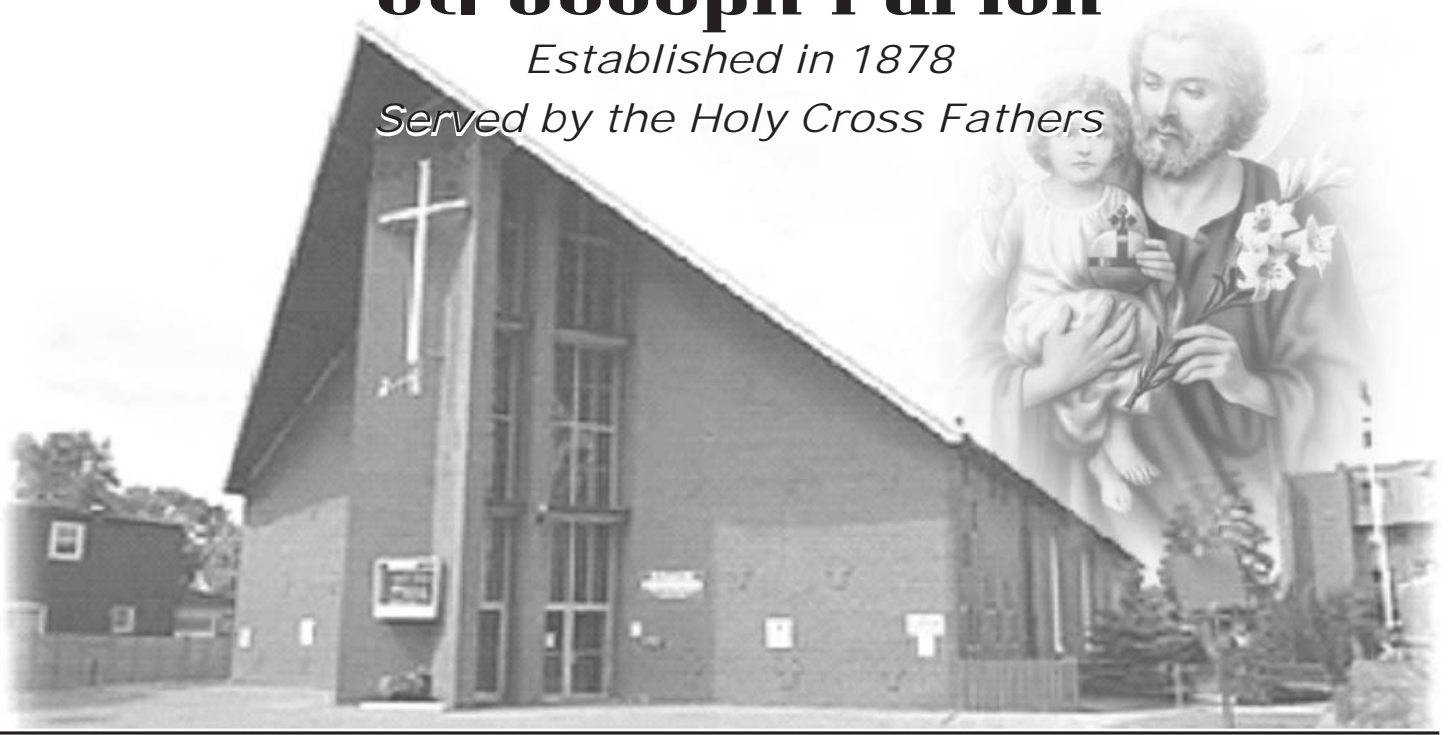


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Pastor: Fr. Roshan Loy D’Souza, CSC
Secretary/Bookkeeper: Nerie Bernal
Custodian: Allan Cobham

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
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*If you feel called to
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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 EASTER : APRIL 26, 2026



From the
Pastor's
Desk



The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A, centers on one of the most comforting and challenging images of Jesus: the shepherd who knows, leads, and protects his flock.

In the Gospel, John 10:1–10, Jesus not only calls himself the shepherd but also “the gate.” This dual image invites us to reflect more deeply on what it means to belong to him and to follow his voice in a world full of competing influences.

