# St. Joseph The Worker Parish

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## **Parish Office Team**

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# **MASS READINGS**

First Reading: Micah 5.2-5 Second Reading: Hebrew 10.5-10 Gospel: Luke 1.39-45

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

Sunday, 19 December, 9:00 AM (Italian) + Giovanni Spagnolo

Sunday, 19 December, 10:30 AM + Vanda Zaccagnini, + Cristina Condecido + Special Intention for Jay Mariano & Family

Sunday, 19 December, 12:00 PM + Mauro Vono, + Yadviga & May Sztrumf

**Tuesday, 21 December, 9:00 AM** + Susana Mose, + Nicolina & Raffaele Di Palma

Wednesday, 22 December, 7:00 PM + Michele Spadone Special Intention for the Giambagno & Spadone Families Special Intention for Lino De Facendis & Family

Thursday, 23 December, 9:00 AM + Special Intention for Fr. John Matthew Duffy Thanksgiving for Baby Jesus

## MASS REGISTRATION

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

There *may* be a limited number of spaces available forthose 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.

## **2022 MASS OFFERINGS**

The office is now taking Mass Intentions for 2022. 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.

## SUNDAY MISSALS

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.

# 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

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# 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.

# WALK-IN COUNSELLING

Catholic Counselling Services for Individuals, Couples and Families.

We help with many concerns such as:

- Depression, anxiety, anger, stress
- Family communication
- Grief and bereavement
- Couple relationships
- Parenting concerns

#### North York location

1155 Yonge St. Ste. 101, Toronto (416) 222-0048 *Every Tuesday 9AM to 7PM* www.cfstoronto.com

#### **York Region Location**

21 Dunlop St., Richmond Hill (905) 770-7040 Every Wednesday 12PM to 7:30PM www.ccyr.org

Fee for Walk-In is \$40.00, payable before the session. Nobody will be refused service for lack of ability to pay the full fee.

# FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

First Communion classes begin **Saturday 8 January at 10 a.m.** All classes will be held in the hall located in the basement of the church. Attendance to all classes is <u>mandatory.</u>

Class #1	8 January	10 – 11:30 a.m.
Class #2	15 January	10 – 11:30 a.m.
Class #3	22 January	10 – 11:30 a.m.

#### **<u>REMINDER FOR PARENTS</u>** Parents' Meeting #1 Saturday 8 January at 11 a.m.

# **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

Confirmation classes begin **Saturday 8 January at 3 p.m**. All classes will be held in the hall located in the basement of the church. Attendance to all classes is <u>mandatory.</u>

Class #1	8 January	3-5 p.m.
Class #2	15 January	3-5 p.m.
Class #3	22 January	3-5 p.m.

### <u>REMINDER FOR PARENTS & SPONSORS</u> Parent/Sponsor's Meeting #1 Tuesday 15 February at 7:30 p.m.

# Message from Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

We wish to thank all parishioners who have supported our outreach to the community this year. Last weekend we supported 15 families with gift cards and a food hamper. A special thanks for your generosity in this year's Saint Vincent de Paul second collection in which we raised over \$4600. The funds will be used for our local families and to support SSVP shelters in the GTA and our SSVP twin in Trinidad and Tobago. The tax receipts for amounts over \$5 will be issued by the SSVP, not the parish as we previously communicated.



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