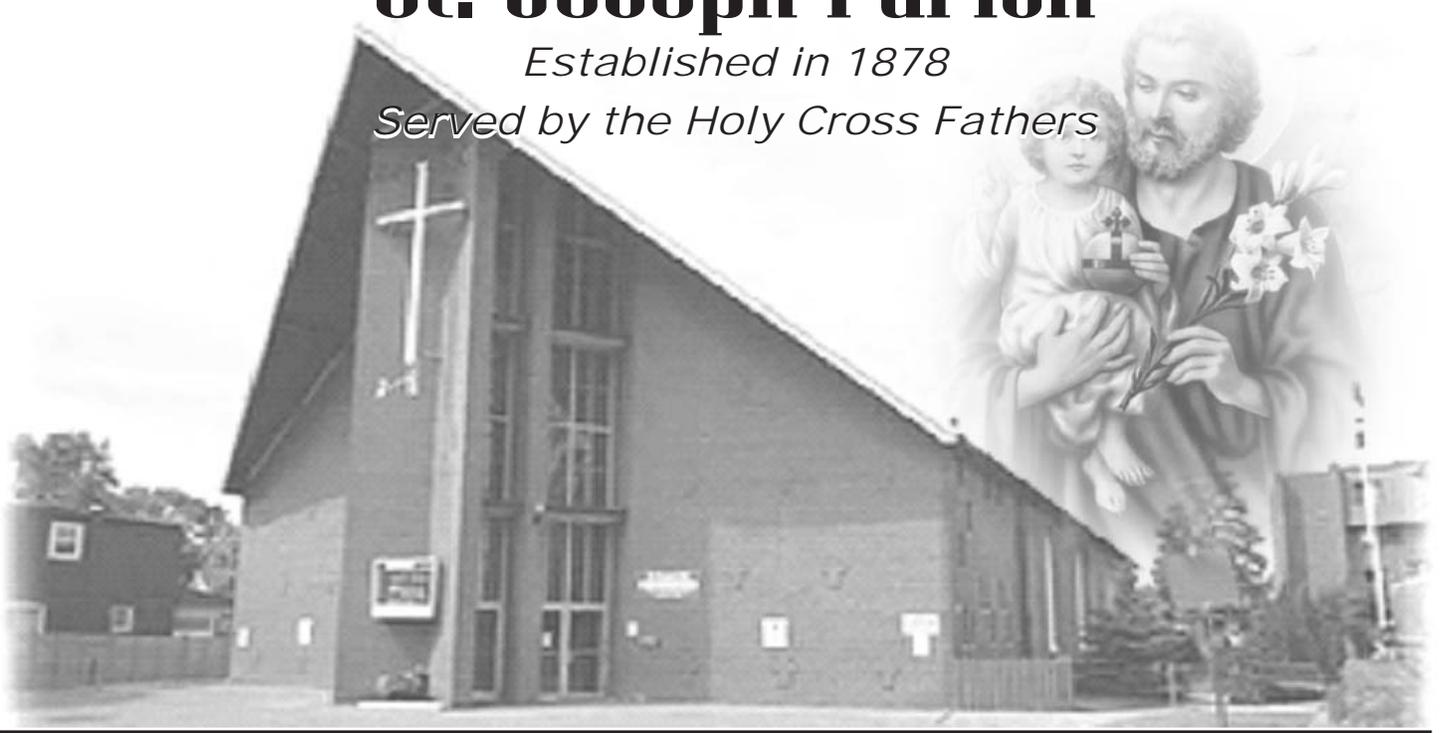


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Monday to Friday: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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*If you feel called to
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MASS TIMES:

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday, & Thursday	9:00 am
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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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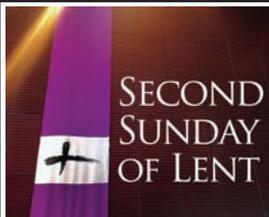
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT : MARCH 01, 2026



From the Pastor's Desk:



On the Second Sunday of Lent, the Church proclaims the Gospel of the Transfiguration. Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a high mountain and is transfigured before them. His face shines

like the sun, His clothes become dazzling white, and He speaks with Moses and Elijah. Then the Father's voice is heard: "This is my beloved Son... listen to him." This powerful moment is not only a revelation of Christ's glory; it is also filled with practical life lessons for our own Lenten journey.

1. We all need "mountain moments.": Jesus deliberately leads His disciples up the mountain before they face the scandal of the Cross. In the same way, God gives us moments of clarity, peace, or deep spiritual consolation to strengthen us. These may come during prayer, at Mass, on retreat, or even in quiet reflection. Life lesson: cherish and remember your moments of grace. When trials come, recall what God has already shown you.

