

# St. Joseph The Worker Parish

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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)

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### St Vincent de Paul

For assistance call 647-303-2621

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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](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

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**GOSPEL REFLECTION: THE POWER OF FAITH**

*Are you the one who is to come? (Matthew 11:3)*

Do you ever have doubts? Everyone does, even John the Baptist. Herod had thrown John into prison and kept the threat of execution hanging over him. Sitting in that cell, John began to wonder if he had labored for nothing. So he sent his disciples to ask Jesus a question: “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” (Matthew 11:3).

Why would John ask such a pointed question? Probably because Jesus’ ministry didn’t fit John’s idea of what God’s kingdom should look like. Unlike John, Jesus wasn’t a fire-and-brimstone preacher. He seemed more concerned with healing sick people than with overthrowing Herod. He wasn’t popular with many Jewish leaders either. So doubts about Jesus began to creep in.

Rather than rebuking John’s disciples, Jesus described his ministry: the sick are healed, the dead are raised, and the poor hear the good news (Matthew 11:5). John’s disciples would have recognized these as signs of the Messiah foretold by Isaiah (35:6).

Jesus wasn’t put off by John’s doubts. Quite the opposite, he praised John as the greatest of all those “born of women” (Matthew 11:11). Jesus knew John; he loved him and understood the trial he was enduring. Knowing what John was going through, he treated him with compassion. And he will do the same for you.

You may have doubts. Bring them to Jesus. Ask him to help you recall his work in your life: when you experienced his forgiveness, knew his love, or felt his presence. Let him reassure you that he knows you and loves you. Let him strengthen your faith. As Isaiah proclaims in another prophecy, “A bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench” (Isaiah 42:3). With his love, Jesus can set your doubts to rest and fan your smoldering faith into a blazing fire.

*“Jesus, help me to believe in you more and more each day.”*

**MASS READINGS****First Reading:**

Isaiah 35.1-6, 10

**Second Reading:**

James 5.7-10

**Gospel:**

Matthew 11.2-11

**MASS INTENTIONS****Sunday 11 December, 9:00 AM (Italian)**

+ Arthur Jorge

**Sunday 11 December, 10:30 AM**

For all Parishioners

**Sunday 11 December, 12:00 PM**

+ Special Intentions for Jay and Majoy Mariano

**Tuesday 13 December, 9:00 AM**

+ Virginia De La Cruz

**Wednesday 14 December, 7:00 PM**

+ Giovanni Carelli

**Thursday 15 December, 9:00 AM**

+ Josefa Villaluz Litonjua

**Friday 16 December, 7:00 PM**

+ Anna & Filippo D’Onofrio,  
+ Wilfredo Punzalan,  
+ Mr. & Mrs. Nagamony,  
+ Mr. & Mrs. Jones,  
+ Luis Ossios

**Saturday 17 December, 9:00 AM**

+ Christopher Malatesta

**Saturday 17 December, 5:00 PM**

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**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!

**STREET PATROL**

Our upcoming Street Patrol trip is next **Saturday December 17th**. Join us as we walk through Toronto’s downtown core, offering food and friendships to the homeless. 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.

## BIBLE STUDY

The coming Monday, December 12 will be the last Bible class before this Christmas. Classes will resume Monday, January 9, 2023.

Starting 2023, Bible Class will be on the 2nd and 4th Monday. If there are any questions, please contact John at [BIBLE.STJW@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BIBLE.STJW@GMAIL.COM)



## STUDY OF CATHOLICISM

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Join us in watching and studying *Catholicism*. Sessions have started and will continue to take place every Thursday at 7:00 PM in the hall with the exception of December 15, 23, and 30.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANNETTONE SALE

This weekend the K of C will be having their annual Panettone Sale in the foyer before and after all Masses.

## SUNDAY MISSALS & ADVENT BOOKS

The new Sunday Missals and Advents Books are available to purchase in the resource center on weekends and in the office on weekdays.



STJW PRESENTS

# CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2022

Come and join us at this event packed with awesome performances and refreshments!

Deck out in Christmas shades of red, green or white!

**Date & Time:**  
**December 17 | 7 PM**



## CELEBRATION OF OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY MASS AT OLRCS

Join us in celebrating one of the milestones in our Celebrations of St. Joseph the Worker Parish!

To commemorate the beginnings of our Parish, there will be a Eucharistic celebration at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Elementary School on December 19th 2022 at 2:00 PM.



## 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:

- 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,



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