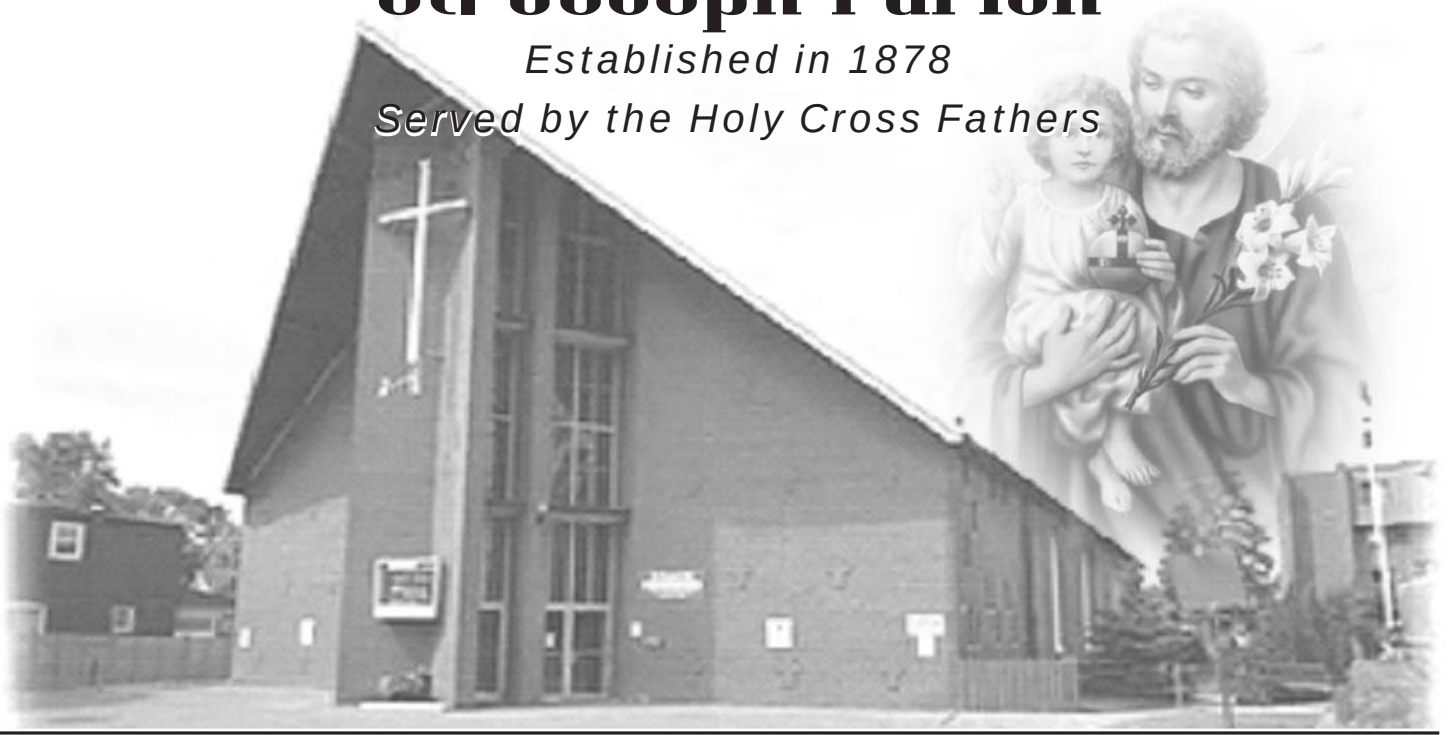


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Monday to Friday: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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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.

Hall Rental: Please contact the parish office at
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT : NOVEMBER 30, 2025



First Sunday of Advent:

The First Sunday of Advent invites us once again into a season of watching, waiting, and awakening. Advent is never merely a count-down to Christmas; it is a spiritual posture, a way of re-orienting ourselves toward God's quiet, persistent coming into our lives.

This year, as we enter Advent 2025, the Gospel summons us to stay awake—not in fear, but in hope-filled attentiveness.

Advent begins in the dark—not the darkness of despair, but the darkness in which seeds germinate and dawn begins its slow ascent. It reminds us that God's work often unfolds quietly, beneath the surface of our routines and concerns. We wait not for a distant God but for One already drawing near, already at work in ways we may not yet recognize. The challenge is to resist drifting through our days on autopilot. Advent asks us to open our eyes, to notice, and to receive.

