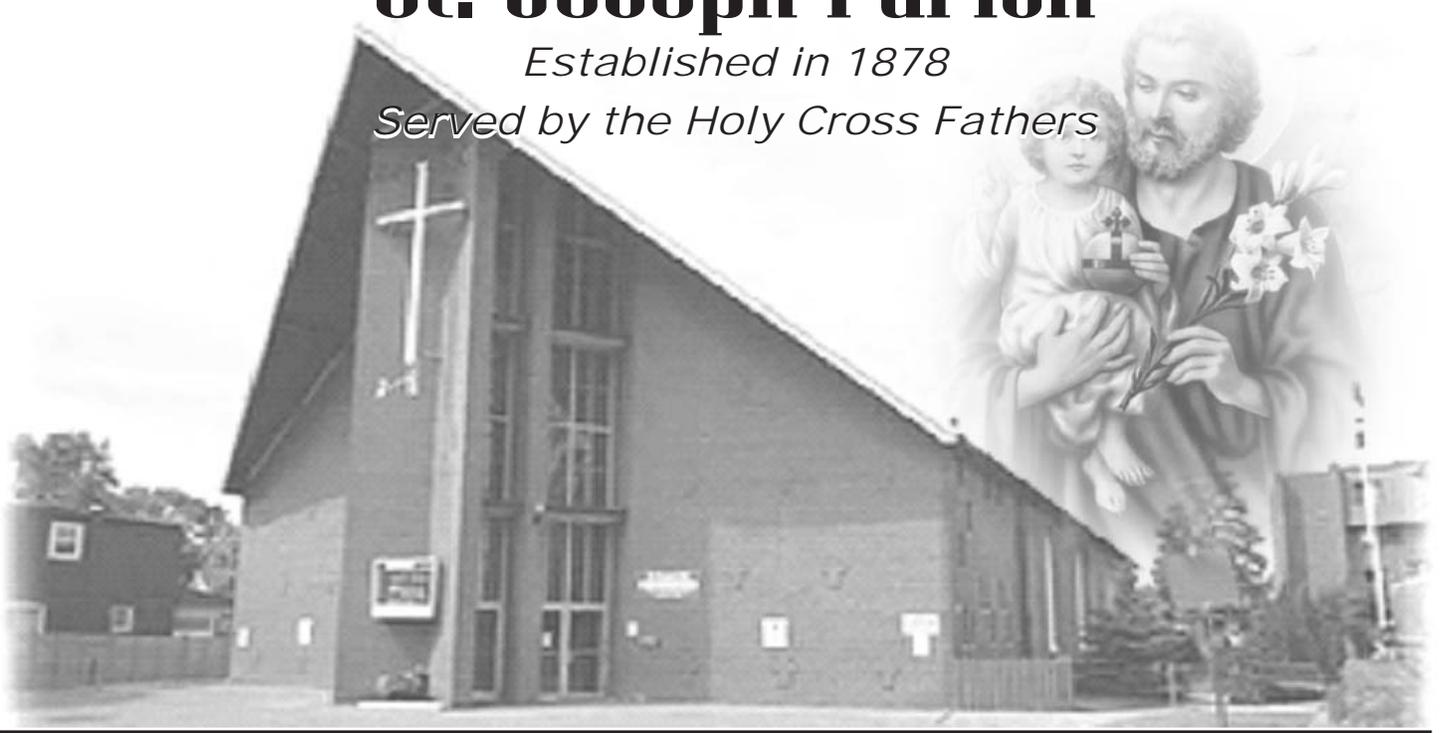


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**Pastor:** Fr. Roshan Loy D’Souza, CSC  
**Secretary/Bookkeeper:** Nerie Bernal  
**Custodian:** Allan Cobham

**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  
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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# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT : MARCH 08, 2026



## *From the Pastor's Desk:*

On the Third Sunday of Lent, the Church gives us the powerful Gospel story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. This encounter is more than a historical event; it is a mirror of our own lives. It reveals our deepest thirst and Christ's desire to satisfy it with living water.

Jesus, tired from His journey, sits at Jacob's well and asks a Samaritan woman for a drink. This simple request breaks barriers. Jews did not associate with Samaritans, and men rarely engaged women publicly in serious conversation. Yet Jesus reaches across division.

**1: Love crosses boundaries:** In our world of divisions—race, politics, religion, social status—Jesus shows us that true love initiates dialogue. He teaches us not to avoid, label, or judge, but to encounter. Lent invites us to examine: whom have I avoided? Whom is God asking me to approach with compassion? As the conversation unfolds, Jesus speaks of “living water,” something far greater than the water drawn from a well. The woman initially thinks only of physical thirst. But Jesus points to her deeper spiritual longing.

**2: We all have a deeper thirst:** We try to fill our emptiness with success, relationships, entertainment, possessions, or social approval. Yet these wells run dry. The Samaritan woman kept returning to the well at noon—alone, perhaps avoiding others because of her past. Many of us also carry hidden wounds and quiet loneliness. Jesus reminds us that only God can satisfy the heart completely. When Jesus reveals her past—her broken relationships—He does not condemn her. Instead, He continues the conversation.

**3: God knows us fully and still loves us:** One of our greatest fears is being truly known. We hide our failures, sins, and regrets. Yet Christ already knows everything about us and remains. Lent is a time not to run from God in shame, but to allow Him to look at us with mercy. His truth is not meant to crush us, but to free us. At a certain point, the woman leaves her water jar and runs back to her town to tell others about Jesus.

**4: An encounter with Christ changes priorities:** The jar represents her old routine and perhaps her old identity. When we truly meet Jesus, something shifts. We begin to let go of habits, resentments, or attachments that once defined us. Conversion is not merely feeling sorry; it is reordering our lives around Christ. Then she becomes a witness: “Come see a man who told me everything I have done.” She does not have all the answers. She simply shares her experience.

**5: Your story matters:** Evangelization begins with authenticity. You do not need to be a theologian to speak about God. You simply need to share how He has worked in your life. The Samaritan woman, once isolated, becomes a bridge for her whole community to encounter Jesus. *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 office : 416 466 7815 / 416 518 0276.**



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## 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 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 28– March 01, 2026: \$ 1,430.40

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# † MASS INTENTIONS

## Sunday, March 08 :

10:00 am : **Sonny, Elizabeth & Liberal Birthday & Family Intentions**

Req. Maria Carmo Oliveira

**Thanksgiving Intentions**

Req. Toni Muisse

## Monday, March 09 : NO MASS

## Tuesday, March 10 :

9:00 am : † **Rosa Benevides**

Req. Maria Carmo Oliveira

## Wednesday, March 11 :

7:00 pm : † **Rosa Benevides**

Req. Maria Carmo Oliveira

## Thursday, March 12:

9:00 am : † **Rosa Benevides**

Req. Maria Carmo Oliveira

## Friday, March 13:

7:00 pm: † **Rosa Benevides**

Req. Maria Carmo Oliveira

† **Encarnacion, Emiliana & Zenaida**

Req. Connie Escabarte

## Saturday, March 14:

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



Saint Joseph,  
pray for us.

*St. Joseph, faithful guardian of Jesus and spouse of Mary, guide and protect us. Teach us humility, patience, and trust in God's will. Watch over our families and work, provide for our needs, and strengthen us in trials. Pray for us now and always. Amen.*

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