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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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### Knights of Columbus

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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

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**GOSPEL REFLECTION: THE LAMB OF GOD**

*"The Lamb of God." (John 1:29)*

When you hear John the Baptist call Jesus the "Lamb of God," you might picture a cute baby sheep leaping in a pasture or happily resting on its shepherd's shoulders. But that can be confusing. How can Jesus be that kind of lamb?

Israelites in Jesus' time would have understood what John was getting at. They would likely have called to mind the feast of Passover. Each year during that feast, every Jewish family slaughtered and ate an unblemished lamb in remembrance of God bringing his people out of slavery in Egypt (Exodus 12).

They might also have thought about Isaiah's song of the Suffering Servant, who, like a lamb, silently allowed himself to be led to the slaughter while he bore the guilt of us all (Isaiah 53:6-7).

Finally, they might have remembered when God asked Abraham to sacrifice his beloved son, Isaac. As Isaac prepared the wood for the sacrifice, he asked why there was no sheep to offer. Abraham replied, "God will provide the sheep for the burnt offering" (Genesis 22:8).

John likely had all this in mind when he called Jesus the Lamb of God: Jesus was the sacrifice, provided by God, who would silently offer his life to redeem us all.

Contemplating Jesus as the Lamb of God gives us an infinite number of reasons to worship him. We can praise him for delivering us from enslavement to sin. We can ponder what he silently bore to redeem us. We can bow to him as the perfect sacrifice, provided for us by God himself. Jesus is so much bigger, so much more committed to us, so much more glorious in his mercy than we could ever imagine!

At Mass today, we will be invited to "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." How happy we are to be called to his supper, to behold him and to receive him in the Eucharist!

*"Lord Jesus, Lamb of God, I worship you!"*

**MASS READINGS**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

**Gospel:** John 1:29-34

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday 15 January, 9:00 AM (Italian)**

+ Concetta Rachiero

**Sunday 15 January, 10:30 AM**

For all Parishioners

**Sunday 15 January, 12:00 PM**

+ Maria Prescilla,  
+ Teresa Borkowski,  
+ Giuseppe Captara

**Tuesday 17 January, 9:00 AM**

+ Christopher Malatesta

**Wednesday 18 January, 7:00 PM**

+ Roberta Casmiro  
& Thanksgiving from the Casmiro Family

**Thursday 19 January, 9:00 AM**

+ Joseph Kingsley Perera,  
+ Vera Verascindoram

**Friday 20 January, 7:00 PM**

+ Augusto Nalli,  
+ Giuseppe Pizzolato,  
+ Raffaele Di Lulio,  
+ Loreto Sr,  
+ Ester Torre,  
+ Loreto Jr.,  
+ Demitro Torre,  
+ Rizal & Abraham Tacchiera

**Saturday 21 January, 9:00 AM**

+ Maria Sundaram M.

**Saturday 21 January, 5:00 PM**

+ Fiorella & Enzo Quatrini

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM**

Every few years, the Knights of Columbus select an icon of a saint whose patronage is particularly inspiring, and these icons are taken to different councils and churches. Last weekend we were blessed to welcome the icon of our very own patron, St. Joseph to our parish.

To celebrate the arrival of the icon, The Knights of Columbus invites all parishioners to an evening of rosary and reflection on Wednesday January 18, 2023, starting with Mass at 7:00 PM, and followed by a celebration of prayers in honor of St. Joseph.

Please mark your calendars and let us make a special recourse to the intercession of St. Joseph who doubles as our patron saint.



## LEGION OF MARY SOCIETY

The Blessed Virgin Mary is our Mother and as Catholics we dearly hold her as a great intercessor to Christ Jesus our Lord, her son. The parish will be planning to have the Legion of Mary Society formed in our parish as a stable pious society where devotees have the opportunity to pray and mingle. We will be having a membership drive for the society

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

First Communion classes will be held in the hall located in the basement of the church. Attendance to all classes is mandatory

Class #1	January 14	10-11:30 a.m.
Class #2	January 21	10-11:30 a.m.
Class #3	January 28	10-11:30 a.m.

### REMINDER FOR PARENTS

Parents' Meeting #1:

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 from 7 to 8 p.m.

### CONFIRMATION CLASSES SCHEDULE

Confirmation classes will be held in the hall located in the basement of the church. Attendance to all classes is mandatory

Class #1	January 14	3- 5 p.m.
Class #2	January 21	3- 5 p.m.
Class #3	January 28	3- 5 p.m.

### REMINDER FOR PARENTS & SPONSORS

Parent/Sponsor's Meeting #1

Tuesday 15 February at 7:30 p.m.

## THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUPE BOWL TAILGATE PARTY IS BACK!

On Sunday February 12th starting at 6:30pm we will be streaming LIVE Super Bowl 57 in the parish Basement. We will have a large buffet dinner, sweets, coffee, tea, water & pop. We will be selling beer for \$6 a bottle. Ticket price is \$30 per person / Children 8 and under are FREE.

## ST. AUGUSTINES FOOD DRIVE

We will be having a food drive to replenish the bare shelves of St. Augustine's Food Bank, as their stock has been completely exhausted. The collection for non-perishable food items will occur on the weekend of January 21/22. Let us remember those in need during the season of giving!

## YOUTH PROGRAMME

### Edge, Grades 6 & 8

Edge is a program designed for preteens and teens which allows them to deepen their relationship with Christ.

Session 1	Saturday, January 14 @ 6:30 PM
Session 2	Saturday, January 28 @ 6:30 PM
Session 3	Saturday, February 11 @ 6:30 PM
Session 4	Saturday, February 25 @ 6:30 PM

### The Chosen, Grades 11 & 12

We will be watching and discussing The Chosen, which portrays the life of Jesus as He calls His initial disciples.

Session 1	Saturday, January 20 @ 6:30 PM
Session 2	Saturday, February 3 @ 6:30 PM
Session 3	Saturday, February 17 @ 6:30 PM
Session 4	Saturday, March 3 @ 6:30 PM

### Life Teen, Grades 9 & 10

Life Teen is a high school youth ministry program designed to bring teens closer to Christ and his Church by exploring the depths of our faith.

Session 1	Saturday, January 21 @ 6:30 PM
Session 2	Saturday, February 4 @ 6:30 PM
Session 3	Saturday, February 18 @ 6:30 PM
Session 4	Saturday, March 4 @ 6:30 PM

### Book Club, Young Adults

We will be reading and discussing "Emotional Virtue" to understand what it means to build a relationship rooted in faith and authentic friendship

Session 1	Saturday, January 13 @ 7:30 PM
Session 2	Saturday, January 27 @ 7:30 PM
Session 3	Saturday, February 10 @ 7:30 PM
Session 4	Saturday, February 24 @ 7:30 PM

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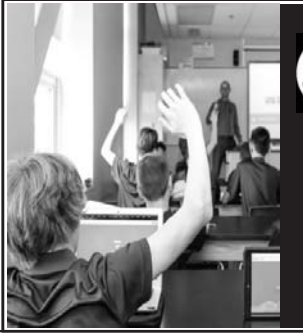
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