St. Joseph The Worker Parish

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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

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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. Saturdav 9:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS Saturday

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 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 St Elizabeth C.H.S. 525 New Westminster Dr. 905-882-1460 York Catholic School Board Trustee Jennifer Wigston 416-835-0307 Jennifer.wigston@ycdsb.ca



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (11 - 17 SEPTEMBER)

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

He ran to his son. (Luke 15:20)

What an image! You can picture Jesus' listeners gasping at his description of a respected, wealthy landowner, advanced in age, hiking up his robes and running to greet his wayward son! In the patriarchal culture of ancient Israel, it would have been humiliating for a father to do such a thing. The child should be the one coming to the father—humble and repentant—while the father stands firm, arms folded, waiting to see what his son has to say for himself. Any father acting as the father in the parable did would have brought scandal to himself and his family.

But "scandal" is a good way to describe Jesus' parable of the prodigal son. Jesus told this story in response to a group of Pharisees who were scandalized by his practice of openly welcoming "sinners" (Luke 15:2). It's as if Jesus were saying, *You think I'm a cause for scandal? Let me tell you a parable about my heavenly Father and the depths of his mercy!*

God's mercy defies our fallen human logic. Whoever heard of a God who runs to welcome sinners before they have a chance to repent? Or a God who forgives sins that we think are unforgivable? Or a God who rejoices over us even when we give him very little reason to rejoice? But this is your God. His love is unfathomable and free-flowing. In a world powered by pride and selfishness, a world that urges retaliation for every single slight, it's downright scandalous.

And it's for *you*. Your heavenly Father loves you completely, and there's nothing you can do to make him stop loving you. There's nothing you can do to make him give up on you—or any of your loved ones.

So let God love you today. Let him run to you and embrace you and shower you with his mercy. Even if it scandalizes you, let that mercy fill your heart and flow out to the people around you.

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 32.7-11, 13-14 Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1.12-17 Gospel: Luke 15.1-32

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 11 September, 9:00 AM (Italian) Per tutti i parrocchiani

Sunday 11 September, 10:30 AM For all Parishioners

Sunday 11 September, 12:00 PM CWL 25th Anniversary

Tuesday 13 September, 9:00 AM + Virginia De La Cruz

Tuesday 13 September, 10:00 AM OLR School Mass

Wednesday 14 September, 7:00 PM + Maria & Antonio Luciani

Thursday 15 September, 9:00 AM SJW School Mass

Thursday 15 September, 9:00 AM + Pacita Aliermo

Friday 16 September, 7:00 PM + Damiano Caporella, + Paolo Antonio Volpe, + Andrew Sibbald + Deceased Members of the Misquita & Noronha Family Saturday 17 September, 9:00 AM + Juzet Bukowski Saturday 17 September, 5:00 PM + Joao Da Estrela

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

There will be a refresher training for all our Mass Servers on **Friday**, **September 16**, at 7:30 PM for us to have a reunion and keep ourselves on the same page. Parents please plan to bring the young ones who cannot come by themselves. New servers who would like to join the group are also welcome.

STREET PATROL

Our upcoming Street Patrol Trip for Saturday, September 17 has been **cancelled**, and will instead be moved to the Thanksgiving weekend for **Saturday October 8**, 2022. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. More information will be provided closer to the date



BUILDING UNTO THE LORD

Msgr. Owen Keenan invites us to join him at a gala to raise funds to build St. Patrick's church, Brampton. The gala will be held on **Friday November 4, 2022**, at La Primavera Event Space: 77 Woodstream Blvd., Woodbridge. Tickets are \$250 per person. \$150 of the ticket price is eligible for a tax receipt.

Kindly call St. Patrick's at 905-794-0486 or email Sally at sbaldessara@rogers.com for more information.

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS' MEETING

Please note there will be a meeting for all **Lectors** on **Tuesday September 27** at 7 PM, and a meeting for all **Eucharistic Ministers** on **Wednesday September 14**, after the 7:00 PM Mass. These meetings will serve as a refresher training, ensuring we are all aware of the expectations, and responsibilities that come with serving our church community through each respective role. Those interested in becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister are warmly welcome to join.

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE FOR 2022-2023

Parent's Meeting: Thursday 13 October 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation Registration Link:

https://forms.gle/6b39etVokisSEmMp6

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE FOR 2022-2023

Parent's Meeting: Thursday 6 October 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

First Holy Communion Registration Link:

https://forms.gle/w2m49TaKaFQALHx9A

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