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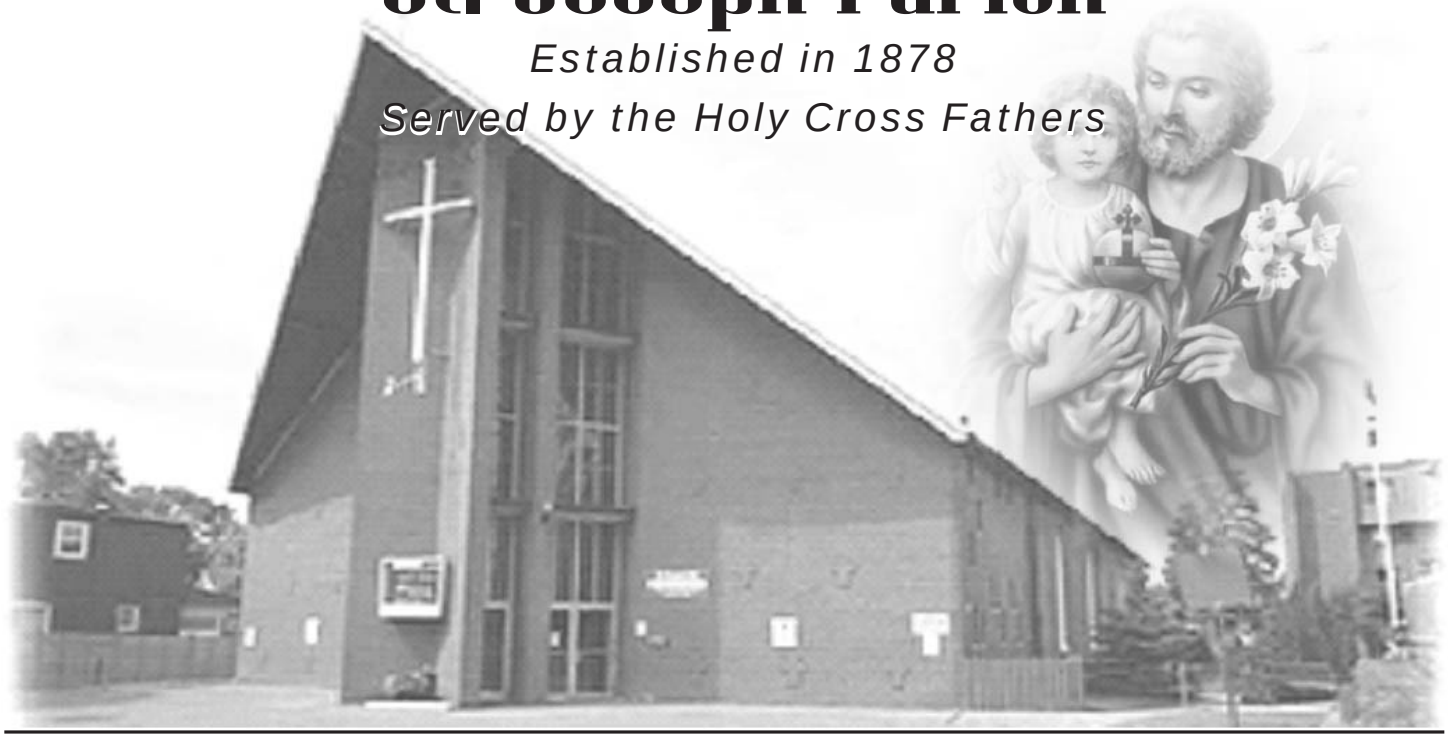

UNITY IN DIVERSITY

"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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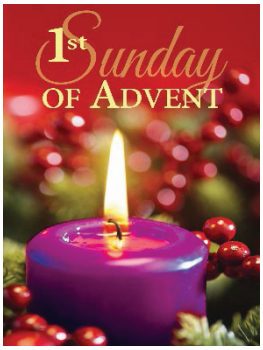
FIRST SUNDAY OD ADVENT: NOVEMBER 29, 2026



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today we begin a new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. Advent is a season of waiting, preparation, and hope. We prepare not only to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas, but also to welcome Christ into our hearts every day and to be ready for His coming at the end of time.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples, *"Stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming."* These words remind us that life is unpredictable. We do not know what tomorrow will bring, but we know that God is always present and faithful. Jesus calls us not to live in fear, but to live with faith, responsibility, and readiness.

Advent invites us to examine our lives. Are we too busy with our daily responsibilities that we forget God? Are we distracted by worries, material possessions, anger, or worldly pleasures? Sometimes we prepare everything for Christmas—decorations, gifts, food, and celebrations—but forget to prepare our hearts for Jesus.

