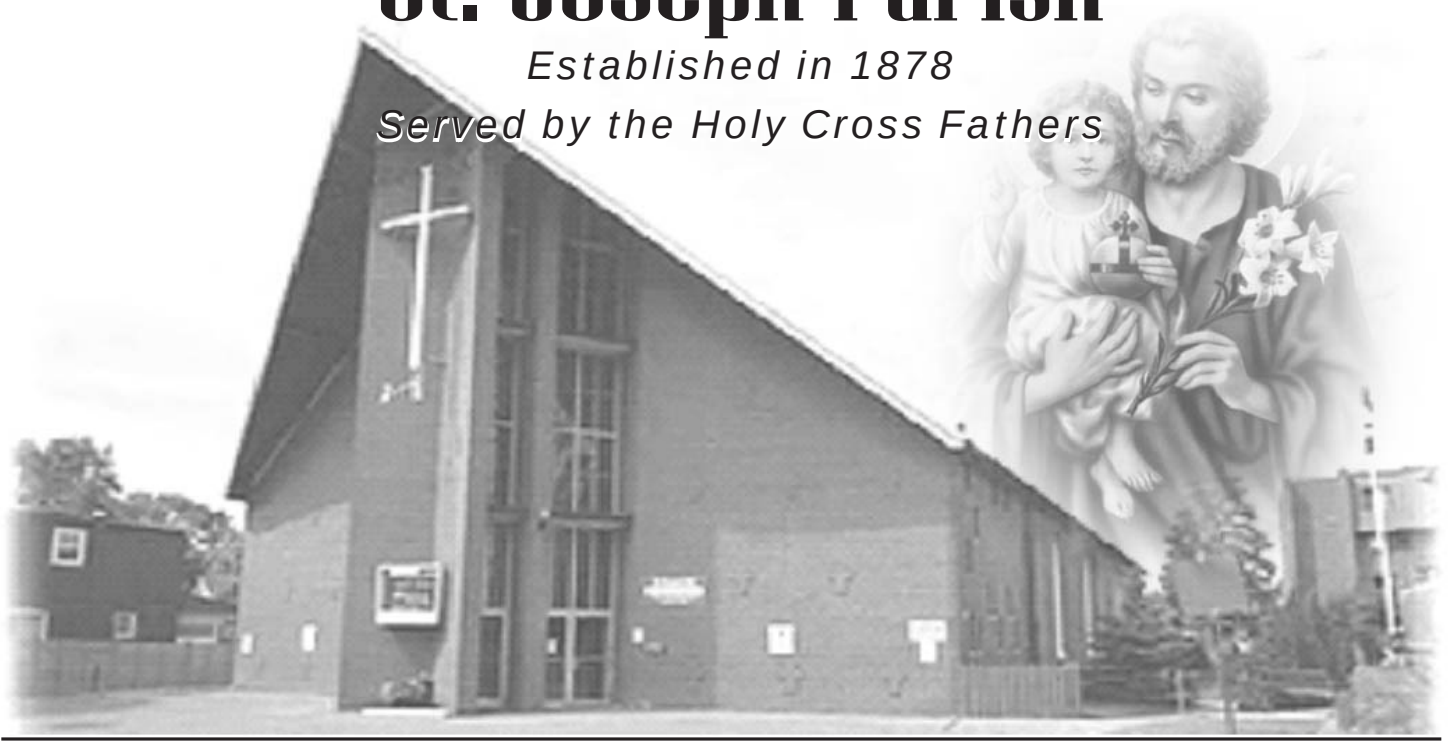


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Pastor: Fr. Roshan Loy D’Souza, CSC
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OFFICE HOURS:
Monday to Friday: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Music Ministry: Megan Montifar & Eric Fahn

PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Servers
Children’s Liturgy
Collection Counters
Communion to the Sick
Lectors & Eucharistic
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*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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"Give Thanks to the Lord, for He Is Good"

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, This Thanksgiving weekend gives us a beautiful opportunity to pause and recognize the many blessings God has given us. In the busyness of life, we often focus on what we **need**, what

we **want**, and what we **do not have**. Thanksgiving invites us to change our focus and ask: "What has God already given me?"

The first lesson is **to recognize our blessings**. Our life, family, friends, health, faith, home, food, work, and the people who support us are all gifts. We may take many of these things for granted. But everything we have ultimately comes from God. As Psalm 107 reminds us, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever."

