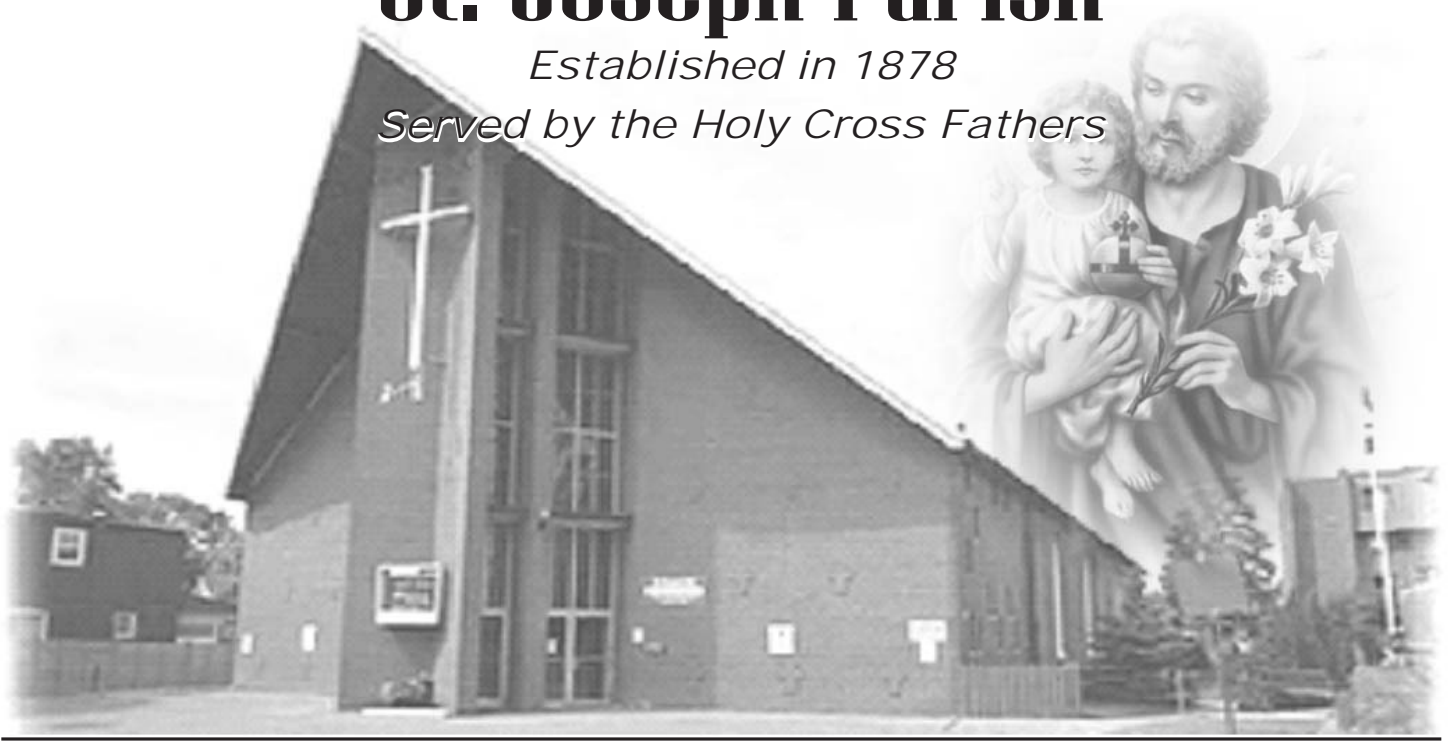


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OFFICE HOURS:
Monday to Friday: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Music Ministry: Megan Montifar & Eric Fahn

PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Servers
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*If you feel called to
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St. Vincent de Paul Society:
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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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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER : MAY 10, 2026



From the
Pastor's
Desk



In today's Gospel, Jesus says something both simple and challenging: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." At first, that can sound demanding—as if love must be proven. But Jesus is not laying down a burden; He is revealing a truth: real love always expresses itself in action. We see this clearly in our daily lives. If we love someone, we listen to them, we respect them, we make sacrifices for them.

Love is not just words or feelings—it becomes visible. Jesus is inviting us into that kind of relationship with Him. But He doesn't stop there. He knows that living this way is not easy. That's why He promises: "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you always." That Advocate is the Holy Spirit.

The Christian life is not about trying harder on our own. It is about allowing the Holy Spirit to live and act within us. The Spirit gives us strength when loving is difficult, courage when standing for truth is uncomfortable, and peace when we are troubled. In the First Reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, we see this in action. The people of Samaria receive the Word of God with joy, and through the laying on of hands, they receive the Holy Spirit. The Church is growing, not by human effort alone, but by the power of God working through His people.

And then, in the Second Reading, Saint Peter gives us very practical advice: "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope—but do it with gentleness and reverence." That line is especially important today. We live in a world that often questions faith, sometimes even rejects it. But Peter does not tell us to argue aggressively or impose belief. Instead, he tells us to witness—with gentleness, respect, and integrity. People are not convinced by arguments alone. They are moved by authenticity. They notice how we live, how we treat others, how we respond to suffering.

Our lives should raise a question in others: "Where does that peace come from? Where does that hope come from?" And then we are ready to answer—not with pressure, but with quiet confidence: "It comes from Christ." So today's message is really about three things: First, love is shown in action—keeping Christ's commandments. Second, we are not alone—the Holy Spirit helps and guides us. Third, our lives are meant to be a witness—gentle, respectful, and full of hope. This week, we might ask ourselves: Is my love for Christ visible in the way I live? Am I relying on the Holy Spirit, or just on myself? Does my life reflect a hope that others can see? **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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CENTENNIAL GALA: 100: MARTYR'S SHRINE

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

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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 an 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: PHONE: 705-526-3788 Toll free: 855-526-3788

EMAIL: communications@martyrs-shrine.com



Engagement Encounter

Friday, June 05, 2026 07:00

PM - Sunday, June 07, 2026

02:00 PM 1617 Blythe Road,

Mississauga, Ontario, L5H 2C3

Engaged Encounter is a week-end program for couples who are preparing for marriage. For more information and details, please contact us via email at: **office@qoa.ca or phone at: (905)278-5229.**



The Archdiocese of Toronto invites you to **A Day With Mary** on Saturday, May 30, 2026 at Villanova College in King City. Contact: events@archtoronto.org

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER : MAY 10, 2026



The Pope's Monthly Intentions for May 2026:
That Everyone Might Have Food: Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



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:
May 02-03, 2026: \$ 1,012.80

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† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 10:

10:00 am : † Sofia & Johnwell Salvador

Req. Jocelyn Salvador

† Joan Gribben

† Diane Gauthier Gribben

† Margaret MacDonald

Req. Judy Endacott

Monday, May 11: NO MASS

Tuesday, May 12:

9:00 am : **BirthDay Blessings—Elvisa Reyes**

Req. Angie & Nick Blanco

Wednesday, May 13:

7:00 pm :

Req.

Thursday, May 14:

9:00 am : † Celine Fernandes

Req. Family

Friday, May 15:

7:00 pm: † Julia Ordoná

Req. Mary Anne Law

Saturday, May 16:

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

† Juan & Luz Blanco

Req. Angie & Nick Blanco

† Agostinho & Idalina Oliveira


Req. Alda Oliveira

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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