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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.

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 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

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PARISH SCHOOLS

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GOSPEL REFLECTION: THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord! (Isaiah 2:5)

Welcome to Advent! All of us here at *The Word Among Us* pray that you will be deeply blessed during this season as you prepare for the coming of Christ. And what better way to begin this season than with the invitation in today's first reading: "Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!" (Isaiah 2:5).

At Mass today, the first candle on the Advent wreath will be lit. Then, for the next three Sundays, the light coming from that wreath will grow stronger as one more candle is lit. And that's how Advent is supposed to be for us spiritually: four whole weeks of coming more and more deeply into the light of Christ. There are lots of ways you can let that light grow stronger in you as Christmas approaches.

- Bring yourself to the light through daily prayer. Spending just a few minutes a day in Jesus' presence can open your heart to the warmth of his love. You can even use this magazine to help you.
- Enlighten your heart and mind through spiritual reading or a Bible study. Let Jesus "instruct [you] in his ways" so that you can "walk in his paths" (Isaiah 2:3).
- Ask the Lord to shine a light on those parts of your life where you are content to live in the shadows. Then, take those areas to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and do as St. Paul says: turn from darkness and "put on the armor of light" (Romans 13:12).
- Spread the light of Christ by joining other believers to serve those in need. Provide them with meals or Christmas gifts. Bring supplies to a homeless shelter. Pray for them.

We don't have to walk in darkness! Every time you turn to the Lord in these ways, his light in you becomes brighter and shines out more clearly. So let the Advent wreath remind you that Jesus, the light of the world, can overcome all darkness. Come and walk in the light of the Lord!

"Lord, let your light in me grow throughout Advent!"

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 27 November, 9:00 AM (Italian)
+ Stella Valerioti

Sunday 27 November, 10:30 AM
For all Parishioners

Sunday 27 November, 12:00 PM
+ Orlando Dighi

Tuesday 29 November, 9:00 AM
+ Portia & Roberto Pacificador

Wednesday 30 November, 7:00 PM
+ Eduardo Villanueva

Thursday 1 December, 9:00 AM
+ Leela & S.J James

Friday 2 December, 7:00 PM
+ Bruno & Kazia Glicner
+ Rosa Giuseppe
+ Maria Battista Grella
+ John Ferreira
+ Geraldo Caravetta
+ Antonio Fara
Thanksgiving to St. Lucia

Saturday 3 December, 9:00 AM
+ Didima D'Costa

Saturday 3 December, 5:00 PM
+ Edmund Lobo

SHARELIFE & ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

There will be a ShareLife Collection the weekend of November 26th and 27th, and a St. Vincent De Paul Collection the weekend of December 3rd and 4th. Thank you for your generosity!

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I needed clothes and you clothed me"

(Matthew 25:35-36)

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.

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.



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 with the exception of December 15, 23, and 30.

CWL POINSETTIA SALE

Poinsettias that have already been pre-ordered will be ready for pick up on the next weekend, December 3rd and 4th.



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.

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.

Please save the dates for the following celebrations of our parish's 40th anniversary

- Christmas Concert: December 17 2022, 7:00 PM
- Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary CES: December 19 2022, 2:00 PM
- Parish Feast Day Mass, celebrated by Bishop John Boissonneau: May 1 2023, 7:00 PM
- 40th Anniversary Grand Mass celebrated by Cardinal Collins: September 24th 2023, 12:00 PM
- 40th Anniversary Gala: Friday September 29 2023,



PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Giving Plan (PAG) to allow parishioners to give your parish scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account or credit card. These funds are then deposited directly to the parish account. This will help support the work of the parish. Thank you for your generosity.

THE PALLIATIVE CARE HOPELINE

Palliative care services are helpful not only when a person is approaching death but also during the earlier stages of an illness. Accessing resources to support a palliative and end-of-life journey can seem overwhelming for newly diagnosed patients, caregivers and family members.

The Palliative Care HopeLine, established as part of the Catholic Charities/ Archdiocese of Toronto Palliative Care Project and operated by the Saint Elizabeth Foundation, will act as a information resource tool to help callers establish connections with hospice palliative care options within their home community. Supported in part by ShareLife funding, the HopeLine is open to individuals in the Archdiocese of Toronto's catchment area who are interested in discovering palliative/end of life support services and holistic care for themselves, their caregivers and extended family and friends. If you are in search of locating hospice palliative care resources and services in your community, call the HopeLine at 416-619-5700—leave your phone number, and the name of the community in which you live and they will return your call as soon as possible. Please note-this service is an information line and is not an emergency or crisis line— in case of an emergency please call 911.

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