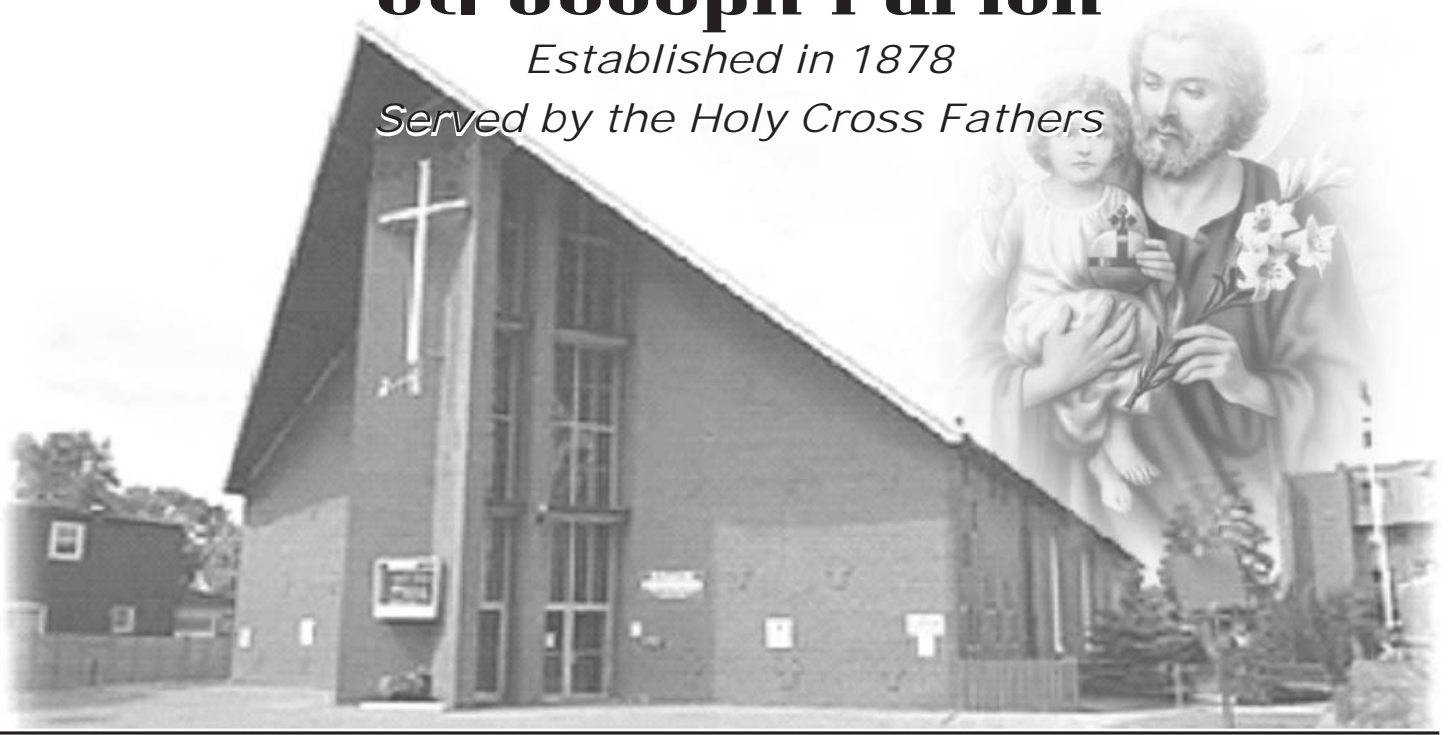


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OFFICE HOURS:
Monday to Friday: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Music Ministry: Megan Montifar & Eric Fahn

PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Servers
Children’s Liturgy
Collection Counters
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*If you feel called to
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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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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD : MAY 17, 2026



The Feast of the Ascension invites us to lift our eyes toward heaven while remaining faithful to our mission on earth. In the Gospel, Jesus gathers His disciples on the mountain before returning to the Father. His final words are not words of goodbye, but words of commissioning: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." The Ascension is not the end of Christ's presence among us. Instead, it marks a new way in which He remains with His Church — through the Holy Spirit, the sacraments, and the lives of believers.

At first glance, the Ascension may seem like a moment of separation. The disciples watched Jesus taken from their sight, and they may have felt uncertainty, fear, or even loneliness. Yet Jesus reassures them with a promise that still strengthens us today: "I am with you always, until the end of the age." This is the heart of the feast. Christ may ascend into heaven, but He does not abandon His people. His presence becomes universal, reaching every person, every nation, and every generation.

The Ascension also challenges us to grow in spiritual maturity. The disciples could no longer rely on seeing Jesus physically beside them. They had to trust, believe, and continue His mission with courage. In the same way, we are called to live by faith. Many times, we ask God for visible signs or immediate answers. Yet the Ascension reminds us that faith means trusting even when we cannot see clearly. Christ reigns in glory, guiding history and walking beside us even in silence.

Another important message of Ascension Sunday is mission. Jesus did not tell His followers to remain on the mountain staring into the sky. He sent them into the world. Christianity is never meant to be passive. Every baptized person has a responsibility to share the Gospel through words, compassion, justice, forgiveness, and love. Some proclaim Christ publicly; others witness quietly through kindness, honesty, and service. The mission field begins in our homes, workplaces, schools, and communities.

The feast also gives us hope. Jesus ascended with His human nature into heaven, opening the path for us to follow. The Ascension reminds us that heaven is our true destination. In a world filled with suffering, division, and anxiety, Christians are called to live with eternal perspective. Our lives on earth matter deeply, but they are not the final chapter. Christ has gone before us to prepare a place for us. As we celebrate Ascension Sunday, we can ask ourselves some important questions: Do I live as a witness to Christ? Do I trust in His presence even during difficult times?



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.



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CENTENNIAL GALA: 100: MARTYR'S SHRINE

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

Bellvue Manor, 8083 Jane Street, Vaughan, ON

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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

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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 9-10, 2026: \$ 812.80

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† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 17:

10:00 am : † Julia Ordoná

Req. Shiela Brosnan

† Rebecca De Sagun

Req. Nimpha Del Rosario

Thanksgiving Intentions

Req. Toni Muisse

Monday, May 18: NO MASS

Tuesday, May 19:

9:00 am : † Zaldy Balde Sr.

Req. Diana Balde

Wednesday, May 20:

7:00 pm :

Req.

Thursday, May 21:

9:00 am : † Jeffrey Tan & Jose Salvador

Req. Jocelyn Salvador

Friday, May 22:

7:00 pm:

Req.

Saturday, May 23:

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

† Alvira & Agostinho Raposo

Req. Raposo Family

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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