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Tuesday to Friday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 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: RESISTING TEMPTATION

You will be like gods. (Genesis 3:5)

We know what the first sin was: Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating the forbidden fruit. But do you know what the first temptation was? “You will be like gods” (Genesis 3:5).

This is the temptation that has always plagued humanity. Like gods, we want to be in control. We want to decide what’s right and wrong. We want the power, honor, and glory that belong only to the Lord.

This is the same temptation that Jesus conquered in his battle with Satan in the desert. In today’s Gospel, the devil tries to tempt Jesus to rebel against his Father’s plan. He taunts Jesus, saying, “If you are the Son of God . . .” (Matthew 4:3, 6). In other words, *If you are really who you claim to be, don’t wait for your Father’s permission. Go ahead and act like God!*

But Jesus “did not regard equality with God something to be grasped” (Philippians 2:6). Though he was God incarnate, he submitted to his Father’s will each and every day. Finally, he undid that first sin of Adam when he offered himself on the cross to save us (Romans 5:12, 15).

This Lent, ask the Spirit to help you recognize where you are being tempted to rebel against God. It may be something subtle, like persisting in a bad habit. Or it may be something more obvious, like resisting God’s will in a difficult situation.

Don’t get discouraged if you see signs of rebellion. Instead, let the words of St. Paul in today’s second reading encourage you: through Jesus’ death and resurrection, we have all received an “abundance of grace” (Romans 5:17). That grace can help you overcome any temptation—including the temptation to be your own god! This Lent, just keep asking for God’s grace, and trust that it will never run out.

“Jesus, give me the grace to submit to you in all things. Thank you, Holy Spirit, for living in me! Make me more like Jesus today.”

MASS READINGS

First Reading:

Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18, 25; 3.1-7

Second Reading:

Romans 5.12-19

Gospel:

Matthew 4.1-11

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 26 February, 9:00 AM (Italian)

+ Vincenzo Mariani & Maria Giaginta

Sunday 26 February, 10:30 AM

For all Parishioners

Sunday 26 February, 12:00 PM

+ Jovito & Molly Lobo

Tuesday 28 February, 9:00 AM

+ Antonette Beatrice Vettivelu

Wednesday 1 March, 7:00 AM

+ Concetta Bruni

Thursday 2 March, 9:00 AM

For all Parishioners

Friday 3 March, 7:00 PM

+ Lucia Grossi,
+ Giuseppe Zanella,
+ Louisa & Salvatore Alliata,
+ Antonio & Teresa Moura,
+ Oei Kim Toan,
+ Maria Thoeng Hoei Ing

Saturday 4 March, 9:00 AM

For all Parishioners

Saturday 4 March, 5:00 PM

+ Rodrigo Moreira

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

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 March 4, 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 March 4, 2023**

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.

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 FRIDAY ADORATION (MARCH 3, 2023)

Every month on the first Friday of the month, St. Joseph the Worker invites everyone to our holy hour of Adoration, beginning after the evening Mass and Stations of the Cross. Set some time in your schedule to connect with God and experience the power of his wondrous love. Follow along with your spiritual family in an hour of prayer, reflection, mediation, and music. Our next monthly Adoration will be on Friday, March 3, 2023.

A 9 DAY TRIP TO ENGLAND—JULY 12-20, 2023

In Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of St. Dunstan's Church, Scarborough. Price per person double occupancy \$4,580.00, which includes flights & taxes, accommodation in a central London Hotel, full English breakfast daily and (5) 3-course dinners. All entrance fees, tours, and visits per the itinerary with guide and private transportation + all gratuities to hotel and restaurant staff.

THE LENTEN SEASON

As we begin this season of grace, 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:

<https://stjosephtheworkerth.archtoronto.org/siteassets/media/files/lent--easter-practices.pdf>

for some more pastoral guide on Catholic practices and customs during Lent.

- 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.

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