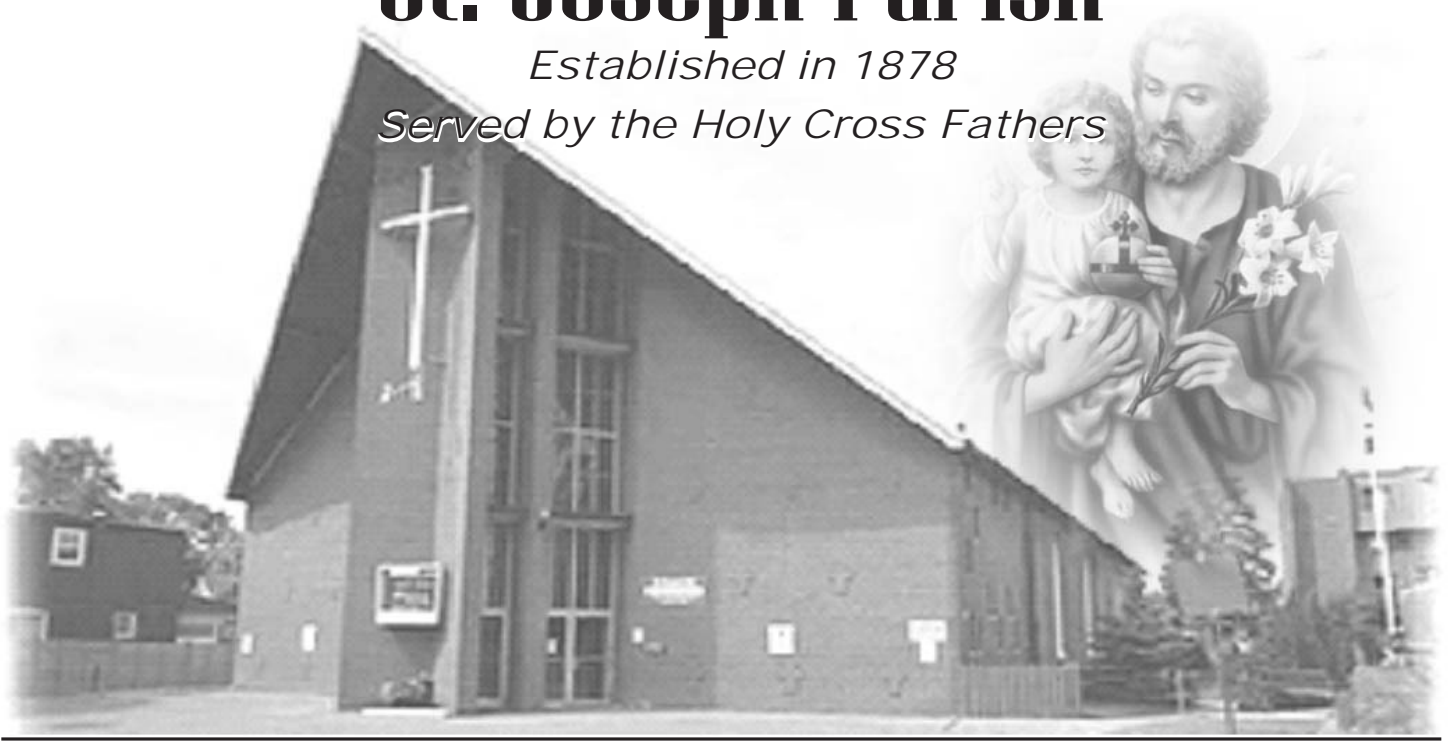


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## UNITY IN DIVERSITY

“Moved by the Good News of Jesus Christ... We *Journey with St. Joseph*”

**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  
Communion to the Sick  
Lectors & Eucharistic  
Ministries  
Legion of Mary  
Social Action Committee  
Parish Council

Finance Council  
Girl Guides

*If you feel called to  
serve the church  
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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# TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 21, 2026



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus speaks words of encouragement to His disciples as He prepares them for the challenges of their mission: "Do not be afraid." Three times in this short passage, Jesus repeats this message. He knows that following Him will not always be easy. The disciples will

face opposition, misunderstanding, and even persecution. Yet Jesus assures them that they are never abandoned by God.

Fear is one of the most common human experiences. We fear failure, rejection, suffering, uncertainty, and sometimes even speaking openly about our faith. In today's world, many Christians hesitate to witness to Christ because they worry about what others might think. Jesus understands these fears, but He invites us to trust in the Father's loving care.

To illustrate God's concern for us, Jesus points to the sparrows. Though they are small and seemingly insignificant, not one falls to the ground without the Father's knowledge. Then He makes a remarkable statement: "You are worth more than many sparrows." God knows us intimately. He knows our struggles, our hopes, our weaknesses, and even the number of hairs on our heads. Nothing in our lives escapes His loving attention. This message does not mean that believers will be spared all suffering. The disciples themselves would face hardships and martyrdom. Rather, Jesus promises that God's providence accompanies us through every trial. When we place our trust in Him, fear no longer has the final word. Courage is not the absence of fear; it is choosing faith in the midst of fear.

