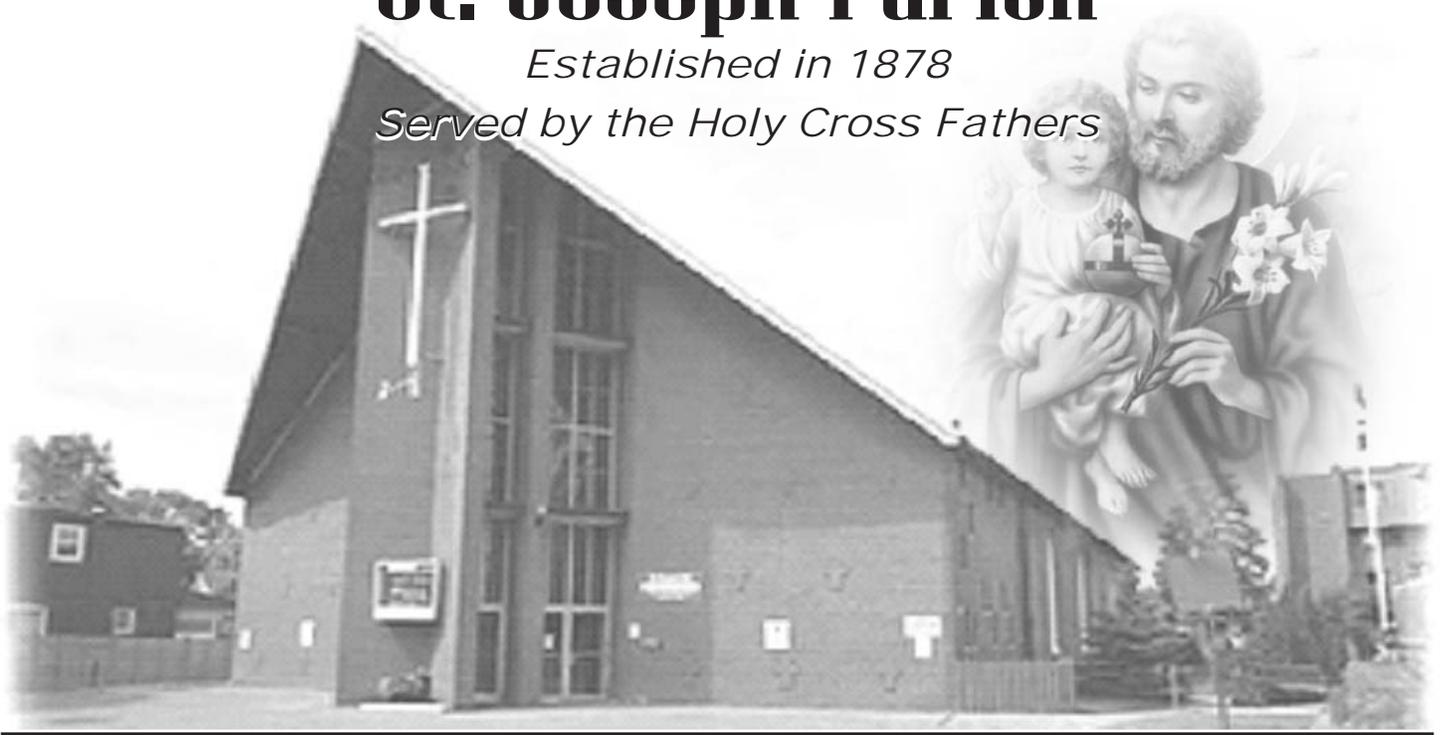


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Pastor: Fr. Roshan Loy D’Souza, CSC
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Custodian: Allan Cobham

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
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Girl Guides

*If you feel called to
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through any of these
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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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT : MARCH 22, 2026



From the Pastor's Desk.

As we come closer to the end of the Lenten season, the Gospel presents one of the most powerful signs performed by Jesus—the raising of Lazarus. In this moment, Jesus declares to Martha: “I am the resurrection and the life.”

These words reveal the heart of who Jesus is and the hope He offers to all who believe in Him. When Jesus arrives in Bethany, Lazarus has already been in the tomb for four days. Martha and Mary are grieving deeply, and they both say to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” Their words reflect the pain and confusion that many of us experience in times of loss or suffering. Even when we believe in God, we may struggle to understand His timing or His ways.

Martha, however, still expresses faith. She says, “But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.” Jesus responds with a promise that goes beyond the immediate situation: “Your brother will rise.” When Martha speaks of the resurrection on the last day, Jesus reveals something even greater: He Himself is the resurrection and the life. Faith in Jesus is not only about a future promise; it is about a living relationship with the One who brings life even now.

One of the most touching moments in this Gospel is the simple line: “Jesus wept.” Although He knows that He will raise Lazarus, Jesus shares in the sorrow of Mary, Martha, and the community. This moment reminds us that God is not distant from our suffering. He understands our pain and walks with us in our darkest moments. When we feel overwhelmed by grief, fear, or uncertainty, we can remember that Christ is present with compassion and love.

