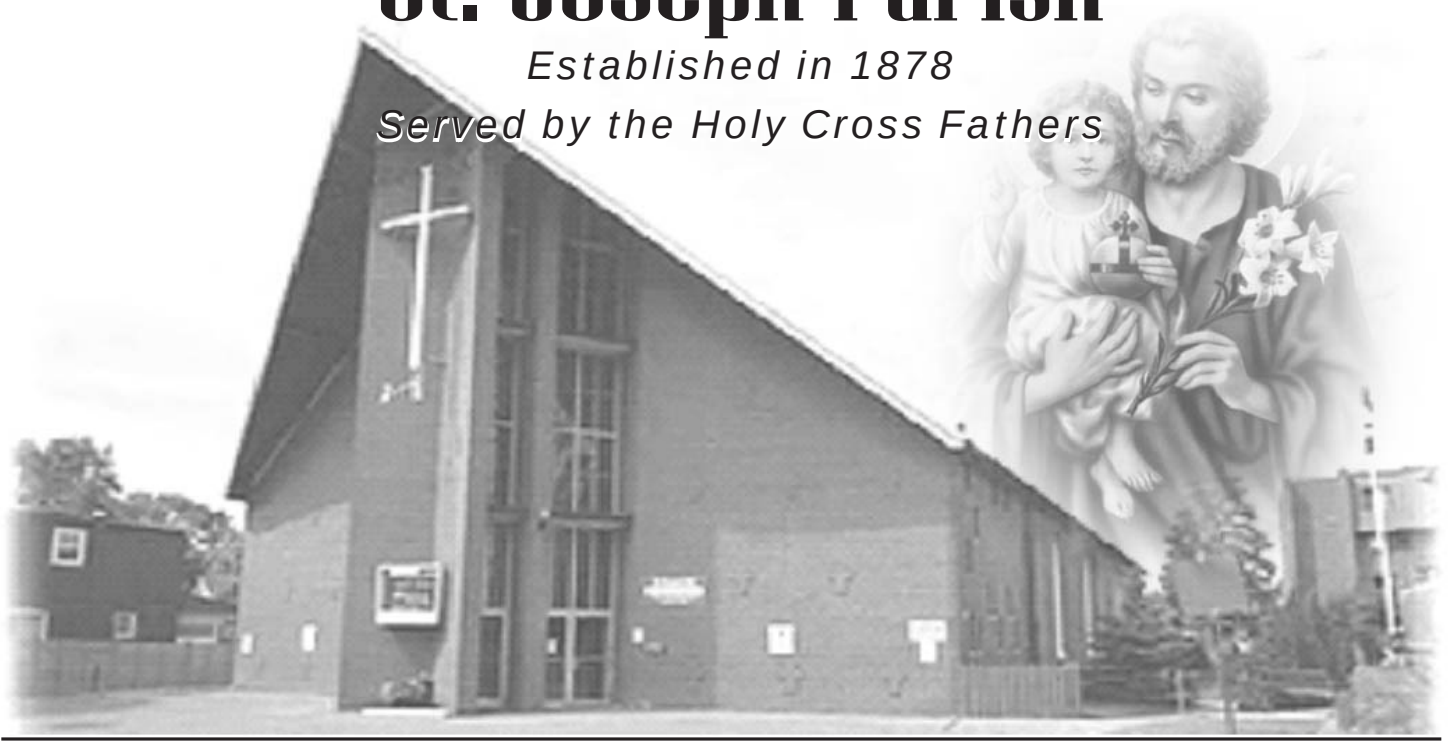


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Monday to Friday: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Music Ministry: Megan Montifar & Eric Fahn

PARISH MINISTRIES

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*If you feel called to
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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.

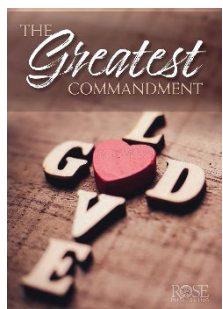
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The Greatest Commandment Is Love

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Today, Jesus gives us one of the most important teachings in the entire Gospel. When a Pharisee asks Him, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" Jesus answers clearly: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." He then adds, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-39).

These two commandments summarize the whole Christian life. Our faith is not simply about attending Mass, saying prayers, or following religious traditions. These practices are important, but their true purpose is to help us love God more deeply and love others more sincerely.

1. Love God with Your Whole Heart

Jesus invites us to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind. This means giving God first place in our lives.