The message of Advent is simple: **Prepare the way of the Lord.** We prepare by praying more, forgiving those who have hurt us, helping the poor, visiting the lonely, and making peace with one another. These are the gifts that truly welcome Christ into our lives.

The prophet Isaiah reminds us that we are called to walk in the light of the Lord. Advent is an opportunity to leave behind darkness and choose the light of faith, love, and goodness. Even when life is difficult, even when we face uncertainty, God continues to guide us.

As we light the first candle of the Advent wreath, let it remind us of hope. Hope tells us that God has not abandoned us. Hope gives us strength to begin again and courage to face tomorrow.

Let us use this Advent season wisely. Let us stay awake in faith, prepare our hearts with love, and welcome Jesus not only into our homes but into our daily lives.

May this Advent bring us closer to Christ and help us become signs of His hope, peace, and love to everyone we meet. **Amen.**

God Bless: Fr. Roshan lpoy D'Souza, CSC

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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 Of Reflection: Solitude and the Sunday Mass Collects of Advent

Monday : November 30, 2026 from 9.00 am to 3.30 pm

A day of reflection for men & women: Cultivating solitude is essential to the Christian life because it helps to create spaces in us that can only be filled with Christ. How can prayerful reflection on the Collects for the four Sundays of Advent lead us into a deeper appreciation of solitude, thereby preparing in us the necessary places where we can meet and receive Jesus who longs to dwell in each of us? Facilitated by Fr. Dominic Barber. The suggested offering is $75 per person which includes lunch, coffee/tea break, program and Mass. REGISTER: Email:manresaregistration@outlook.com or visit https://manresa-canada.ca or call 905-839-2864.



St. Michael's Choir School Annual Christmas Concert - Joyeux Noel - A Canadian Christmas

Saturday, December 12, 2026 07:00 PM - Saturday, December 12, 2026 08:30 PM

Massey Hall - Toronto

This Christmas, experience the wonder of the season through the music of Canada's finest composers and arrangers. Joyeux Noël - A Canadian Christmas is a stirring celebration of the Nativity, showcasing a rich tapestry of sacred choral masterworks, beloved carols, and newly imagined Christmas favourites, all crafted by Canadian musical voices from across the country and from within the distinguished tradition of St. Michael's Choir School. Tickets on sale now at masseyhall.com.

"Advent is the perfect time to clear and prepare the Way. Advent is a winter training camp for those who desire peace. By reflection and prayer, by reading and meditation, we can make our hearts a place where a blessing of peace would desire to abide and where the birth of the Prince of Peace might take place."

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The Pope's Monthly Intentions for the month of November 2026: For the Proper Use of Wealth
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be at the service of the common good and in solidarity with those who have less.



Children's Liturgy of the Word: We warmly invite parents to bring their children to the Sunday 10:00 am Mass at St. Joseph.
Calling All Children! Join Our Altar Servers and Children's Choir!

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.



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: 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.



WEEKEND COLLECTION:
November 21-22, 2026: $956.70
Thank you for your constant support and generous contribution.
Kindly contribute through Pre-Authorized Giving. Forms are available on the foyer.
A Big thanks to Knights of Columbus, Council 9079.
We sincerely thank all our dedicated volunteers for your generous time, hard work, and faithful service to our parish.

2027 Sunday Offertory Envelopes:
We are currently preparing the 2027 Sunday Offertory envelopes. If you would like to have envelope, please register at the Parish office. Parish Registration helps us keep accurate records, issue tax receipts and stay connected with you.

Ways to Support Our Parish: We are grateful for your generosity and support to our parish. You may make your offertory contribution through weekly Offertory envelopes, cash donation during mass, cheques payable to St. Joseph Parish, Pre Authorized Giving (PAG). Your support helps sustain our mission, ministries, programs & parish operations.
For more information, contact parish office. Thank you for your continued support.

MASS INTENSIONS:

November 29: Sunday 10:00 am	† Maria Jose Medeiros - Req. Family; † All Souls in Purgatory - Req. Regine & Jeanne Ramos Thanksgiving Intentions - Req. Toni Muise
November 30: Monday	**NO MASS**
December 01: Tuesday 9:00 am	† Emilio Manzanero - Req. Myrna Montifar
December 02: Wednesday 7:00 pm	†
December 03: Thursday 9:00 am	† Elnora Pascua - Req. Regine & Jeanne Ramos
December 04: Friday 7:00 pm	Thanksgiving for Gift of Life Rose Elliott - Req. Lourdes Elliott
December 05: Saturday 5:00 pm	St. Joseph Parish Community † Mary Margaret & Patricia Judith MacNeil -Req. Pauline MacNeil † Crispina Laurel - Req. Myrna Montifar

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