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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.

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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

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MASS READINGS

First Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-18

Second Reading: Philippians 4.4-7

Gospel: Luke 3. 10-18

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 12 December, 9:00 AM (Italian)

+ Connie Capone

Special Intention for the Giraldi & Nudo Families

Sunday, 12 December, 10:30 AM

+ Vu Hoang

Sunday, 12 December, 12:00 PM

+ Wilfredo Punzalan

Tuesday, 14 December, 9:00 AM

+ Domenic Micele

Wednesday, 15 December, 7:00 PM

+ Mary Olga Calotti

+ Cristina & Alfredo Gonzales

Thursday, 16 December, 9:00 AM

+ Francesco & Nata Catalfamo

Friday, 17 December, 7:00 PM

+ Cathy Ricciuto

+ Anna & Filippo D'Onofrio

Saturday, 18 December, 9:00 AM

+ Giulia & Orlando Salerno

+ Anna & Joe Alonzie

Saturday, 18 December, 5:00 PM

+ Mr. & Mrs. James

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.

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!*

Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

Registration through Eventbrite is MANDATORY and will open **19 December at 2:00 PM.**

CHRISTMAS EVE

Friday 24 December 2021

9:00 a.m. Weekday Mass

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

3:00 p.m. Children's Mass

5:00 p.m. Italian Mass

10:00 p.m. English Mass

12:00 a.m. English Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday 25 December 2021

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Italian Mass

10:30 a.m. English Mass

12:00 p.m. English Mass

Note: there is no Sunday Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Day.

Sunday 26 December 2021

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9:00 a.m. Italian Mass

10:30 a.m. English Mass

12:00 p.m. English Mass

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Friday 31 December 2021

9:00 a.m. Weekday Mass

Vigil of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

3:00 p.m. English Mass

5:00 p.m. Italian Mass

7:00 p.m. English Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Saturday 1 January 2022

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:00 a.m. Italian Mass

10:30 a.m. English Mass

12:00 p.m. English Mass

Note: there is no Sunday Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m. on New Year's Day.

Sunday 2 January 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Italian Mass

10:30 a.m. English Mass

12:00 p.m. English Mass

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.

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.

STJW PRESENTS
"O COME
EMMANUEL"
ADVENT CONCERT



Saint Joseph the Worker Parish is hosting
an Advent concert on

Sunday 19 December 2021

from 3pm to 5pm.

(also to be live-streamed)

We invite you to join us in-person or online for a festive afternoon of song and fellowship! Registration for attendance begins **Sunday 12 December 2021** on STJW's Eventbrite!

- Perform as a soloist or in a group!
- Submit a proposed **Advent-themed song list** by **Sunday 5 December 2021**. Submissions are **first come, first served**.
- **A mandatory rehearsal will be held on Saturday 11 December 2021 at 6:30pm in the Church.**

For more info or inquiries, or to submit a song list, contact arlene@stjw.ca

Gaudete Sunday

The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday, the day when we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath (hence the 'pink candle' Sunday). Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near.

Gaudete means "rejoice". This day reminds us of the joy that is to come, and serves, amid this season of penance, as a kind of 'break' when we recall the hope, we have because of Our Lord Jesus.

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 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 are 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.

Message from Birthright of Vaughan

Thank you very much for having the Knights of Columbus Porchetta sandwich fundraiser at the parish.

We appreciate the support you and the Knights have shown to Birthright of Vaughan, and we would like to thank the parishioners for their generosity.

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