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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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For assistance call 647-303-2621
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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

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

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

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.
stjwrc@stjw.ca

PARISH SCHOOLS

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MASS READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3.12 - 4.2

Gospel: Luke 21.25-28, 34-36

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 28, 9:00 AM (Italian)

+ Bruno Campoli

Special Intention for Reymundo Torres

Sunday, November 28, 10:30 AM

+ Luigi Zaccagnini

Sunday, November 28, 12:00 PM

+ Lourdinez Sanchez

Tuesday, November 30, 9:00 AM

+ Giuseppe, Assunta, & Mario

+ Romualdo & Francesco Campanaro,

+ Concepcion Nepomuceno, + Frank Vulpi

Wednesday, December 1, 7:00 PM

+ Caterina Talarico & Antonio Cusano

+ Mauro Vono, + Giovanni Spagnolo

Thursday, December 2, 9:00 AM

+ Raffaele & Teresa Spataro, + Marisa De Vera

Friday, December 3, 7:00 PM

+ John Ricciuto

Saturday, December 4, 9:00 AM

+ Gelsomina Rosa in Rubbino, + Rosa Nicola

+ Rosa Giuseppe & Maria Toriello

Saturday, December 4, 5:00 PM

+ Edmund Lobo & Deceased Members of the Lobo Family

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.

SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus urges us to live a life of holiness so as to experience the glory of His coming. This calls for a conversion of our hearts. St. Francis de Sales notes:

As soon as some people see that you wish to lead a life of holiness, they might speak of your conversion as hypocrisy, bigotry, and trickery. They will say that the world has turned against you, and being rebuffed by it, you have turned to God. Your friends will tell you that you will become depressed, lose your reputation, be unbearable, and that your affairs at home will suffer. All this is mere foolishness. People spend hours playing games and think nothing of it. Yet if you spend an hour in meditation or get up a little earlier than usual in the morning to pray, everyone thinks there is something the matter with you. So, we must be firm in our resolution to live faithfully in God's love.

When we first have a change of heart, things will seem a little strange, as they are new. When we see that the mountain of Christian perfection is very lofty, we tend to say, "O God, how shall I be able to climb it?" Have courage. Such feelings will pass, and you will receive countless blessings.

We are like young bees who cannot yet fly out among the flowers, mountains, or nearby hills to gather honey. Little by little, by continuing to eat honey the older bees have prepared, the young bees develop wings and grow strong, so that later they fly all over the country in search of food. At first, we cannot fly up high according to our plan, which is to be holy. But as our desires and resolutions begin to take form and our wings start to grow, we hope some day to be able to fly aloft. Let us follow the instructions of holy persons of past times, and pray to God to give us wings, not only to fly upward during the time of our present life but also to find repose in the eternity that is to come.

Article Cf:

<https://oblates.squarespace.com/sundays-salesian-feed/first-sunday-of-advent-november-28-2021-1-Ha30A>

UPCOMING SALES EVENTS:

- CWL Poinsettia Pick-Up- December 4 & 5
 - KofC Panettone Sale- December 11 & 12
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY MISSALS 2021-2022

A new liturgical year starts this 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.

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.

SVDP ANNUAL APPEAL

December 4 & 5 is the annual parish second collection for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP). Funds raised in the parish are used to provide support to your neighbours who are struggling to make ends meet. Other local parishes have more people close to the line than St. Joseph the Worker – more families in crisis, new immigrants, refugees, people with severe disabilities – so what is not immediately needed around here goes to other SSVP conferences to help those neighbours as well. We are all facing increases in housing and living costs, but for many the breaking point is very close. Donations to the SSVP have been lower in these COVID pandemic years but we expect the need to increase. Please give generously.

Donations in the second collection envelopes will be included in the annual parish tax receipt. SSVP issues annual tax receipts for other donations through the year.

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.***

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!*

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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