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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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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (4 DECEMBER— 10 DECEMBER)

GOSPEL REFLECTION: REPENTANCE

The ax lies at the root of the trees. (Matthew 3:10)

John the Baptist was enjoying great success in convincing people to respond to his call to repentance. People from all around Israel, and from every walk of life, were coming out to be washed clean of their sins and to recommit themselves to the law of the Lord. But things didn't go so smoothly when some Pharisees and Sadducees showed up. "Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance," John challenged them (Matthew 3:8). *Don't come just for a washing. Actually change your life.*

For John, repentance without change was like cutting off one branch of a tree when plenty of other branches are still bearing bad fruit. You need to take an "ax" to the entire root system that feeds all the branches (Matthew 3:10). You need to ask the Lord to cut away the foundational attitudes and root sins that keep feeding all the other sins.

What are these roots? They differ with each person. Maybe they include long-standing resentments, positions of pride and self-sufficiency and prejudice, selfish desires, or a lack of compassion. Whatever they are, we have to trust that as we ask the Lord to cut away these roots, we'll find freedom and a greater ability to change.

God wants to give us a new way of thinking and acting. He wants to replace our foolishness with his wisdom. He wants to give us insights into his love and all that he can do in our hearts. And he wants to give us strength to obey his commands. But we have to come to him and confess our need.

At Mass today, you will be invited to cry out, "Lord, have mercy." But you will also ask Jesus, "Only say the word, and my soul shall be healed." Jesus loves to forgive your sins, but he longs to heal your soul—your "roots"—even more. So welcome him in. Ask his Spirit to keep making you into a new creation.

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10

Second Reading: Romans 15.4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3.1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 4 December, 9:00 AM (Italian)
+ Palmerino Casciato

Sunday 4 December, 10:30 AM
For all Parishioners

Sunday 4 December, 12:00 PM
+ Peter Di Giuseppe

Tuesday 6 December, 9:00 AM
+ Anna Ahlowalia

Wednesday 7 December, 7:00 PM
+ Ted Asenczuk

Thursday 8 December, 9:00 AM
SJW School Mass

Friday 9 December, 9:00 AM
OLR School Mass

Friday 9 December, 7:00 PM
+ Rosa Giuseppe
+ Lushea Simone
+ Jose Martins,
+ Antonio & Teresa Mouró
+ Dien Nguyen
+ Stella & Antonio Noso

Saturday 10 December, 9:00 AM
+ Vu Hoang

Saturday 10 December, 5:00 PM
+ Wilfredo Punzalan

ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

This weekend is the annual collection for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. We're all facing higher prices; there were people who were just getting by: now making ends meet requires painful compromises. We are asking parishioners to repeat or even increase your usual generosity in spite of the challenges you are all facing. The money raised goes first to neighbors in need in our area, any extra goes to help people across the GTA through other Conferences of the Society. If your generosity can extend to your time, the Society needs members to follow its mission: to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Advent Confession Night will be taking place on Tuesday, December 13, 2022. Confessions are from 10 am—12 pm, 2 pm—4 pm and 6 pm—9pm. There will be several priests to hear confessions in a variety of languages from 6pm —9pm. Mark your calendars!

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 PICKUP & KOFC PANETTONE SALE

Poinsettias that were preordered are available for pickup in the foyer this weekend. As well, the Knights of Columbus will be having their annual Panettone Sale next weekend after all masses



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, if you plan on attending please let the office know
- 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,



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NOVENA

The Immaculate Conception Novena organized by the St. Augustine's Seminary started on November 29 and will end on December 7, 2022. Listen daily to a short reflection by one of the Seminary priests or Seminarian deacons, and then pray the novena. On Thursday December 8th at 5 pm, to commemorate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, as well as the ending of the Novena, there will be a live-streamed Mass celebrated by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins.

For more information please visit the following website: <https://staugustines.on.ca/christmas>

STREET PATROL

Our upcoming Street Patrol trip is on **Saturday, December 17**. Join us as we walk through Toronto's Downtown core, offering food and friend to the homeless. With the harsh winter season approaching, life on the street has become increasingly dangerous. In the season of giving, we must remember those who are often forgotten, providing generosity and support to those who need it most.

We will meet downstairs in the Church Kitchen at 9:00 AM to make meal packages before we head downtown. In the days leading up to our deliveries to the needy, we welcome the following donations, which can be dropped off at the church office:

- Food items (sliced bread, cheese, deli meat, juice boxes), gift cards, and any monetary donations

As well due to the cold weather, we also encourage the donation of socks, tuques and other winter accessories.



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