of the technologies:

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, & will help us face the crises of our times.



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: April 06, 13 & 20. All the candidates are requested to be present for these sessions.



Lenten Talk & Confessions:

Date: April 12, 2025. Lenten Talk : 3.00 pm
Reconciliation / Confessions: 4.00 pm



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Friday—March 7- to - April 11, 2025

Easter Basket: April 20, 2025

Mother's Day Basket: May 11, 2025

Father's Day BBQ : June 15, 2025

Karaoke Night: July 19, 2025

Volunteers Appreciation: August 24, 2025



WEEKEND COLLECTION:

March 22-23, 2025 : \$1,670.60

Thank you for your constant support and generous contribution.

Kindly contribute through Pre - Authorized Giving.

Forms are available in the foyer.

A Big thanks to Knights of Columbus, Council 9079.



† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 30:

10:00 am : † Jacinto Plazo

Req. Plazo Family

† Susan Edquila & Thanksgiving Intentions

Req. Art Edquila

Monday, March 31: NO MASS

Tuesday, April 01:

9:00 am : † All Souls In Purgatory

Req. Family

Wednesday, April 02:

7:00 pm : † Regis Deveau

Req. Toni Muise

Thursday, April 03:

9:00 am :

Req.

Friday, April 04:

7:00 pm:

Req.

Saturday, April 05:

5:00 pm : St. Joseph Parish Community



Legion of Mary's Corner

St. Joseph Parish is having a Lenten Recollection for all the parishioners, volunteers and friends on Saturday, April 12, 2025 starting at 3:00pm - 5:00pm., sponsored by the Legion of Mary.

There will be inspirational talks, adoration and confession. Vigil Mass to follow at 5:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be provided. Please register with any members of the Legion. of Mary or email Lourdes @ lourdeselliott61@gmail.com

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