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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.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION: A TEMPLE OF GOD

Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (1 Corinthians 3:16)

For Israel, the Temple at Jerusalem was the holiest place on earth. A beautiful, gilded structure, it stood as a testament to God's faithfulness. But its splendor and holiness didn't come from its ornate decoration. It came from God's presence within. There, almighty God showed his glory. From there, he blessed his people and offered them a share in his mercy and love.

So when St. Paul told the Corinthians that they were the temple of God, they would have recalled the physical Temple. But the idea that they were holy, like the Temple, must have seemed almost comical. Throughout his letter to them, Paul addresses the many weaknesses of the Corinthian church: their disordered worship, sexual immorality, immature faith, and failures to love. They didn't sound very holy at all. But Paul tells them that they aren't just like the Temple; they *are* the very temple of God—and God himself lives within them, by the Holy Spirit.

How can this be? How could the all-holy God dwell amid sinful people like the Corinthians—and us, for that matter? This is the mystery of the mercy and power of God. Through the waters of baptism, God cleanses us of our sins and makes us worthy to receive his Spirit. He fills us with his own presence and makes us holy “temples,” set apart for him.

God so desires to be close to us that he chooses to inhabit imperfect groups of imperfect people. The treasure of his presence dwells in “earthen vessels” (2 Corinthians 4:7). And he dwells in you. You may not feel like a beautiful temple; you may feel more like a cracked clay pot. But what makes you holy is not your own goodness; it's Jesus himself, helping you every day, to be perfect, as he is perfect (Matthew 5:48).

MASS READINGS**First Reading:**

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel:

Matthew 5:38-48

MASS INTENTIONS**Sunday 19 February, 9:00 AM (Italian)**

+ Matilda Pellico, Mario Gallo
& Enzo Pellico

Sunday 19 February, 10:30 AM

For all Parishioners

Sunday 19 February 12:00 PM

45th Wedding Anniversary Blessings for
Chito & Claire Litonjua

Tuesday 21 February, 9:00 AM

+ Roberto & Melidia Fernandez

Ash Wednesday 22 February,**9:00 AM Mass****7:00 PM Mass**

For all Parishioners

Thursday 23 February, 9:00 AM

Blessings for Beatrice and the Carere Family

Friday 24 February, 7:00 PM

+ Teresa Naccarato, & David Beneteau;

+ Luigi Cipolla

+ Eliza Santos

Saturday 25 February, 9:00 AM

+ Domenico Barbieri & Anna Gina

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE

Two devastating earthquakes and hundreds of violent aftershocks in Turkey and Syria have caused great destruction in both countries. As search and rescue operations continue, the latest reports indicate that there are more than 40,000 people injured and the rising death toll has now surpassed 11,000 people. The Archdiocese will hold a special collection this weekend to support humanitarian reliefs for those affected by the Turkey and Syria Earthquake.

Other forms of donations include:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website – <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/contactus/donations/donate-pages/donate-to-turkiye-and-syria-relief/>
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411

2022 PARISH TAX RECEIPTS

The 2022 parish tax receipts are in the process of being mailed out by Archdiocese of Toronto. If you do not receive your tax receipt by the end of February please see the office,

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. Classes will be held every Saturday from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. The next First Holy Communion Class will be held on **Saturday February 25, 2023.**

CONFIRMATION CLASSES SCHEDULE

Confirmation classes will be held in the hall located in the basement of the church. Attendance to all classes is mandatory. Classes will be held every Saturday from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. The next Confirmation class will be held on **Saturday February 25, 2023.**

REMINDER FOR PARENTS & SPONSORS

Parent/Sponsor's Meeting #1
Tuesday, 21 February at 7:30 p.m.

STJW FAMILY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Parish's Family Cancer Support Group brings together parishioners that have been diagnosed with cancer in hope that we may share our experiences and help support one another. We welcome new members and hope you join at our next meeting. Meetings will be held twice a month: March 1st & 15th, April 12th & 26th, May 10th & 24th, June 7th & 21st, at 7:30 pm in the church basement. If you have any questions please contact Silvana DiGregorio-Butler: 905-771-9255 or Jackie Cabildo: 416-841-6917+

Ash Wednesday and the Lenten Season

As we begin this season of grace which extends from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday (omitting Sundays), we remind ourselves of the invitation "to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word". Let us aid our Lenten journey with these particular canonical/pastoral notes:

- Canon 1250 - All Fridays through the year and at the time of Lent are penitential days and times throughout the entire Church.
- Canon 1251 - Abstinence from eating meat or another food according to the prescriptions of the conference of bishops is to be observed on Fridays throughout the year unless they are solemnities; abstinence and fast are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on the Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Canon 1252 - All persons who have completed their fourteenth year are bound by the law of abstinence; all adults are bound by the law of fasting up to the beginning of their sixtieth year. Nevertheless, pastors and parents are to see to it that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated in an authentic sense of penance.
- Canon 1253: It is for the conference of bishops to determine more precisely the observance of fast and abstinence and to substitute in whole or in part for fast and abstinence other forms of penance especially works of charity and exercises of piety.
- Check out our website for some more pastoral guide on Catholic practices and customs during Lent
<https://stjosephtheworkerth.archtoronto.org/siteassets/media/files/lent--easter-practices.pdf>
- As usual, we shall be having Stations of the Cross on every Fridays during Lent immediately after our 7pm Mass.
May this holy season aid our journey with the Lord in his passion, leading us to rise with him at his Resurrection.

TOTUS TUUS: PARISH SUMMER CAMP

Totus Tuus Catholic Summer Camp is coming to our Parish this year from July 16-21! The camp is in two parts: the day camp for grades 1-6 (8:45am-2:30pm) and the Evening program for grades 7-12 (6:45pm-9pm) The day camp helps children learn more about the Catholic faith in a caring, fun-filled environment. The evening program is designed for students who are seeking to deepen their faith and grow in their personal relationship with Jesus. Begin to plan your summer for your kids with this faith and fun-filled week. Please contact the parish office to book spots for your children.

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