Sometimes, we love God only when life is going well. When we receive blessings, our prayers are full of thanksgiving. But when we experience sickness, financial difficulties, family problems, or disappointment, we may begin to question God's presence.

2. Love Your Neighbour as Yourself

Jesus does not stop with loving God. He gives us a second commandment: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

The first reading from Exodus reminds us to care for strangers, widows, orphans, and the poor. God is telling His people that genuine faith must be expressed through compassion and justice.

3. Love Is the Foundation of Our Christian Life

Jesus concludes by saying that the whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.

This means that all our religious practices must lead us toward love. We attend Mass to encounter Christ, receive His grace, and become more like Him. We pray so that our hearts may be transformed. We receive the Eucharist so that we may carry Christ's love into the world.

Life Lessons for This Week

Let us take three practical lessons from today's Gospel:

1. Put God first. Make time for daily prayer, participate faithfully in the Eucharist, and seek God's guidance in your decisions.
2. Love through action. Perform at least one concrete act of kindness each day without expecting anything in return.
3. Examine your relationships. Ask yourself whether there is someone you need to forgive, encourage, visit, or reconcile with.

My dear brothers and sisters, imagine how different our families and parish communities would be if everyone sincerely followed these two commandments. There would be less hatred, less jealousy, less division, and more forgiveness, generosity, peace, and understanding.

The world does not need Christians who merely speak about love. It needs Christians who demonstrate love through their daily lives.

Let us remember the words of Jesus: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind," and "Love your neighbour as yourself."

May these two commandments guide our lives today and every day. Amen.

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



REMEMBERING ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, Making a charitable Bequest:

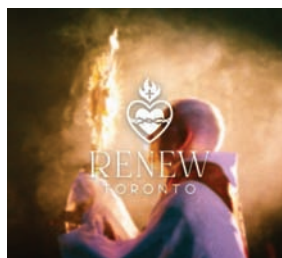
Having a properly made will is one of the best gifts anyone can leave their loved ones in the event of their passing. It also ensures that charities and causes closest to their hearts will be sustained. By putting the parish in their will, parishioners can help the Church faithfully carry out the pastoral 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

RENEW Toronto 2026



Join us on November 20-21 (Christ the King weekend) for RENEW Toronto, our annual conference for all young adults aged 18 to 39. The purpose of this conference is to equip and inspire young adults to confidently understand and defend

the Catholic faith in today's world.

Whether you're new to apologetics or already passionate about your faith, this conference is designed to deepen your knowledge, strengthen your confidence in conversations about faith and help you respond thoughtfully to common questions and challenges. It's also a space to encounter Christ more deeply, build authentic community and meet other young adults who are seeking truth and striving to live it out. Ultimately, the goal is not just to win arguments, but to witness to the truth with love.

Here's what to expect at RENEW Toronto: - A new location (This year, RENEW will be at 12Fifty Event Centre in Scarborough) - Inspiring talks - Eucharistic Adoration - Vibrant Worship led by Liveloud Canada - Engaging Workshops - Community Building - A Marketplace featuring many local Catholic vendors, artists and businesses Learn more and register at <https://renewtoronto.org/> Early bird pricing ends July 31st at 11:59 PM EDT. Regular pricing begins August 1 and will run until October 1 at 11:59 PM EDT. Late registration will run from October 2, ending on November 4 at 11:59 PM EST.



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 25, 2026



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 are encouraged to be part of St. Joseph Youth group and actively participate in the spiritual activities.



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 17-18, 2026: \$ 2,135.20

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.

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 25:

10:00 am : † **Helen De Souza**

Req. Olga Oliveira

† **Leo, Neri, Regis &**

Bernadette Deveau

Req. Toni Muise

† **Laura Deveau**

Req. Eileen Doucet

Monday, October 26: NO MASS

Tuesday, October 27:

9:00 am : † **Vicente Montifar**

Req. Myrna Montifar

† **Elnora Pascua**

Req. Allan & Pamela Cobham

† **Samson Gadayan**

Req. Jocelyn Salvador

Wednesday, October 28:

7:00 pm: **Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life-**

Odile De Figueiredo

Req. Sharon McCarron

Thursday, October 29:

9:00 am : † **Purificacion Bersola**

Req. Bersola Family

Friday, October 30:

7:00 pm: † **Elnora Pascua**

Req. Nerie Bernal & Family

Saturday, October 31:

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

† **Ron Roberts**

Req. Shiela Brosnan

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