

# St. Joseph Parish

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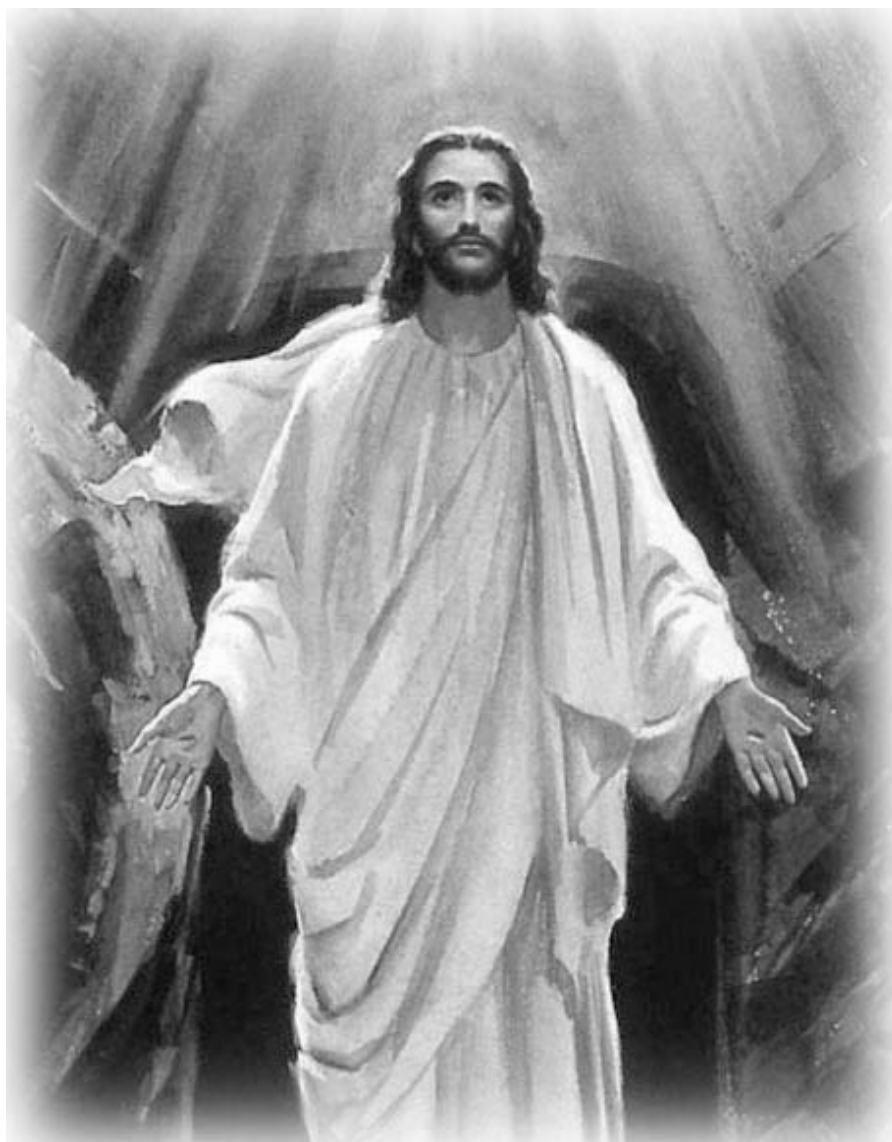
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Rejoice!  
For the Lord is truly risen!

# EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD : APRIL 05, 2026



## Happy Easter

Easter Sunday is a celebration of hope, renewal, and the promise that life can rise again even after its darkest moments. It reminds us that no matter how heavy our struggles feel, they are never the end of the story. Just as the empty tomb symbolizes new life, we too are invited to believe in fresh beginnings within our own lives.

At its heart, Easter speaks to the resilience of the human spirit. There are times when we face disappointment, loss, or uncertainty—moments that feel like endings. Yet Easter gently teaches us that endings can become doorways. What seems broken can be restored. What feels lost can be found again, sometimes in ways we never expected. This message encourages us to hold on during difficult seasons, trusting that transformation often happens quietly before it becomes visible.

Another important message of Easter is the power of love and forgiveness. It challenges us to reflect on how we treat others and ourselves. Are we holding onto resentment, anger, or regret? Easter invites us to let go of these burdens and choose compassion instead. Forgiveness does not erase the past, but it frees us from being trapped by it. In doing so, we make room for healing and peace to grow. Easter also calls us to live with purpose. It is not only a day of reflection but also a reminder to embody hope in our daily actions. Small acts of kindness, patience, and generosity can bring light into someone else's life. When we choose to uplift others, we participate in the spirit of renewal that Easter represents. Each day becomes an opportunity to begin again, to love more deeply, and to live more meaningfully.

Finally, Easter teaches us to embrace faith—not only in a religious sense, but also faith in life itself. Faith that growth is possible, that change can happen, and that goodness still exists even when it is hard to see. This kind of faith helps us move forward with courage, even when the path is uncertain. Every sunrise, every second chance, and every act of love is a quiet echo of that powerful truth—new life is always possible. **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



### DIVINE MERCY RETREAT:

Join us for a Day of Recollection led by Sr. Donata Farbaniec of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, which is the same religious order that St. Faustina was a part of. \$50 fee includes lunch, and you can register in our Parish Office. "For more info, email: [office@holyroary.ca](mailto:office@holyroary.ca).

### SPECIAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR SICK & SUFFERING

**APRIL 18, 2026 at Divine Retreat Center**

69 William St. Toronto, ON, M9N 2G6



We invite you to come and join us at Divine Retreat Centre Toronto for our third Saturday service on April 18 for a Special Prayer Service for the Sick & Suffering for cancer patients/ Survivors and the terminally ill from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please spread the message with your friends ,family members and to those in need of prayers. Prayer service led by Fr. Roni George, VC . Please Contact the Divine Retreat center for registrations. **Call: (647) 949-4932 .**

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## The Pope's Monthly Intentions for April 2026:

**For priests in crisis:** Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



## 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: April 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 28-29, 2026: \$ 1,114.65

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# † MASS INTENTIONS

## Sunday, April 05 : Easter Sunday

10:00 am : **Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life**

Req. Lourdes Elliott

† **Ulysses & Susan Edquila**

Req. Art Edquila

† **Eugenia Valle**

Req. Paez Family

## Monday, April 06 : NO MASS

## Tuesday, April 07:

9:00 am : **Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life—Elsa Borja**

Req. Angie & Nick Blanco

## Wednesday, April 08 :

7:00 pm : †

Req.

## Thursday, April 09:

9:00 am : † **Brenda Malone**

Req. Nieces & Nephew

## Friday, April 10:

7:00 pm: † **Darrin Elliott**

Req. Lourdes Elliott

## Saturday, April 09:

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

† **Armenio & Maria Joan**

**Cordero**

Req. Cordero Family



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