

# 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

### Choir Groups

5:00 p.m. Mass: [Ldefacendis@rogers.com](mailto:Ldefacendis@rogers.com)

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### Catholic Women's League

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### Hospitality Team

[stjwparish@stjw.ca](mailto:stjwparish@stjw.ca)

### Knights of Columbus

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### St Vincent de Paul

For assistance call 647-303-2621

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Sunday Masses

ENGLISH Saturday 5:00 p.m.

ITALIAN Sunday 9:00 a.m.

ENGLISH Sunday 10:30 a.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.

### 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](mailto:stjwrc@stjw.ca)

### PARISH SCHOOLS

#### St Joseph the Worker C.E.S.

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**GOSPEL REFLECTION: GOD ANSWERS PRAYERS**

*Pray always. (Luke 18:1)*

Do you want a summary of today's readings? Keep praying! You may need support, like Moses in the first reading, but keep praying! You may need to persevere, like the widow in the Gospel, but keep praying! Why? Because our God is far better than the unjust judge. Our God loves us; he desires our good and promises to answer us.

It sounds so simple: if we just pray hard enough, with enough faith, God will act. He will bring healing or reconciliation or victory over sin—and all will be well. But let's be honest; sometimes it doesn't work that way. Sometimes God is "slow to answer" (Luke 18:7). And sometimes it seems that he doesn't answer us at all. So how do we handle unanswered prayers? This is one of life's hardest questions. Even Jesus prayed that his "cup" of suffering would pass—and it didn't (Matthew 26:39). He prayed for all believers to be one—and we aren't (John 17:21). Even so, Jesus tells us to pray always and not grow weary because in the end, God will see that justice is done (Luke 18:1, 7).

Perhaps there's more to persisting than praying hard until we get our answer. Maybe it also means clinging to God when he seems distant. Maybe it means praying for a miracle while also surrendering to God's mysterious plan. Maybe persisting looks like Jesus in Gethsemane.

So like Jesus, we can keep bringing our prayers to God. Like him, we can hold on to God's love and trust him. And like Jesus, we can persist in surrendering to God's ways, even when we don't understand. "Not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39).

Jesus knows that none of this is easy. But the God who sent angels to comfort Jesus will strengthen you. And one day he will bring you into his presence. So until then, keep praying. Trust and hope in the Lord who will make all things new.

**MASS READINGS**

**First Reading:** Exodus 17.8-13

**Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.2

**Gospel:** Luke 18. 1-8

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday 16 October, 9:00 AM**  
(Italian)

All the Sick

**Sunday 16 October, 10:30 AM**  
For all Parishioners

**Sunday 16 October, 12:00 PM**  
+ Giuseppina Salvatore Pelaia

**Sunday 16 October, 4:00 PM**  
The Francesco Di Paola Group

**Tuesday 18 October, 9:00 AM**  
+ Rinaldo Tersigni

**Wednesday 19 October, 7:00 PM**  
+ Lucia & Tomassima Ranalli

**Thursday 20 October, 9:00 AM**  
+ Mariana Buthoneski

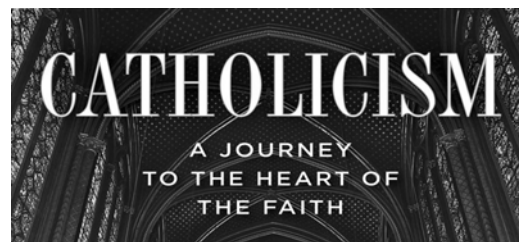
**Friday 21 October, 7:00 PM**  
+ Giuseppe Demedici  
+ Maria Di Carlo,  
Thanksgiving for Cosu Noronha & Celinda  
Emilia Pilo-Trovez

**Saturday 22 October, 9:00 AM**  
+ Christopher Malatesta

**Saturday 22 October, 1:00 PM**  
Wedding: Abballe & Furtado

**STUDY OF CATHOLICISM**

Join us in watching and studying this epic work of Bishop Robert Barron, *Catholicism*. Journey with Bishop Robert Barron to more than 50 locations throughout 16 countries. Be illuminated by the spiritual and artistic treasures of this global culture that claims more than one billion of the Earth's people. From the glorious shines of Italy, France and Spain to the streets of Mexico, Uganda and Kolkata. Journey deep into the Faith as you watch each episode, learning what Catholics believe and different ways they do so. Discover the full meaning of the faith. Sign up on StJW's Eventbrite website or after mass in the foyer. Sessions will take place every Thursday at 7:00 PM from October – January, with the exception of December 16, 23, and 30. All are welcome to attend!



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Parish is in need of volunteers to teach and guide the children during the 12 PM Masses on Sundays. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact [stjwchildren@gmail.com](mailto:stjwchildren@gmail.com) for further questions or inquiries.

## EXTEND A HAND — HOMELESS OUTREACH



Two of our parishioners recently launched a new non-profit organization called Extend A Hand — Homeless Outreach. Next weekend, **October 22 & 23**, before and after all Masses, they will be displaying and selling bracelets for donations and accepting donations to help the homeless (cash only). For more info, please visit: <https://extendahand-homelessoutreach.ca/>

## OUR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2022 – CAST YOUR VOTE!

A Municipal Election will be held on **Monday October 24, 2022**. All Catholics are strongly encouraged to exercise their democratic right to vote. To help learn more about the Candidates for Catholic School Board Trustee & Municipal Chancellor, literature will be distributed to Parishioners departing Mass from October 1/2 through October 22/23. Thank you for your interest and involvement in this fall's municipal elections!

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

The Marriage preparation course is here! The course starts on **Friday October 28**, and repeats every Friday for 6 weeks. All couples intending to get married should please contact the Parish office for registration.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE 2022-2023

Parents must visit the office to submit the necessary documentation/fees by **Sunday 6 November, 2022**  
Registration Closes on **Monday 31 October, 2022**

### First Holy Communion Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/w2m49TaKaFQALHx9A>

### Confirmation Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/6b39etVokisSEmMp6>

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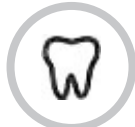
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