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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

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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.

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PARISH SCHOOLS

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GOSPEL REFLECTION: TESTIFYING

Here are my two witnesses. (Revelation 11:4)

The Book of Revelation was written to Christians living under persecution to encourage them not to be afraid. Still, this dramatic and violent book can be frightening. As with much that we read in Revelation, we can't be exactly sure who the "two witnesses" are. Some commentators say they are Peter and Paul or Elijah and Moses. Others say they may be early Christian martyrs. But what's most important is that they are *witnesses*: they give evidence or have personal knowledge of something.

The fact that there are two of them is important: in Judaism, the testimony of two or three witnesses was sufficient to establish the truth of something (see John 8:17). So these two are testifying to the truth of God's awesome plan of salvation. They arrive on the scene at a crucial time, when the "holy city" (the Church) is undergoing great persecution (Revelation 11:2). The image of fire coming from their mouths tells us how powerful their testimony was.

Whatever we may think of the symbolism, one truth stands out: these two figures are doing what we are all called to do: to be witnesses to the Lord Jesus. If you don't think you're up to the task, here is something important to keep in mind: you *do* have personal knowledge of God's love and mercy. You can testify to how you have seen him act in your life and in the lives of other people. Remember also that your very life is a living witness of how the love that Jesus has put into your heart flows out to those around you.

So don't let the violence of this passage make you afraid to testify. You don't have to do something as dramatic—or dangerous—as those fiery witnesses did. You just have to live out your faith and be willing to share your love of the Lord with other people. Then, like these witnesses, you can reveal the grace and power of a God who wants to save everyone.

"Lord, give me the courage to do one small thing that brings your love into the world."

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Malachi 4.1-2

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3.7-12

Gospel: Luke 20.5-19

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 13 November, 9:00 AM (Italian)

+ Concetta La Rosa Roco

Sunday 13 November, 10:30 AM

For all Parishioners

Sunday 13 November, 12:00 PM

+ Kim Thin Ahlan

Tuesday 15 November, 9:00 AM

+ Antonette Vettunelu

Wednesday 16 November, 7:00 PM

+ Maria Toriello,
+ Giuseppe Rosa,
+ Rosa Nicola,
+ Gelsomina Rosa,
+ Luisa Alliata,
+ Salvatore Alliata,
+ Vincenzo Zanella

Thursday 17 November, 9:00 AM

+ Moises De Los Santos

Friday 18 November, 7:00 PM

+ Luigi & Dario,
+ Anna Villamagna Scopa,
+ Luigi Scopa,
+ Clotilde Djlengoue
+ The Deceased Members of the Di Benedetto
Family
+ All Saints & Souls in Purgatory

Saturday 19 November, 9:00 AM

+ Ramon Buenafe

Saturday 19 November, 5:00 PM

+ Mactino Luu

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 this weekend 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 for the plants is scheduled for the weekend of December 3rd and 4th after all masses.

2023 OFFETORY ENVELOPE PICKUP

The Offertory Envelopes for the year of 2023 will be ready to pick up in the foyer starting this weekend. If you would like to register for a offertory envelope, please see the church office.

CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

The Knights of Columbus invites you to attend the Christmas Gala which will be held on Thursday December 1, 2022. at Fontana Gardens Banquet (7400 Keele St.) Tickets cost \$90.00 per person and include a sit-down dinner.

For tickets please see the church office, or email Mike at mike.demedicis@rogers.com for more information.

STUDY OF CATHOLICISM

Join us in watching and studying this epic work of Bishop Robert Barron, *Catholicism*, a study of faith and how it is practised globally. 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.

BIBLE STUDY

We are pleased to start our study of Holy Scriptures once again. It is held in the hall every Monday at 7pm. We warmly invite everyone to come and grow in the knowledge of the Word of God.



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

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ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

The 40th anniversary of our Parish is next year and we are celebrating in a grand way! There will be updates on this constantly and a committee is already being formed for this epic celebration. The celebration will include diverse events and it will also be a means to do the necessary maintenance and repairs of our entire parish edifice.



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.

INSTALLATION OF FR. VICTOR



Sunday November 13, marks the installation of Fr. Victor Amole canonically as our parish's Pastor celebrated by Bishop John Boissoneau.

We thank the Lord for the gift of Fr. Victor's faith-filled life and his dedicated service. We pray that the Holy Spirit will sustain and strengthen him as he continues to serve our parish. May God bless Fr. Victor and grant our parish great fruition under his pastoral care!

"The Lord your God will bless you in all your works and in all to which you put your hand."

Deuteronomy 15:10

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