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Office Hours

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| Monday | Closed |
| Tuesday to Friday | 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. |
| Sunday | 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. |

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St Vincent de Paul

For assistance call 647-303-2621
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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

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| ENGLISH | Saturday | 5:00 p.m. |
| ITALIAN | Sunday | 9:00 a.m. |
| ENGLISH | Sunday | 11:00 a.m. |
| ENGLISH | Sunday | 1:00 p.m. |

Weekday Masses

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| Tuesday & Thursday | 9:00 a.m. |
| Wednesday & Friday | 7:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | 9:00 a.m. |

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. or email msgrkeenan@stjw.ca for an appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call the office in emergency or serious illness.

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office for an appointment.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least 12 months in advance.

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Please call the Parish Office.

ADORATION CHAPEL

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| Tuesday & Thursday | 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday & Friday | 9:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. |
| Saturday | 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. |

RESOURCE CENTRE/GIFT SHOP

Open for 30 minutes after each weekend Mass.
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PARISH SCHOOLS

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MASS READINGS

First Reading: Daniel 7.13-14

Second Reading: Revelation 1.5-8

Gospel: John 18.33-37

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 21, 9:00 AM (Italian)

+ Eugenio Martine, + Anna Romasco,
+ Concetta Di Matteo

Sunday, November 21, 11:00 AM

+ Martino Thanh Luu

Sunday, November 21, 1:00 PM

+ Susana Mose

Tuesday, November 23, 9:00 AM

+ Marina Di Carlo, + Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, November 24, 7:00 PM

+ Giuseppe Amodio, + Vincenzo Zannella
+ John Ferreira

Special Intention for Lino DeFacendis & Family

Thursday, November 25, 9:00 AM

+ Moises & Julieta De Los Santos, + Catalina Miranda

Friday, November 26, 7:00 PM

+ Eduardo Villanueva, + Dalmacio Morales Jr.
+ Adelina & Enrique Bulatao
+ Pacita & Eduarda Aliermo

Saturday, November 27, 9:00 AM

+ Agnes Soosaipilli

Saturday, November 28, 5:00 PM

+ Antonio David

MASS REGISTRATION

If you would like to attend Mass, you **MUST** register (online at <https://stjw.eventbrite.ca/> or call the office at 905-660-1253).

There *may* be a limited number of spaces available for those who do not register but you would be required to wait outside until the registered have been seated before being allowed inside if extra spaces remain.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN JESUS' KINGDOM AND KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD

My kingdom does not belong to this world. (John 18:36)

According to Scripture, Cain, who killed his brother Abel, also founded the first city (Genesis 4:17). From that point on, violence has been a part of every kingdom in history. Just about any ruler you can name has used some form of violence in order to “keep the peace” and hold onto their power. Even the great King David advised his son Solomon to assassinate his political opponent as a way of consolidating Solomon’s rule after David’s death (1 Kings 2).

No wonder Jesus said his kingdom was not of “this world” (John 18:36)! He came as the “Prince of Peace,” not a calculating dictator (Isaiah 9:5). This is what makes today’s Feast of Christ the King so special. It’s the celebration of a new kind of King, who is ushering in a new kind of kingdom.

Jesus’ kingship is unlike any we have ever seen. Instead of exerting power over his people, he submitted himself to their power—even if it meant letting them put him to death. And because he refused the temptation to lord it over his people, God raised him up and established him as the one true King over all of creation.

And the kingdom Jesus rules? It’s a kingdom of converted hearts. It’s a kingdom of people who have renounced sin and violence and who are striving to live in peace and justice.

Of course, we’re not perfect. We still commit sins. We still resort to violence—even subtle forms of violence—to get our way. But rather than use the threat of external violence to force us to behave, Jesus our King treats us with kindness and unexpected, undeserved, scandalous mercy. He softens our hearts and asks us to love each other as he loves us—humbly, preferring each other to ourselves.

Jesus, King of the Universe, has come to overthrow sin through love, violence through peace, and injustice through mercy. This kingdom is not of this world. It’s far more glorious!

“Jesus, you are my King! Come reign in my heart.

Source: Daily Reflections from “The Word Among Us”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The STJW Knights of Columbus (KofC) are hosting a sit-down Christmas Dinner on 2 December 2021 at Fontana Gardens Banquet Hall 7400 Keele Street. Reception is at 6:00 p.m. with dinner to follow at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$75 per person. Children 5 years and under are free. For tickets, please contact Tony Cairo at 416-505-9219 or Mike De Medicis at 416-508-5283. Tickets can also be purchased in the parish office; please call during regular office hours.

ADVENT DAY OF RECONCILIATION

Advent Confessions will take place on Tuesday 14 December: English & Italian 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

There will be several priests from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in attendance to hear confessions in a variety of languages. *Mark your calendars!*

SUNDAY MISSALS 2021-2022

A new liturgical year will start next weekend on November 28, the First Sunday of Advent. As you know, following the Second Vatican Council, the Church adopted a three-year cycle of Sunday readings from the Bible. This coming liturgical year is designated Year C in the cycle of readings and features the Gospel of Luke. We are selling new Sunday Missals in the resource centre for those who wish to have their own copy for \$6 each. The complete Mass for each Sunday with readings is found in this missal, as well as a selection of private prayers and hymns. It is ideal for those who would like to prepare for Sunday Mass by reading the scripture passages ahead of time.

2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please pick up your 2022 offertory envelopes in the church foyer. If it is not picked up by November 28, please call the office to arrange to pick up your envelope. ***If you have automatic withdrawals (PAG) for your donations you still need to pick up your envelopes.***

UPCOMING SALES EVENTS:

- CWL Poinsettia Sale- December 4 & 5
 - KofC Panettone Sale- December 11 & 12
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DEVOTION TO THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Devotion to the Most Precious Blood is not a new one in the Catholic Church. It is as old as the first Holy Thursday when Jesus instituted the Priesthood and the Holy Eucharist. The proclamation of the following words on the night before HE suffered: *"This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in memory of me....This cup is God's new covenant sealed with my blood which is poured out for you"* (Luke 22:19-20).

We meet every Thursday to pray this Devotion from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. in the Adoration Chapel.

Please contact Bridget (905-889-1254) or Marilyn (905-738-5936) for information and resources. All are welcome to join us.

REFERENCE LETTERS FOR PROSPECTIVE CATHOLIC TEACHERS

Candidates who wish to apply for teaching positions in any of the province's Catholic School Boards will be asked, as part of their application package, to obtain a reference letter from their Parish Priest. If you - or your child - are currently in Teacher's College and intend to apply for a position in the future, kindly note that the candidate must be known to the pastor, be active in the parish (weekly Sunday Mass, involved in the life of the community through involvement in a ministry, etc.), before such a letter can be considered.

If you or your child is in Teacher's College away from home, the prospective candidate should get to know the Parish Priest where they attend Teacher's College and approach him for the required letter. It will not be enough to show up here at the last minute asking for a reference letter. Candidates who are unknown to the pastor because of a lack of active involvement at Mass and in the parish cannot be endorsed.

There are many wonderful ways we live our Catholic Faith, but the bare minimum - and the most important! - is to regularly participate at Holy Mass. Let us pray for our Catholic School teachers - past, present and future - that they experience the joy and holiness that comes from regularly adoring the Lord and receiving Him at Sunday Mass."

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