Standing before the tomb, Jesus asks that the stone be removed. Martha hesitates because Lazarus has been dead for several days. Yet Jesus reassures her: “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” After praying to the Father, Jesus calls out with a loud voice: “Lazarus, come out!” At that command, Lazarus emerges from the tomb, still bound in burial cloths.

Jesus then tells those around him, “Untie him and let him go.” This moment is deeply meaningful. Lazarus is brought back to life, but he still needs others to help remove the burial cloths. In the same way, when Christ brings new life into our hearts, we often need the help and support of others to grow in freedom and faith. God places us in community so that we can encourage one another, pray for one another, and help each other follow Christ more faithfully.

During this Lenten season, this Gospel invites us to reflect on the “tombs” in our own lives—places where we may feel trapped by fear, sin, discouragement, or hopelessness. At times we may feel as though the stone covering our tomb is too heavy to move. Yet Jesus continues to call each of us by name, inviting us to step out into new life. As we approach Holy Week, the raising of Lazarus points forward to the greater mystery of Christ’s own death and resurrection. *God Bless: Fr. Roshan Loy D’Souza, CSC.*



REMEMBERING ST. JOSEPH’S CHURCH,

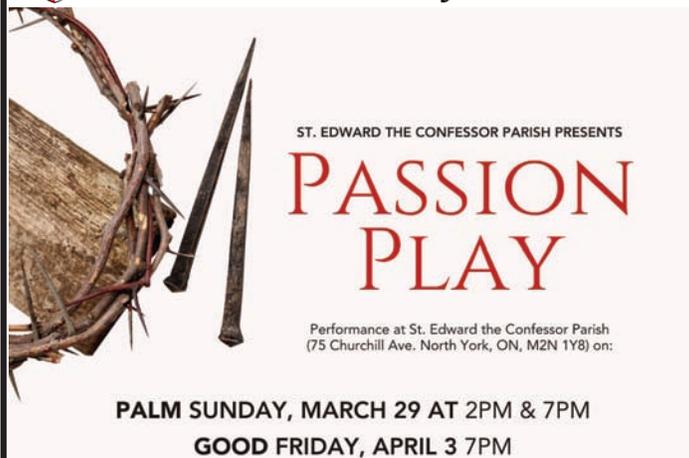
Making a charitable Bequest:

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:**

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Holy Week Schedule



**Lenten Retreat and Confessions: March 28: Saturday:
10 am: Lenten Talk & 11 am: Adoration & Confessions**

March 28: Palm Sunday Vigil Mass at 5 pm

March 29: Palm Sunday Mass at 10 am

April 02: Holy Thursday:

Mass of the Last supper at 7 pm

Adoration till Midnight

April 03: Good Friday

Stations of the Cross at 2 pm

Passion of the Lord at 3 pm

April 04: Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil at 7pm

April 05: Easter Sunday Mass at 10 am

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT : MARCH 22, 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: March 29 & April 5 & 12.

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 14-15, 2026: \$840.80

Thank you for your constant support and generous contribution.

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Forms are available in the foyer.

A Big thanks to Knights of Columbus, Council 9079.



† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 22 :

10:00 am : † **Bill Stuebing**

Req. Naty King & Family

Araceli & Antolin Rico

Req. Violeta Rico

Monday, March 23 : NO MASS

Tuesday, March 24 :

9:00 am : **Intentions for a Good**

Samaritan

Req. Barbara Butler

Wednesday, March 25 :

7:00 pm : † **Tessie Co Pangga**

Req. Emma Caragan

Thursday, March 26:

9:00 am :

Req.

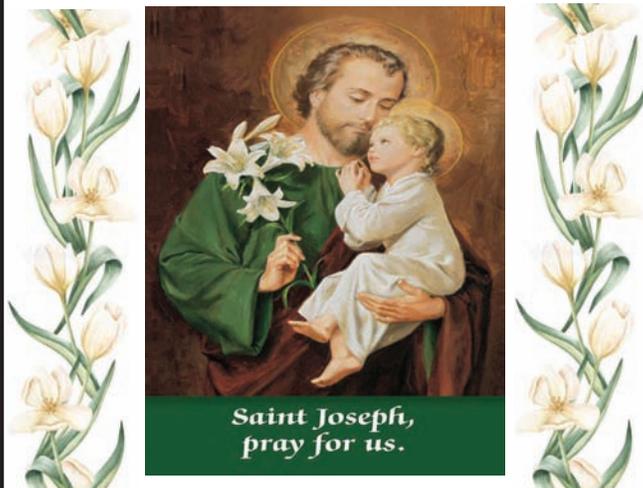
Friday, March 27:

7:00 pm: **Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life— Herbert Friedmann**

Req. Angie & Nick Blanco

Saturday, March 28:

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



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