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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 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

PARISH SCHOOLS

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GOSPEL REFLECTION: RECEIVING HIS GRACE & MERCY

One was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. (Luke 18:10)

Let's not get off on the wrong foot with the Pharisee in this parable. He seemed to be doing pretty well spiritually. He was not greedy, dishonest, or adulterous. He fasted twice a week and went so far as to pay tithes on all his income. He prayed at the Temple regularly. That was better than most people. So why did Jesus say he didn't go home justified?

Because the Temple was a place of encounter with God. A holy location where God and his children came together. This Pharisee seemed to be missing that connection with the Lord. Instead of speaking his prayer to God, he prayed "to himself" (Luke 18:11) and itemized his accomplishments. By focusing on his righteous acts, he was not really making himself present to God. He wasn't inviting God to be present to him either. So he missed the chance to encounter God and receive his mercy and grace. In that sense, the Pharisee left the Temple basically the same way he had entered.

The tax collector, on the other hand, laid himself bare before God. He knew his failings and unworthiness and had no list of righteous acts to display to God. He opened his heart and begged for mercy. There, in that vulnerable, humble moment, God and man came together in a real way. And as a result, the tax collector went home a new man.

Prayer isn't always a raw, gut-wrenching experience like the tax collector had. But if we want to encounter God as we pray, we do need to approach him with honesty and humility. We need to open our hearts to God and ask him to come in.

When you go to Mass today, you'll be entering a holy place where God and his children come together. Come, like the tax collector, without pretense and ready to receive his grace and mercy.

MASS READINGS**First Reading:**

Sirach 35.15-27, 20-22

Second Reading:

2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18

Gospel:

Luke 18. 9-14

MASS INTENTIONS**Sunday 23 October, 9:00 AM (Italian)**

+ Giuseppe Amodio

Sunday 23 October, 10:30 AM

For all Parishioners

Sunday 23 October, 12:00 PM

+ Lorenzo Torres

Tuesday 25 October, 9:00 AM

Emilia Santo Nudo, Stella Gennaro Pannuci, Salvatore & Carmela Giraldi

Wednesday 26 October, 7:00 PM

+ Vincenza Cascio

Thursday 27 October, 9:00 AM

+ Deceased Members of Collantes Family

Friday 28 October, 7:00 PM

+ Celinda Emilia Pilo-Trovez

Saturday 29 October, 9:00 AM

+ Antonette Vettivelu

Saturday 29 October, 5:00 PM

+ Antonio Chiarlitti

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection today for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic communities globally. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. Thank you for your support of this important work.

EXTEND A HAND — HOMELESS OUTREACH

"Extend A Hand—Homeless Outreach" a non-profit organization that aims to bring respect and dignity to all affected by homelessness, will be displaying and selling bracelets, as well as accepting donations this weekend. For more info, please visit: <https://extendahandhomelessoutreach.ca/>



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 for further questions or inquiries.

STUDY OF CATHOLICISM

Join us in watching and studying this epic work of Bishop Robert Barron, *Catholicism*. Sessions will continue to take place every Thursday at 7:00 PM from October – January, with the exception of December 16, 23, and 30.

COME AND SEE- WEEKEND RETREAT

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Retreat for men 18+ at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, November 18 (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, November 20 (2 p.m.) This retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at the seminary. Registration must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee. For more information, please email: vocations@archtoronto.org

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. 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.

21ST ANNUAL FRIARS'S STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2023

Date: October 4, 2022– January 16, 2023

Theme: "Do good, seek justice" (Isaiah 1:17)

High school students (ages 13-19) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Write a 500 word essay that explores the theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions.

Students are encouraged to consult the resources at <https://bit.ly/3AgBy5J> to understand the meaning and purpose of the theme and address the focus question found on the poster at <https://bit.ly/3KXgu8m>.

Contact ecumenism@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 (Ext.527) for more information or questions.

Poster: <https://bit.ly/FriarsStudentWritingContestPoster>

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Rose Simonetti (Pilgrimage Co-ordinator, 416-654-7087).

BIBLE STUDY

We shall be commencing our Bible study again every Monday at 7:30 p.m., starting from Monday, October 31st. All are welcome to join!



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