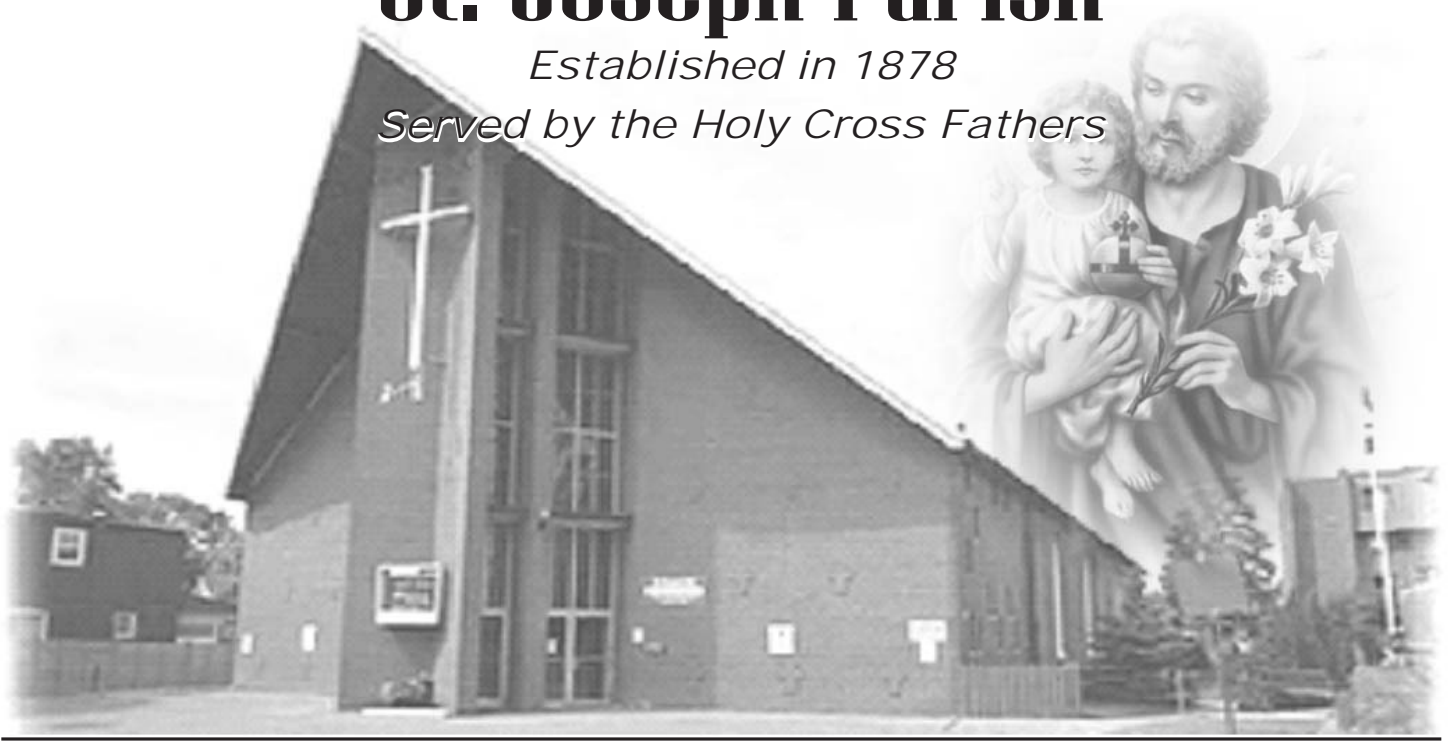


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**Secretary/Bookkeeper:** Nerie Bernal  
**Custodian:** Allan Cobham

**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  
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Legion of Mary  
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Parish Council

Finance Council  
Girl Guides

*If you feel called to  
serve the church  
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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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# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. JUNE 28, 2026



**"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me."**

At first hearing, these words can seem harsh. Is Jesus asking us to love our families less? Certainly not. The Fourth Commandment calls us to honor our parents, and throughout the Gospel Jesus teaches love and compassion.

What Jesus is teaching is about priorities. He is asking: Who occupies the first place in your heart? Every disciple faces this question. We all have many loves—family, friends, work, possessions, ambitions. These are good gifts from God. But when any of these become more important than God Himself, our spiritual life becomes disordered. Jesus does not ask for part of our hearts; He asks for all of it.

In the first reading, we hear about the Shunammite woman who welcomes the prophet Elisha into her home. She recognizes God's presence in him and generously provides a room for him. Her hospitality becomes a channel of blessing. Because she made room for God's servant, God made room for new life in her family.

The Gospel echoes the same theme. Jesus says: "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me." Every act of welcome offered in faith becomes an encounter with Christ Himself. This challenges us to ask: Do I make room for Christ in my daily life? Do I welcome Him in prayer? Do I recognize Him in the poor, the lonely, the sick, and the stranger? Is my home, my workplace, and my heart open to His presence?

Jesus also speaks about taking up one's cross. Following Christ is not always comfortable. Sometimes discipleship requires sacrifice, forgiveness when it is difficult, honesty when it is costly, faithfulness when it is unpopular, and perseverance when life is hard. The second reading from Romans reminds us why such sacrifices are worthwhile. Through Baptism, we have been united with Christ in His death and resurrection. Our old self has died, and we are called to live a new life in Him. Christianity is not merely following rules; it is sharing in the very life of the risen Christ.

This means that every day we have a choice: to live according to our old self-centered ways or to live as people transformed by grace. Jesus concludes with a beautiful promise: even a cup of cold water given to one of His little ones will not go unrewarded. God notices even the smallest acts of love. A kind word, a visit to someone who is lonely, a prayer for someone in need, an act of generosity—none of these are forgotten by God. May we welcome the Lord with open hearts and place Him above all else.

*From the  
Pastor's  
Desk*



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



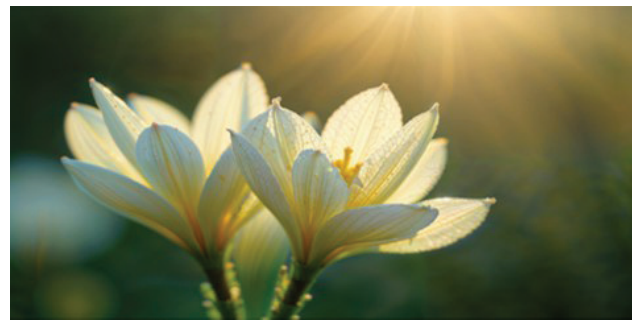
**REMEMBERING ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH,**

**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



**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.**

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

### For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.



## 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.



**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 20-21, 2026: \$ 1.015.80

Thank you for your constant support and generous contribution.

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Forms are available in the foyer.

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# MASS INTENTIONS

## Sunday, June 28:

10:00 am : † **Hermenigildo Dancel**

Req. Dancel Family

## Thanksgiving Intentions

Req. Toni Muise

## Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life Judith Menaling

Req. Plazo Family

## Monday, June 29: NO MASS

## Tuesday, June 30:

9:00 am : **Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life- Pamela Cobham**

Req. Allan Cobham

## Wednesday, July 01:

7:00 pm :

## Thursday, July 02:

9:00 am :

## Friday, July 03:

7:00 pm:

## Saturday, June 27:

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

† **Kenny Monis**

Req. Monis Family

† **Gilbert Oliveira**

Req. Alda Oliveira



## SAINT JOSEPH

Protect my family and me as you did the Holy Family. Kindly keep us ever united in the love of Christ, ever strong in imitation of the virtue of our Blessed Lady, and always faithful in devotion to you.

AMEN

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