# St. Joseph The Worker Parish

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## **Parish Office Team**

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Feast of the Holy Family

# **MASS READINGS**

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21 Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

# **MASS INTENTIONS**

Sunday, 26 December, 9:00 AM (Italian) Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, 26 December, 10:30 AM For all parishioners

Sunday, 26 December, 12:00 PM + Modesto Clemente Special Intention for Belen Manlulu Special Intention for the Santos Family

Tuesday, 28 December, 9:00 AM Special Intention for Gesue Carere

Wednesday, 29 December, 7:00 PM + Gerardo Caravetta

Thursday, 30 December, 9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

## MASS REGISTRATION

If you would like to attend Mass, you MUST register (online at <u>https://stjw.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.

## New Year's Mass Schedule

Registration through Eventbrite is MANDATORY and will open **26 December at 2:00 PM**.

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

The Most Holy Family "The lord sets a father in honor over his children: A mother's authority he confirms over her sons. He who honors his father atones for sins; He stores up riches who reveres his mother." Sirach 3:2-6,12-14

Next Week's Second Collection is for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God New Year's Day Offering

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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 **mandatory**.

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.

# CALLING ALL CATHOLIC FINANCIAL ADVISORS

Are you a financial or insurance advisor, or a lawyer? If yes, then we want to hear from you! The Archdiocese of Toronto has spent a number of years creating a network of advisors, who understand our faith and who can assist us with our estate and financial affairs. Come and be a part of our network where you have the opportunity to integrate your spiritual and professional lives. For further information, contact the Development Office at: 416-934-3400 ext. 561/ 519 or development@archtoronto.org.

## **Volunteer Opportunity:**

We are looking for First Holy Communion Teachers. For those interested in volunteering, please contact Arlene at arlene@stjw.ca. Liturgical Publications 3171 LENWORTH DR. #12 MISSISSAUGA, ON L4X 2G6 1-800-268-2637

