

# St. Joseph The Worker Parish

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## Parish Office Team

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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)

10:30 a.m. Mass: [ignited.musicoffical@gmail.com](mailto:ignited.musicoffical@gmail.com)

12:00 p.m. Mass: [Ldefacendis@rogers.com](mailto:Ldefacendis@rogers.com)

### Catholic Women's League

Mary Lynn Porto: [jandml@rogers.com](mailto:jandml@rogers.com)

### Hospitality Team

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

### Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight: Mike Demedicis

[Mike.demicis@rogers.com](mailto:Mike.demicis@rogers.com)

### St Vincent de Paul

For assistance call 647-303-2621

[ssvpsjwc@gmail.com](mailto:ssvpsjwc@gmail.com)

## 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.

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

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**GOSPEL REFLECTION: INVITATION TO REPENTANCE**

*You overlook people's sins that they may repent. (Wisdom 11:23)*

God sure does think differently than we do, doesn't he? Especially when it comes to sin. How many times have we been deeply offended by someone's sins? Even if we aren't the one being sinned against, our sense of justice is aroused. We respond with anger. We may even imagine just the right retort or act of vengeance that we would deliver to the offender. We can be just as harsh when it comes to our own sins as well. We are often our own worst judge, jury, and executioner!

But that's not God's way. Today's first reading tells us that he chooses to "overlook" our sins and give us time to turn back to him. Or he may decide just to "rebuke [us] little by little" in the hope that we will ultimately repent (Wisdom 11:23; 12:2).

Today's Gospel reading shows us this approach in practice. Seeing Zacchaeus up in that sycamore tree, Jesus said nothing about whatever sins Zacchaeus might have committed. He didn't even tell him to leave his job as a tax collector. And if Zacchaeus was corrupt, as many people believed, Jesus didn't command him to repent. All he did was . . . invite himself to dinner (Luke 19:5).

It turns out, that's all Zacchaeus needed. Moved by Jesus' love and openhearted approach, Zacchaeus took it upon himself to make restitution. He promised to do whatever was necessary to maintain his new relationship with the Lord. And Jesus affirmed that Zacchaeus' acts were signs that "salvation" was indeed his (Luke 19:9).

It may be hard to believe, but Jesus is not up in heaven keeping track of your offenses and devising your punishment. He's standing before you, asking you to welcome him. He knows that if you do, his perfect, unending, personal love for you will bring you to a repentance that will bear sweet, abundant fruit.

*"Lord, help me welcome you with an open heart. Allow me to willingly accept Your invitation to repentance, and recognize your desire to see me grow through Christ."*

**MASS READINGS**

**First Reading:** Wisdom 11.22-12.2

**Second Reading:** 2 Thessalonians 1.11-2.2

**Gospel:** Luke 19.1-10

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday 30 October, 9:00 AM (Italian)**

+ Maria Gagenta & Vincenzo Mariane

**Sunday 30 October, 10:30 AM**

For all Parishioners

**Sunday 30 October, 12:00 PM**

+ Pasqualina and Nicola Altobello,

+ Francesca and Rocco De Facendis,

+ The Deceased Members of the Altobello & De Facendis families

**Tuesday 1 November, 9:00 AM**

All Saints Day

**Wednesday 2 November, 7:00 PM**

All Souls Day

**Thursday 3 November, 9:00 AM**

+ Intentions of Cecelia Ferreira

**Friday 4 November, 7:00 PM**

+ Deceased members of the Reyes Family,

+ Eugene Stzuka, + Maria Toriello,

+ Maria Battista Grella, + Virginia Palermo,

+ Molly Lobo, + Gracia Tore, + Marina Di Carlo

**Saturday 5 November, 9:00 AM**

+ Fiorella & Enzo Quattrini

**Saturday 5 November, 1:00 PM**

Wedding of Catinella & Auciello

**Saturday 5 November, 5:00 PM**

+ Ronland Warwick

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**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

Every month on the first Friday of the month, St. Joseph the Worker invites everyone to our holy hour of Adoration, beginning at 8:00 PM after our Friday Mass. Set some time in your schedule to connect with God and experience the power of his wondrous love. Follow along with your spiritual family in an hour of prayer, reflection, mediation, and music.

Our next monthly Adoration will be on Friday, November 4, 2022.

## 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.

## STUDY OF CATHOLICISM

Join us in watching and studying this epic work of Bishop Robert Barron, *Catholicism*. Sessions have started and will continue to take place every Thursday at 7:00 PM from October 20 – January 26, with the exception of December 15, 23, and 30.

## REMINDER FOR FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

Registration closes this Monday, October 31, 2022. Please ensure that you have filled out the online form. All necessary documents and fees must be submitted to the church office by November 6, 2022

**First Holy Communion Registration Link:** <https://forms.gle/w2m49TaKaFQALHx9A>

**Confirmation Registration Link:** <https://forms.gle/6b39etVokisSEmMp6>

## 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/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee). For

### FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2023

Closing Date: Monday, January 16, 2023, 2:00 p.m.



Office for Promoting Christian Unity  
& Religious Relations with Judaism  
Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto



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ATONEMENT

THE CATHOLIC REGISTER



The International theme and resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity celebration have been prepared with the assistance of a group of Christians in Minnesota convened by the Minnesota Council of Churches in the USA.

#### Focus Question for the Writing Contest (Essay)

The message of Isaiah 1:12-18 calls for unity among Christians. How is this vision being lived today? What more needs to be done? Conclude with a short prayer that expresses your hope for the common witness of the disciples of Jesus in Canada.

Read Isaiah 1:12-18 and consult resources for the Writing Contest 2023 @ <https://bit.ly/3AgBy5J>

#### Contest Rules:

1. The Essay should focus on the theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, "Do good; seek justice", (Isaiah 1:17).
2. The contestants should consult resources of the Week of Prayer for Christian unity and submit a 450- 500-word essay that answers the given question.
3. The contestants must be 13-19 years of age, and currently enrolled in an Ontario secondary school or equivalent program.
4. The essay must be submitted on or before Monday, January 16, 2023, by 2:00 p.m.  
**Late entries will not be included in the Writing Contest.**
5. Entries must include contestants full name, email address, phone number and name of their school on the front page of their essay.

Entries are to be submitted @ <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>.  
For further enquiries, call 416-934-3400 (ext. 527)

#### Selection of the winners:

All submissions will be read by a panel including professional journalists and the Director of the Office for Promoting Christian Unity, Archdiocese of Toronto, and judged on overall merit.



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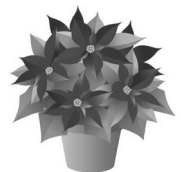
2nd Place: Samsung Galaxy  
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Smartwatch



3rd Place: Samsung Galaxy  
Buds2 Pro

## CWL POINSETTIA SALE

Once again this year, the Catholic Women's League will be taking your pre-orders for a red or white Poinsettia plants the weekends of November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> after all masses. Order forms will be available in the church foyer. The cost for a 6" plant is \$10.00 and a 10" plant is \$30.00. Pick up of the plants at the church after all masses is scheduled for the weekend of December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.



"We are pleased to start again our study of the Holy Scriptures. It will be held in the hall every Monday at 7pm, starting from October 31st. Come and grow in the knowledge of the Word of God."



### Installation of Fr. Victor.

On November 13<sup>th</sup>, Bishop John Boissoneau will install Fr. Victor Amole canonical as our Pastor at the 12pm Mass. Join us to worship and also for some refreshments in the hall thereafter. May the Lord bless Fr Victor and grant our parish great fruition under his pastoral care.

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