The readings this Sunday often speak of vigilance—of being ready for the Lord's coming. But readiness is not about frantic preparation or anxious perfection. It is about presence. To be ready is to live today with the awareness that God is moving in the ordinary: in conversations, in silence, in gestures of kindness, in the needs of others. Advent readiness is an inner attentiveness that listens more deeply and sees more clearly.

This season also invites us to rekindle hope. Not a vague optimism, but the theological hope rooted in God's faithfulness. Many enter this Advent carrying burdens—uncertainty, fatigue, grief, division, or a longing for renewal. Advent does not ask us to ignore these realities. Instead, it gives us space to hold them before God and trust that the Light is already rising. The promise of Advent is that God enters precisely the places that feel unresolved or unfinished.

As we light the first candle—the **candle of Hope**—we declare that even the smallest flame can push back the darkness. This simple ritual reminds us that God often begins with something small: a word whispered to a prophet, a child born in a manger, an invitation stirring quietly in the heart. Advent teaches us to believe in beginnings, even when they seem fragile.

Over the coming weeks, we prepare not just for the celebration of Jesus' birth, but for His continual coming into our lives and world. May this season help us slow down, breathe deeply, and recognize the holy in our midst. And as we wait, may we become bearers of hope—small flames that testify to the Light that no darkness can overcome.

Have a blessed ADVENT: Fr. Roshan Loy D'Souza, CSC



REMEMBERING ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH,

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Archdiocese of Toronto

Tis the Season: Join us for an Advent Prayer Service

*Tuesday, December 09, 2025 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM
at St. Patrick's Church, 137 McCaul Street*



Let us know you are coming by getting your ticket below! Get your ticket and register here: https://bit.ly/Ignite_Advent_Prayer_Service

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Join other young adults from across the city at St. Patrick's Church for an evening as we reflect on joyful anticipation in our world today.

Light festive refreshments to follow outdoors.

This event is sponsored by Ignite Young Adult Ministry, Toronto.

Men Silent Retreat: Pilgrims of Hope:

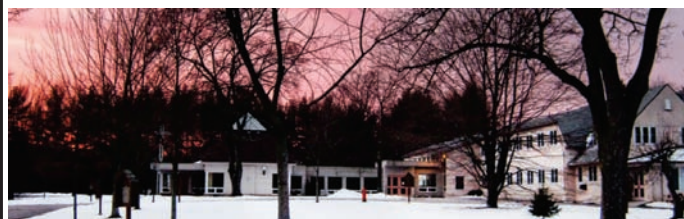
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Friday, January 23, 2026 06:30 PM - Sunday, January 25, 2026 01:30 PM at Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre

This SILENT retreat begins on Friday evening and runs to Sunday with lunch. The suggested offering is \$270 per person which includes two nights' accommodation, meals, spiritual direction and retreat program.

Facilitated by: Fr. Dexter Gray, SJ.

REGISTER: Via email at manresaregistration@outlook.com



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The Pope's Monthly Intentions for December

2025: For Christians in areas of conflict:

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.



Christmas 2025 & New Year 2026

December 2025

17: Advent Confessions at 6.00 pm

21: Christmas Bake Sale at 11.00 am

24: Christmas Pageant & Carols at 6.15 pm

24: Christmas Eve Mass at 7.00 pm

25: Christmas Day Mass at 10.00 am

31: Thanksgiving Adoration at 6.00 pm

31: New Years Eve Mass at 7.00 pm

January 01, 2026:

New Years' Day Mass at 10.00 am

[Solemnity of Mary, Mother Of God]



St Joseph School Christmas Schedule December 2025

04: School Advent Confessions at 9.30 am

09: School Christmas Concert at 06.30 pm

10: School advent wreath blessing : class visit at 09.30 am

15: School Christmas Mass at 09.30 am



WEEKEND COLLECTION:

November 22-23, 2025: \$ 958.45

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† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 30:

10:00 am : † Rebecca De Sagun

Req. Nerie Bernal

† Norbert Oliveira

Req. Paulo Oliveira

† Augustine Deveau

Req. Toni Muise

Monday, December 01: NO MASS

Tuesday, December 02:

9:00 am :

Req.

Wednesday, December 03:

7:00 pm : †

Req.

Thursday, December 04 :

9:00 am : † Norbert Oliveira

Req. Alda Oliveira

Friday, December 05:

7:00 pm: † Norbert Oliveira

Req. Alda Oliveira

† Crispina Laurel

Req. Myrna Montifar

Saturday, December 06:

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

† Norbert Oliveira

Req. Alda Oliveira

† Nicholas Manzanero

Req. Myrna Montifar



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