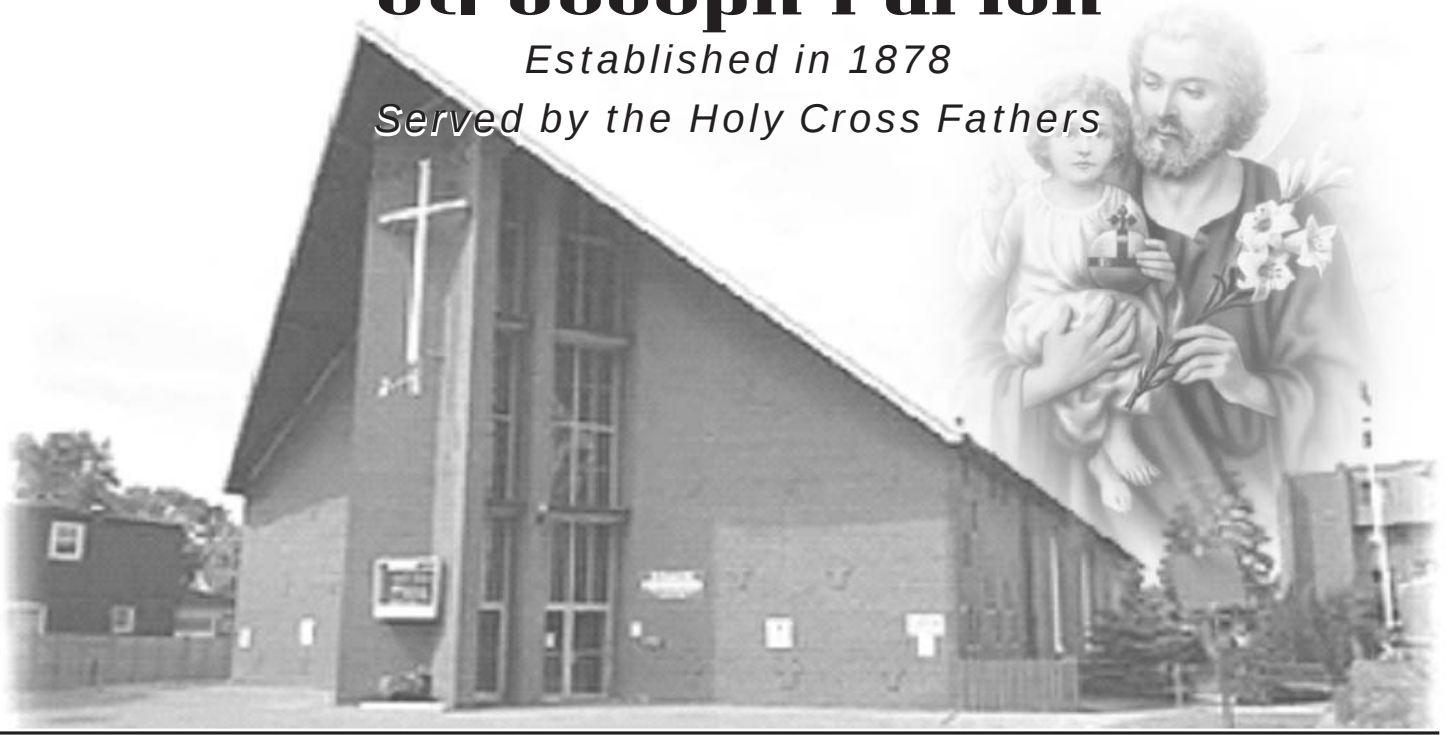


St. Joseph Parish

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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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On this 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus gives us a challenging message: "Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." These words remind us that being a Christian is not simply about coming to church, saying prayers, or calling ourselves Catholic.

Being a disciple means making a real commitment to Christ and allowing Him to transform the way we live.

Jesus asks us to count the cost of discipleship. Every important decision in life requires commitment. A marriage requires commitment. Raising children requires commitment. Building a career requires commitment. In the same way, following Jesus requires commitment, sacrifice, patience, and perseverance.

Sometimes we want the blessings of Christianity without the cross. We want peace without forgiveness, success without sacrifice, and eternal life without changing our lives. But Jesus reminds us that the cross is part of the journey.

The cross can take many forms in our daily lives. It may be forgiving someone who has hurt us. It may be caring for an elderly parent, helping a struggling family member, or remaining faithful when life becomes difficult. It may mean choosing honesty when lying would be easier. It may mean standing for what is right even when others disagree with us.

The second important message of today's Gospel is that discipleship requires us to put God first. Jesus says that we must be willing to leave behind anything that prevents us from following Him. This does not mean that we should stop loving our families or responsibilities. Rather, it means that God must be at the center of everything we do.

The first reading reminds us that human wisdom alone is limited. We need God's wisdom to understand what truly matters in life. Many things that appear important today will eventually pass away. Wealth, possessions, status, and popularity cannot give us lasting happiness. What remains is our relationship with God and the love we have shown to others.

My brothers and sisters, today's Gospel asks each of us a simple but profound question: Am I truly following Jesus, or am I only following Him when it is convenient? Christian discipleship is a daily choice. Every morning we can say, "Lord, I give you this day. Lead me. Use me. Help me to love as you love."

Let us not be afraid of the cross. When we carry it with Christ, we never carry it alone. Jesus walks beside us, strengthens us, and

gives meaning to our sacrifices. 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.



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BUILD BOUNDARIES

Without healthy boundaries, we abandon ourselves, which can lead to self loathing or losing a sense of who we are. Healthy boundaries allow us to protect ourselves so we can feel self respect and self love.



Day Retreat for Women: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." (Eccl 3:1)

Time is a gift from God and our decisions about how to best steward it must come from acknowledging that our lives belong to Him. Join us for this interactive workshop reflection day where you will learn values-based time management strategies, gain tips for creating a workable to-do list and not-do list, tools for how to say no to activities that waste time and distract us from our goals and priorities, and insights into the benefits of making time for communal and individual prayer and rest.

For more information and to register, please contact :
Veronica at boutiquecoachingconnections@gmail.com.
Suggested offering: \$ 75 per person.



The Pope's Monthly Intentions for month of
September 2026: For The Care of Water:

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management
of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may
have equal access to it..



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.



September 19:

Volunteer appreciation Lunch at 12.30 pm

September 26:

Family & Friends Trivia night at 6.30 pm

October 25:

International Food Festival at 11 am

November 28:

Dinner & Dance at 6.30 pm



WEEKEND COLLECTION:

August 29-30, 2026: \$

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, September 06:

10:00 am : **Thanksgiving Intentions**

Req. Toni Muise

Monday, September 07: NO MASS

Tuesday, September 08:

9:00 am : **Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life**

Req. Elnora Pascua

Wednesday, September 09:

7:00 pm: † **Brenda Malone**

Req. Lori McNeil

**For the staff of St. Joseph's
Parish**

Req. Anonymous

Thursday, September 10:

9:00 am :

Req.

Friday, September 11:

7:00 pm: **Vicenta Flores**

Req. **Angie & Nick Blanco**

Saturday, September 12:

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



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