The first reading from the prophet Jeremiah echoes this theme. Jeremiah experiences rejection and hostility because he faithfully proclaims God's word. Yet he refuses to give up because he knows that the Lord is with him as a mighty champion. His confidence comes not from his own strength but from God's presence. As Catholics, we are called to bear witness to Christ in our families, workplaces, schools, and communities. Sometimes this witness may require us to stand for truth when it is unpopular. At other times it may mean showing kindness, forgiveness, and compassion in a world marked by division. Whatever form our witness takes, Jesus reminds us that we do not stand alone. This week, we might reflect on the fears that hold us back from fully following Christ. Are we afraid of what others think? Afraid of failure? Afraid of trusting God completely?

Jesus' words invite us to surrender those fears and place our confidence in the Father who loves us beyond measure.

**God Bless: Fr. Roshan Loy D'Souza, CSC**

*From the  
Pastor's  
Desk*



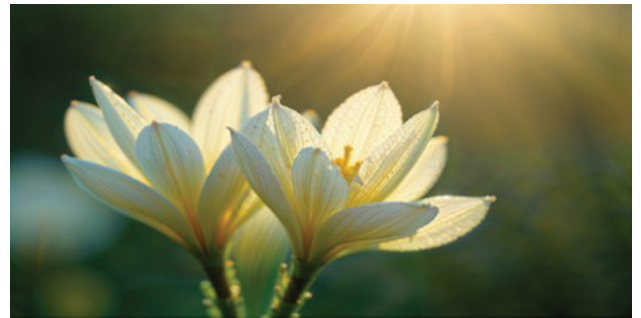
## REMEMBERING ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH,

### 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



### Day Retreat for Women: How to Build Resilience around Habit Change. From Resistance to Perseverance

*Saturday, July 11, 2026 09:30 AM - Saturday, July 11, 2026 04:00 PM. Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre*

Day Retreat for Women: How to Build Resilience around Habit Change: From Resistance to Perseverance.

Lasting change comes through spiritual renewal and the transformation of one's mind, not just willpower. Abandoning old behaviours to create new habits requires spiritual strength and emotional resilience. Join us for this interactive workshop and reflection day where we will look at how our awareness of undesired habits, beliefs that keep us stuck, and discontentment of these behaviours and results, can assist us in building the emotional resistance and conviction needed to persevere in creating habits and outcomes we want. We will share insightful tools and practical tips. Come away for a while and be refreshed by walking the grounds, having a nice meal together, praying, and fellowshiping with other women of faith.

**For more information and to register, please contact Veronica at [boutiquecoachingconnections@gmail.com](mailto:boutiquecoachingconnections@gmail.com). Suggested offering: \$75 per person. Includes coffee/tea & muffin break, lunch, the program and Mass.**

# TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 21, 2026



**The Pope's Monthly Intentions for June 2026:**  
**For the Value of Sports :** Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote such as respect, solidarity and personal growth.



**Children's Liturgy of the Word:**  
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.

### 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.



**First Communion Schedule:**  
Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion on **June 27, 2026 Saturday at 10:00 am**



- July 18 : Church Yard Sale: 10 am to 2 pm
- August 15: Karaoke Night: 6.30 pm
- September 19: Volunteer appreciation Lunch: 12.30pm
- September 26: Family & Friends Trivia night: 6.30 pm
- October 25: International Food Festival: 11 am
- November 28: Dinner & Dance: 6.30pm



**WEEKEND COLLECTION:**  
June 13 - 14, 2026: \$ 1,309.75

Thank you for your constant support and generous contribution.

Kindly contribute through Pre - Authorized Giving. Forms are available in the foyer.

A Big thanks to Knights of Columbus, Council 9079.



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, June 21:

10:00 am : † **Joe Arruda**

Req. Fatima Arruda

† **Johnwell & Antonio Salvador**

Req. Jocelyn Salvador

† **Augusto Aviles**

Req. Lorna Edquila

**Thanksgiving Intentions in Honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help**

Req. Angie & Nick Blanco

**Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life Gabriel & Miguel Astrero**

Req. Ellen Barral

### Monday, June 22: NO MASS

### Tuesday, June 23:

9:00 am : † **Rolando Rodriguez**

Req. Arrarte Family

### Wednesday, June 24:

7:00 pm : † **Huan & Demetria Feliciano**

Req. Marilene Casballido

### Thursday, June 25:

9:00 am : **Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life—Jian Benedict Plazo**

Req. Plazo Family

### Friday, June 26:

7:00 pm: † **Juan & Luz Blanco**

Req. Angie & Nick Blanco

### Saturday, June 27:

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

† **Gilbert Oliveira**

Req. Alda Oliveira

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