The second life lesson is **gratitude changes our attitude**. A grateful person does not necessarily have a perfect life. Rather, a grateful person learns to see God's goodness even in difficult circumstances. When we give thanks, we become less focused on our problems and more aware of God's presence.

The third lesson is **we must share our blessings**. God does not bless us simply so that we can keep everything for ourselves. He blesses us so that we can become a blessing to others. Thanksgiving should remind us of those who are lonely, hungry, sick, struggling financially, or separated from their families. A meal becomes more meaningful when it is shared. A blessing becomes greater when it reaches someone in need.

The fourth lesson is **thankfulness should lead to generosity**. If God has been generous with us, we should be generous with others—with our time, patience, forgiveness, kindness, and resources. Sometimes the greatest gift we can give another person is simply our presence and a listening heart.

Finally, Thanksgiving reminds us to **trust God for the future**. We do not know what tomorrow will bring. There may be challenges, disappointments, or uncertainties. But we can say, "Lord, thank you for what You have given me, and I trust You with what lies ahead."

The Eucharist itself is an act of thanksgiving. The word **Eucharist** means "thanksgiving." Every time we come to Mass, we gather not only to ask God for blessings but also to thank Him for His love, mercy, and salvation through Jesus Christ. So this Thanksgiving weekend, let us count our blessings rather than our troubles, appreciate our families rather than take them for granted, forgive those who have hurt us, and share what we have with those in

need. A grateful heart is a joyful heart, and a generous heart is a blessed heart.
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



Join us for Spirit & Life: A Catholic Guide to Medical Treatment Decisions at the End of Life.

Saturday, October 17, 2026 09:00 AM –to- 11:00 AM

How do we approach the bewildering array of medical decisions that can face us (and our loved ones) in serious illness? From medications to devices to surgeries, how can we live these decisions faithfully as Catholics, caring for the gift of our earthly life, without losing sight of our journey to eternal life? This talk will introduce the foundational Catholic approach to making medical treatment decisions toward the end of life. Refined over centuries, these deeply reasonable principles can guide us to a faithful, compassionate, and realistic living of the often challenging moments of suffering and illness that accompany the end of life. Together with authentic and accessible palliative care, understanding how to approach medical treatment decisions is an essential element of opposing the grave harms of MAID. In-person attendance only: \$10 admission (includes the talk, croissants, pastries, coffee and tea)

**Learn more and register: staugustines.on.ca/events-listing/spirit-life-a-catholic-guide-to-medical-treatment-decisions-at-the-end-of-life . Location: St. Augustine's Seminary
2661 Kingston Road, Toronto, Ontario, M1M 1M3**



The Pope's Monthly Intentions for the month of October 2026: For Mental Health Ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



Children's Liturgy of the Word:

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!



Altar Servers: 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: 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.

Sacramental Registration: Please note that you must register your children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation.



First Communion: All children who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist are required to attend Sunday Mass regularly.

Candidates of Confirmation; Rite of Acceptance: will be on **Sunday, October 18, 2026 during 10:00 a.m. Mass** at St. Joseph Church.



October 25: International Food Festival at 11:00 am
November 28: Dinner & Dance at 6.30 pm
December 13: Bake Sale at 11:00 am



November 02, 2026: On All Souls' Day, parishioners are invited to light a candle and offer a Mass in memory of deceased loved ones.



WEEKEND COLLECTION:
October 03-04, 2026: \$ 1,674.45

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A Big thanks to Knights of Columbus, Council 9079.

Thank You, Volunteers! We sincerely thank all our dedicated volunteers for your generous time, hard work, and faithful service to our parish.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 11:

10:00 am : **Maria & Eldeberto Birthday &**

Family Intentions

Req. Maria Carmo Oliveira

† **Justin Fernadez**

Req. Cecilia & Grace Fernandez

† **Pilar Dancel**

Req. Dancel Family

Monday, October 12: NO MASS

Tuesday, October 13:

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

Req. Megan Montifar

Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life

Req. Carmelita Honculada

Thanksgiving for Gift of Life –

Nicole Polivka

Req. George & Sidonia Polivka

Wednesday, October 14:

7:00 pm: † **Dante Cafirma**

Req. Fe Keleher

Thursday, October 15:

9:00 am : † **Elnora Pascua**

Req. Luz Naron & Lubrica Family

Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life

– Alvin Cornista

Req. Andrea & Salvador Cornista

Friday, October 16:

7:00 pm: **Healing Intentions**

Req. Connie Saavedra

Saturday, October 17:

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

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