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Office Hours

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 1:00 p.m.

Parish Groups

Choirs Groups

5:00 p.m. Mass: Ldefacendis@rogers.com 11:00 a.m. Mass: stefania.arizo@gmail.com 1:00 p.m. Mass: Ldefacendis@rogers.com

Catholic Women's League

Mary Lynn Porto: jandml@rogers.com

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stjwparish@stjw.ca

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Grand Knight: Mike Demedicis Mike.demedicis@rogers.com

St Vincent de Paul

For assistance call 647-303-2621 ssvpsjwc@gmail.com

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

ENGLISH Saturday 5:00 p.m. ITALIAN Sunday 9:00 a.m. ENGLISH Sunday 10:30 p.m. ENGLISH Sunday 12:00 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

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. 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

St Joseph the Worker C.E.S.

475 Brownridge Dr. 905-738-5703

Our Lady of the Rosary C.E.S.

206 Glenshields Ave. 905-669-6690

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525 New Westminster Dr. 905-882-1460

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MASS READINGS

First Reading: Baruch 5.1-9

Second Reading: Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3.1-6

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 5 December, 9:00 AM (Italian)

+ Leo Palmucci

Sunday, 5 December, 10:30 AM

For all parishioners

Sunday, 5 December, 12:00 PM

- + Peter Di Giuseppe
- + Emma Larga & Gopaher Gutierrez

Tuesday, 7 December, 9:00 AM

+ Ted Asenczuk

Tuesday, 7 December, 10:00 AM

Our Lady of the Rosary School Advent Mass

Wednesday, 8 December, 7:00 PM

- + Antonio & Stella Masso
- + Arthur & Dory Pacificador

Thursday, 9 December, 9:00 AM

+ Rose Jacinto & Gloria Vallarta

Thursday, 9 December, 1:00 PM

St. Joseph the Worker School Advent Mass

Friday, 10 December, 7:00 PM

+ Nicola Ciampini

Friday, 10 December, 10:00 AM

St. Elizabeth School Advent Mass (Online)

Saturday, 11 December, 9:00 AM

+ Mr. & Mrs. Nagamany

Saturday, 11 December, 5:00 PM

+ Angela Malfara

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.

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2022 MASS OFFERINGS

The office will take Mass Intentions for 2022 starting Tuesday 14 December 2021. Please fill out a Mass Offering Form to request your mass intentions.

Reminder: All Masses are multi-intentional. Suggested donation is \$20 per intention. Donations must be submitted when the request for Mass(es) is made.

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!*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

Reminder:

Next week's Second Collection is for the Building Maintenance Fund.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY MISSALS 2021-2022

We are selling new Sunday Missals in the Resource Centre 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.

BEREAVEMENT DAY OF HEALING

Saturday, 11 December - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Are you grieving loss? Come and let God's healing love minister to you. Cost is \$40, which includes coffee and muffins upon arrival and a full hot lunch. Call Anne Hales ay 905-278-5229 to register. Location: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga.

StJW ADVENT CONCERT

Come and rejoice the coming birth of our Saviour! We will be hosting "O Come Emmanuel" an Advent Concert on Sunday 19 December 2021 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in performing, please email Arlene with your proposed Advent hymn(s) and come to the dress rehearsal on Saturday 11 December 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Invite your family and friends for a night of singing, as we await the birth of our Emmanuel.

OPENNESS TO CHRISTS' WORDS: A PATH OF ENCOUNTER AND CONVERSION

Friday, 28 Jan - 7:00 p.m. - Sunday, 30 Jan - 1:00 p.m. Location: Manresa Spiritual Renewal Centre, 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering

A silent Ignatian weekend retreat *for men,* with a focus on the Ignatian method of contemplation that suggests the use of our senses to contemplate some of the significant moments of Jesus' encounter with His audience and the healing and transformative process that followed as a result. Fundamental to this is the role of the Holy Spirit that allows people to open their hearts to the Divine Grace which transforms, restores and re-creates. A suggested offering of \$235 per person. Includes two nights' accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction.

REGISTER: https://manresa-canada.ca/ CONTACT: registration@manresa.ca

PHONE: 905-839-2864

WITNESSING THE BEATITUDES AROUND US

Friday, 4 Feb - 7:00 p.m. to Sunday, 6 Feb - 1:00 p.m. Location: Manresa Spiritual Renewal Centre, 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering

A silent Ignatian weekend retreat for women. With so much animosity and tension all around us perhaps it would be good to be reminded of the gentle spirit of the Beatitudes. This will be a multisensory retreat looking at the Beatitudes through film, images and imaginative writing. A suggested offering of \$235 per person. Includes two nights' accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction.

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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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