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Tuesday to Friday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 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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GOSPEL REFLECTION: HELPLESSNESS

While we were still helpless . . . (Romans 5:6)

Do you think of yourself as “helpless”? “Of course not,” you might reply. “I have God-given abilities; I have family and friends to support me. I can take care of myself in lots of ways.”

But this isn’t the type of “helplessness” that St. Paul is talking about in our first reading. He’s saying that Jesus didn’t wait for us to help ourselves out of sin; he gave us his help by dying on the cross for us. He offered his mercy even before we asked for it! This sounds a bit like the father of the prodigal son in yesterday’s Gospel, doesn’t it?

The story of the Samaritan woman in today’s Gospel shows this principle in action as well. From the outside, this woman might not have seemed all that helpless. But Jesus saw her vulnerability and powerlessness. As a woman married many times who was now living in sin, she was helpless to integrate herself into society. That’s why she went to draw water at midday, when all the other women would not be there (John 4:6-7). She was helpless to explain her irregular marital situation when Jesus brought it up (4:16-17). And she was helpless against whatever fallen drives or external forces kept pushing her from one relationship to the next (4:18).

But Jesus came to her in all that helplessness and offered her the water of life. He didn’t wait for her to get her act together. He didn’t wait for her to seek him out. He came to her and engaged with her. He gave her hope that her life could change, that she could be saved, and that she could be restored. Simply put, in her helplessness, Jesus helped her.

He can do that for you, too! Even now, Jesus wants to help you, even if you don’t think of yourself as “helpless.” He sees your need, and he has just the right amount of grace and love to fill that need. So let Jesus come to you and help you today.

“Jesus, I need you!”

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 17.3-7

Second Reading: Romans 5.1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4.5-42

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 12 March, 9:00 AM (Italian)

For all Parishioners

Sunday 12 March, 10:30 AM

+ Virginia de la Cruz & Loved Ones

Sunday 12 March, 12:00 PM

+ Rudy Pinto

Tuesday 14 March 9:00 AM

+ Litzia Sorrenti

Wednesday 15 March, 7:00 AM

+ San Giuseppe, Frank, Jenny, Joseph,

Thursday 16 March, 9:00 AM

+ Molly & Jovito Lobo

Friday 17 March, 7:00 PM

+ Christopher Malatesta

+ Florencio & Victoria Collantes

+ JR Fontanilla

+ Luigi Corrado

Birthday Blessings for James Newton

Saturday 18 March, 9:00 AM

St Joseph

Saturday 18 March, 5:00 PM

+ Deceased Members of the Lobo Family

LENTEN RETREAT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023

We will be having a parish Lenten retreat on Wednesday March 22 at 7:00 pm which includes the celebration of Mass, followed by a talk given by Fr. Matthew McCarthy, and then adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All parishioners are invited to attend this retreat of reflection, prayer and devotion aimed in bringing us closer to Christ this lent and preparing us for Easter!

LENTEN DAY OF RECONCILIATION THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023

In Reconciliation, we acknowledge our sins before God and the Church. We express our sorrow in a meaningful way, receive the forgiveness of Christ and his Church, make reparation for what we have done, and resolve to do better in the future. Lenten Confessions will take place on Thursday 23 March from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm (noon), and 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. For the evening session there will be several priests in attendance to hear confessions in a variety of languages. Please mark your calendars.

STREET PATROL

Our upcoming trip to Street Patrol is on Saturday March 18th. We will meet downstairs in the Church Kitchen at 9:30 am to make a meal package before we head downtown. In the days leading up to our deliveries to the needy individuals downtown, we welcome the following donations, which can be dropped off at the church office. This is a wonderful opportunity for Lenten Almsgiving.

- Food items (sliced bread, deli meat, juice boxes), Gift Cards (Walmart, McDonalds), Any Monetary donations

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

First Communion classes will be held in the church hall. Attendance to all classes is mandatory. Classes will be held every Saturday from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

Please note due to March Break there will NOT be a First Holy Communion Class on Saturday March 18. The next class will be held on **Saturday March 25**.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES SCHEDULE

Confirmation classes will be held in the church. Attendance to all classes is mandatory. Classes will be held every Saturday from 3:00 to 5:00 PM.

Please note due to March Break there will NOT be a Confirmation Class on March 18. The next class will be held on **Saturday March 25**.

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

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.

LIVING THE GOSPEL: 2023 SHARELIFE PARISH CAMPAIGN

ShareLife campaign 2023 is almost here. Collection for this year will be on March 26, April 30 and June 4. Parish communities throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto participate in this annual campaign, which starts at the beginning of Lent. ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as a Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need. Over 40 ShareLife agencies serve tens of thousands of people locally and countless more around the world, regardless of religious affiliation. **Our campaign goal for this year is \$71,700.** Please help us meet this goal and do our path in helping our needy world.

THE LENTEN SEASON

As we continue 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 7:00 pm 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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