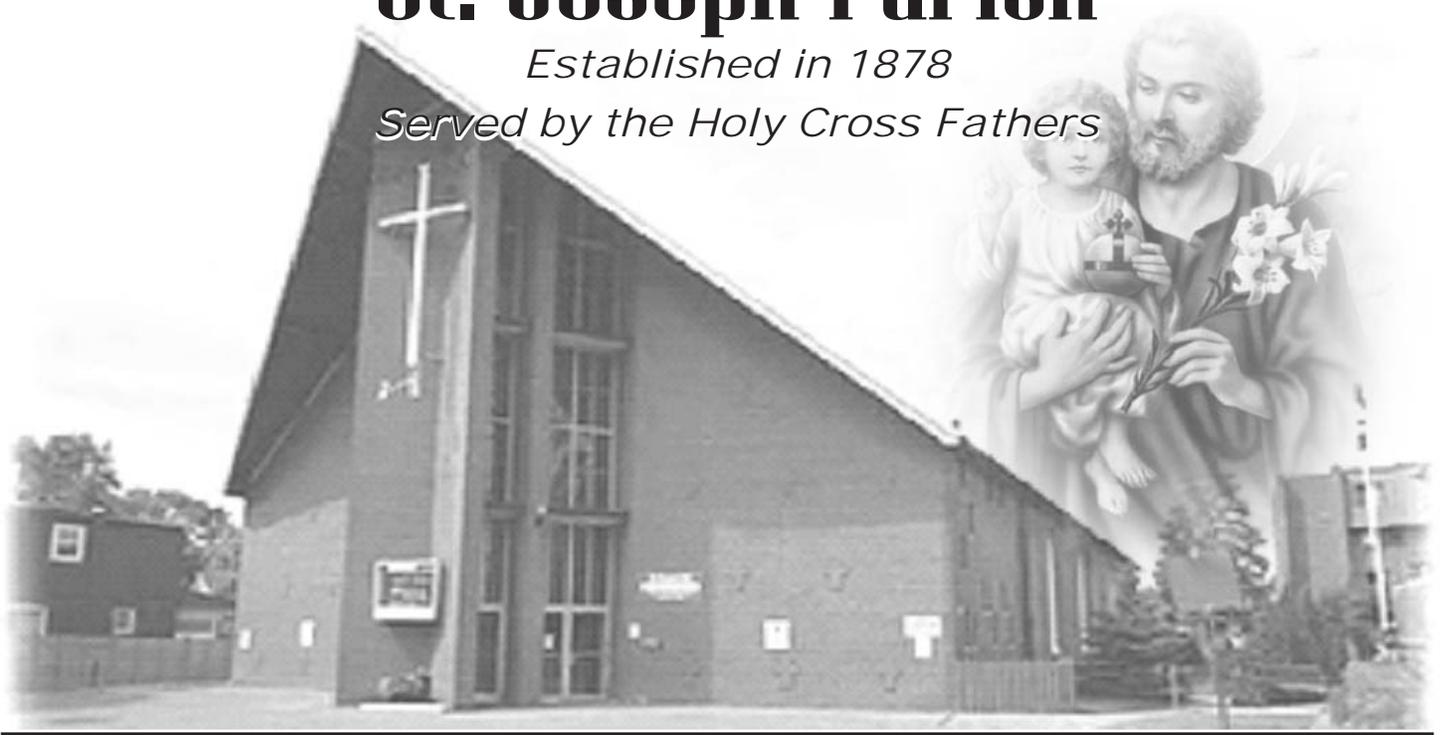


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## UNITY IN DIVERSITY

“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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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT : MARCH 15, 2026



### *From the Pastor's Desk:*



The Fourth Sunday of Lent, often called *Laetare Sunday*, invites us to rejoice even as we continue our Lenten journey of repentance and renewal.

The Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Lent tells the story of Jesus healing a man who had been blind since birth. While it is a story about physical healing, its deeper message is about spiritual sight and faith. When Jesus and his disciples encounter the blind man, the disciples immediately ask who is responsible for his condition. They assume someone must have sinned—either the man or his parents. This reflects a common belief that suffering is always a punishment for wrongdoing. Jesus rejects this idea. Instead of focusing on blame, he explains that the man's situation will reveal the works of God. Jesus shifts the perspective from judgment to the possibility of God's grace working through human suffering. The part of the story also shows the importance of trust and obedience in faith. The man follows Jesus' command without fully understanding it, and through that act he receives healing.

Instead of celebrating the miracle, many people respond with doubt and argument. Some neighbors question whether the healed man is really the same person who had been blind. The Pharisees, religious leaders of the time, investigate the situation because the healing occurred on the Sabbath. According to their strict interpretation of the law, Jesus should not have performed such work on a holy day. Because of this, they struggle to accept that the miracle could truly come from God.

Ironically, the people who believe they understand God's law the best fail to recognize the work of God in front of them. Their certainty and pride prevent them from seeing the truth. In contrast, the man who was healed gradually grows in his understanding of who Jesus is. At first he refers to Jesus simply as "the man called Jesus." Later he describes him as a prophet. Finally, when Jesus meets him again, the man recognizes him as the Son of Man and responds with faith and worship. This gradual development shows that faith is often a journey rather than an instant realization. People come to know Christ step by step as they experience his presence and reflect on his actions.

The story also challenges readers to reflect on their own spiritual blindness. Sometimes people fail to recognize God's presence because they hold onto rigid ideas, judge others too quickly, or allow pride to shape their perspective. Spiritual blindness can appear when people believe they already understand everything and refuse to see new possibilities. Lent is a time for spiritual renewal and deeper awareness. Just as Jesus opened the eyes of the blind man, he invites believers to allow their own eyes to be opened. Through prayer, reflection, and humility, people can learn to see God's work more clearly in their lives and in the world around them. Ultimately, the Gospel teaches that those who admit their need for God are the ones who truly gain sight.

*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.**



## Archdiocese of Toronto



### Women Ignatian Retreat:

This Ignatian retreat on resilience invites participants to receive resilience not first as a personal achievement, but as a grace given by God and nurtured through relationship with God. Through prayer and reflection, retreatants are helped to notice how resilience grows as they learn to remain faithful in moments of struggle, discouragement, and uncertainty, rather than fleeing from them.

This SILENT retreat begins on Friday, April 10, 2026 at 6.30pm evening and runs to April 12, 2026 Sunday with lunch. The suggested offering is \$280 per person which includes two nights' accommodation, meals, spiritual direction and retreat program.

Facilitated by: Fr. Kevin Kelly, SJ , REGISTER: Via email at [manresaregistration@outlook.com](mailto:manresaregistration@outlook.com), online at <https://manresa-canada.ca> or call 905-839-2864.

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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 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:

March 07-08, 2026: \$1,037.15

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# † MASS INTENTIONS

## Sunday, March 15 :

10:00 am : † **Hilda Buenafior**

Req. Andrea & Salvador Cornista

† **Sofia Salvador & Jeffrey Tan**

Req. Jocelyn Salvador

† **Francisca Guerrero**

Req. Guerrero Family

## Monday, March 16 : NO MASS

## Tuesday, March 17 :

9:00 am : † **Patrick Casilao**

Req. Regin & Jeanne Ramos

† **Jose & Olema Gomes**

Req. Gomes Family

## Wednesday, March 18 :

7:00 pm : † **Vicente Montifar**

Req. Myrna Montifar

## Thursday, March 19:

9:00 am : † **Jamesena Mask**

Req. Arrarte Family

† **Basili Dremetsikas**

Req. Terera D.

## Thanksgiving for Blessings received

Req. Cheryl Arrarte

## Friday, March 20:

7:00 pm:

Req.

## Saturday, March 21:

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

† **Danilo Bandayrel**

Req. Milagros Bandayrel & Family



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