2. Listen before you act: When Peter sees Jesus transfigured, he immediately wants to build three tents. He wants to do something. But the Father interrupts him: "Listen to Him." How often do we rush to fix, speak, or react without first listening—to God or to others? Lent teaches us to slow down. Life lesson: make space for silence. True wisdom begins with listening—especially to Christ in Scripture and in prayer.

3. Glory and suffering are connected: The Transfiguration happens shortly after Jesus predicts His Passion. The dazzling light on the mountain prepares the disciples for the darkness of Calvary. This teaches us that suffering is not meaningless when united to Christ. Life lesson: do not judge your life only by its crosses. Sometimes the brightest glory is hidden within the hardest trials.

4. You cannot stay on the mountain: Peter wants to remain in the beauty of the moment. But Jesus leads them back down. Faith is not escape from reality. We are strengthened in prayer so we can return to our responsibilities with renewed courage. Life lesson: spiritual experiences are meant to transform daily living. The real test of prayer is how we love and serve afterward.

5. Courage comes from knowing who Jesus is: The Father declares Jesus as His beloved Son. The disciples fall in fear, but Jesus touches them and says, "Rise, and do not be afraid." Lent reminds us that courage flows from relationship. When we know who Christ is—and who we are in Him—we can rise from fear. Life lesson: identity gives strength. If you belong to Christ, you are never alone in your struggles.

As we continue this Lenten season, let us climb the mountain through prayer, listen attentively to Jesus, accept both glory and cross, and then return to daily life carrying His light. If we walk faithfully with Him, we too will be transformed.

God Bless: Fr. Roshan Loy D'Souza, CSC



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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:

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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSELL ANNUAL LENTEN RETREAT

"Lord You are the Saviour of the World,
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Come and join us at our Annual Parish Lenten
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Theme: "Reconnect, Reflect and Grow Together" This year, we are privileged to have our own Sister Carla Thomas, OP, PhD to lead our Lenten Retreat. This promises to be a very rich exercise and so we encourage everyone to come out and experience God's love. **REGISTER: 416-534-1145**

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Friday, March 13: 06:30 PM - Sunday, - March 15, 01:30 PM
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT : MARCH 01, 2026



The Pope's Monthly Intentions for: March 2026: For Disarmament and Peace:

Let us pray that nations move to effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament & that world leaders choose the path of dialogue & diplomacy instead of violence.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

"Let the little children come to me..." (Matthew 19:14) The goal of the Children's Liturgy is to help young children celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in a way that is meaningful and appropriate for their age.

We warmly invite parents to bring their children to the Sunday 10:00 am Mass at St. Joseph's Church and encourage them to take part in this special liturgical experience.

Calling All Children! Join Our Altar Servers and Children's Choir!

We warmly invite all children to become part of two very special ministries in our church community:



Altar Servers: Would you like to help at Mass in a special way? Altar serving is a wonderful opportunity for children to grow in faith, learn more about the Mass, and serve God and the parish. Training will be provided.



Children's Choir: Do you love to sing? Join our joyful Children's Choir and help lead the parish in worship through music! Choir members learn new songs, develop their musical gifts, and make new friends.



Office Of Catholic Youth: Our Vision & Mission: Our vision is to guide youth and young adults, to Encounter, Love, and Serve, Jesus Christ. Please Join the St. Joseph Youth Group.



Confirmation Sessions: For March 1, 8, 29 & April 5, 12, 2026.

All candidates preparing for Confirmation are required to attend the classes after the Sunday 10:00 a.m. mass and we request everyone to be present without fail.



First Communion: All children who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist are required to attend Sunday Mass regularly.



WEEKEND COLLECTION: February 21-22, 2026: \$ 807.50

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† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 01 :

10:00 am : † **Domingos Oliveira**

Req. Maria Carmo Oliveira

† **Sofia Salvador**

Req. Jocelyn Salvador

† **Santiago Edquila**

Req. Art |& Lorna Edquila

Monday, March 02 : NO MASS

Tuesday, March 03 :

9:00 am : † **Juan & Luz Blanco**

Req. Angie & Nick Blanco

Wednesday, March 04 :

7:00 pm : † **Joe Arruda**

Req. Fatima Aruda

Thursday, March 05:

9:00 am : **St. Joseph Parish Community**

Req.

Friday, March 06:

7:00 pm: **St. Joseph Parish Community**

Req.

Saturday, March 07:

5:00 pm: † **Joe Arruda**

Req. Fatima Arruda

† **Helen & Brenda Malone**

Req. Family



Saint Joseph,
pray for us.

St. Joseph, faithful guardian of Jesus and spouse of Mary, guide and protect us.

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