A shepherd in biblical times lived closely with the sheep. He knew them individually, called them by name, and they recognized his voice. This relationship was built on trust. Sheep would not follow a stranger—they instinctively knew the difference. Jesus uses this familiar image to describe the relationship he desires with us. Faith is not meant to be distant or abstract; it is personal and relational. The question is whether we are attentive enough to recognize his voice.

Today, many voices compete for our attention—social expectations, fear of failure, the desire for approval, and constant distractions from technology. These voices can subtly shape our decisions and pull us away from what is truly life-giving. Jesus warns about “thieves and robbers,” not necessarily as obvious dangers, but as anything that leads us away from truth, goodness, and authentic love. His voice, by contrast, brings clarity, peace, and direction—even when it challenges us.

Jesus also says, “I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved... and will find pasture.” A gate both protects and provides access. It keeps danger out while allowing the sheep to move freely toward nourishment. In calling himself the gate, Jesus is offering himself as the way to fullness of life. This is not about restriction, but about guidance—choosing the path that leads to deeper freedom rather than confusion or emptiness. His promise is striking: “I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” This abundance is not measured in material success, but in a life rooted in meaning, hope, and love.

This Sunday invites us to pause and ask ourselves some simple but important questions: Whose voice am I listening to? What influences my choices each day? Am I allowing Christ to guide me, or am I following other paths that lead me away from him? Listening to the Good Shepherd often happens in quiet, ordinary ways—through prayer, Scripture, acts of kindness, or moments of conscience. It requires attentiveness and trust. But when we learn to recognize his voice, we begin to experience the life he promises: a life not without challenges, but filled with purpose, peace, and a deeper sense of belonging. *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



Wednesday, June 03, 2026 05:30 PM - to - 09:00 PM

Bellvue Manor, 8083 Jane Street, Vaughan, Ontario

The National Shrine to the Canadian Martyrs is delighted to invite you to our 2026 Centennial Celebration. The Shrine has been serving millions of pilgrims for the past hundred years and we are continuing to raise funds for the revitalization of our church and grounds. His Excellency Archbishop Ivan Jurkovic, The Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, will join us for a unique and interactive evening as we journey through a century of the Martyrs' Shrine mission with four interactive themed displays, performances, and sample appetizers from different eras.

This immersive experience will conclude with an elegant dinner. Tickets \$200 or tables of 10 for \$2000 (available until May 24).



CONTACT: Martyrs' Shrine

WEBSITE: <https://martyrs-shrine.com/centennial-celebration>

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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 Schedule:

June 6, 2026 –Saturday - Parent's Meeting / Practice & Confession at 11:00 am .
June 20 , 2026 Saturday 10:00 am Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.



First Communion Schedule:

June 6, 2026—Parent's Meeting & Confession at 10.00 am Saturday.
June 27, 2026 – Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion at 10:00 am Saturday.



WEEKEND COLLECTION:

April 18-19, 2026: \$ 2,106.45

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, April 26 :

10:00 am : † Angelina & Manuel Benevides

Req. Maria Carmo Oliveira

† Ligaya & Francisco Macale

Req. Violy Loresco

Thanksgiving Intentions

Req. Toni Muisse

Monday, April 27 : NO MASS

Tuesday, April 28:

9:00 am :

Req.

Wednesday, April 29 :

7:00 pm : † Mario Correia

Req. Floriana Correia

Thursday, April 30:

9:00 am : † James Gribben

Req. Judy Endacott

Friday, May 01:

7:00 pm: **Petitions & Thanksgiving in Honor of St. Joseph**

Req. Family

Saturday, May 02:


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

† Valeria Monis

Req. Monis Family

† Enrique Merchan

**PRAYER TO
Saint Joseph**



St. Joseph, protector and guardian of the Holy Family, we turn to you in our times of need. As a faithful servant and devoted father, you exemplified humility, strength, and unwavering trust in God's plan.

Intercede for us, that we may cultivate these virtues in our own lives and be steadfast in our responsibilities. Help us to embrace our roles with love and dedication, and guide us in our journey of faith, so that we may always seek to fulfill God's will. Amen.

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