

# 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)

10:30 a.m. Mass: [ignited.musicoffical@gmail.com](mailto:ignited.musicoffical@gmail.com)

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### Catholic Women's League

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### Hospitality Team

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### St Vincent de Paul

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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: ACCEPTING GRIEF IN OUR LIVES***Jesus wept. (John 11:35)*

Kara's close friend had just passed away from cancer, leaving behind a husband and four young children. So many people had prayed for her to be healed, but it didn't happen. Kara was baffled. How could a good and loving God allow this?

Kara searched the Scriptures for answers. Nothing satisfied her until she read these words in today's Gospel: "Jesus wept" (John 11:35). It didn't solve the mystery of why God allows suffering, but it did comfort her. She knew that the Lord was with her and with all the people who were grieving the death of this young woman. In fact, she sensed that he was weeping along with them.

Jesus' weeping at the tomb of Lazarus demonstrates how, as a human being, he experienced every emotion we experience, including grief. John writes that when Jesus arrived in Bethany and saw Lazarus' sister Mary weeping, he was "deeply troubled" (John 11:33). This shows us that Jesus understands exactly what we are going through when we lose a dear friend or loved one. Not only that, but he feels the pain and sorrow that we are feeling. That's why we can find so much solace in drawing near to him in those difficult times.

The reality of death was painful for Jesus even though he was planning to raise Lazarus. We might believe that a loved one is with God, and perhaps feel guilty about grieving because of the joy that they are now experiencing in heaven. But Jesus' example shows us that it's human to be sad, and that our faith isn't somehow deficient if we grieve.

If you are experiencing grief, know that Jesus is with you in your sorrow, not as a dispassionate bystander, but as a fellow mourner. He understands your pain, and in your darkest hour, he is with you to comfort and console you.

*"Jesus, thank you for never abandoning me, in good times and in bad."*

**MASS READINGS****First Reading:** Ezekiel 37.12-14**Second Reading:** Romans 8.8-11**Gospel:** John 11.1-45**MASS INTENTIONS****Sunday 26 March, 9:00 AM (Italian)**  
+ Pasquale & Gino D'Angelo**Sunday 26 March, 10:30 AM**  
For all Parishioners**Sunday 26 March, 12:00 PM**  
Blessings for Merly & George Raposas on their Wedding Anniversary**Tuesday 28 March 9:00 AM**  
+ Diana Walsh**Wednesday 29 March, 7:00 PM**  
+ Antonette Beatrice Vettivelu**Thursday 30 March, 9:00 AM**  
For all Parishioners**Friday 31 March, 7:00 PM**  
+ Alfredo Gonzales, + Maria Torielle  
+ Rosa Nicola, + Rosa Giuseppe  
+ Gelsomina Rosa Rubino  
+ Salvatore Agliata, + Lucia Agliata  
+ Vincenzo Zannella**Saturday 1 April, 9:00 AM**  
+ Luigia & Benvenuto Cipolla**Saturday 1 April, 5:00 PM**  
For all Parishioners**40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PICTORIAL BOOK**

To commemorate our parish's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we will be making a pictorial which will feature pictures of events held over the years, parish groups, and family portraits. IPC Canada Photo Services will be taking professional photographs of all our parishioners. We invite you all to participate in having your photo! To schedule your appointment please scan the QR code.

**SL ShareLife LIVING THE GOSPEL: 2023 SHARELIFE PARISH CAMPAIGN**

ShareLife campaign 2023 is here! Collection for this year will be this weekend **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.

**MASS OF CELEBRATION TO WELCOME ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO**

On Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>, Bishop Frank Leo has been installed as the new Archbishop of Toronto. Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome taking place in the central region on Tuesday April 11, 2023, 7:00 pm at Blessed Trinity Parish Toronto. A reception will follow the mass in the parish hall! All are welcome. Please continue to keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.

### 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 Holy Week, there will NOT be a First Holy Communion Class on Saturday April 1, 2023, and Saturday April 8, 2023. The next class will be held on **Saturday April 15.**

### 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 Holy Week, there will NOT be a Confirmation Class on Saturday April 1, 2023, and Saturday April 8, 2023. The next class will be held on **Saturday April 15.**

## Holy Week & Easter Schedule



### Psalm Sunday - April 2

5:00 PM - English Vigil Mass  
9:00 AM - Italian Mass  
10:30 AM - English Mass  
12:00 PM - English Mass

### Holy Thursday - April 6

7:00 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual)  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until midnight

### Good Friday - April 7

10:00 AM - Stations of the Cross  
2:30 PM - Divine Mercy Novena DAY 1  
3:00 PM - Liturgical Service of the Lord's Passion (Bilingual)

### Holy Saturday - April 8

9:00 AM - Vigil with Our Lady of Sorrows  
11:00 AM - Bread & Basket Blessing  
3:00 PM - Divine Mercy Novena DAY 2  
8:00 PM - Vigil Mass of the Resurrection (Bilingual)

### Easter Sunday - April 9

9:00 AM - Italian Mass  
10:30 AM - English Mass  
12:00 PM - English Mass  
1:30 PM - Divine Mercy Novena DAY 3

### Easter Week - April 10 - 14

10 April - 9:00 AM Mass +  
9:30 AM - Divine Mercy Novena Day #4 to follow  
11 April - 9:00 AM Mass +  
9:30 AM - Divine Mercy Novena Day #5 to follow  
12 April - 7:00 PM Mass +  
7:30 PM - Divine Mercy Novena Day #6 to follow  
13 April - 9:00 AM Mass +  
9:30 AM - Divine Mercy Novena Day #7 to follow  
14 April - 7:00 PM Mass + 7  
:30 PM - Divine Mercy Novena Day #8 to follow

### Easter Saturday - April 15

9:00 AM - English Mass  
9:30 AM - Divine Mercy Novena DAY #9  
5:00 PM - Mass

### Divine Mercy Sunday - April 16

9:00 AM - Italian Mass  
10:30 AM - English Mass  
12:00 PM - English Mass  
3:00 PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet. Procession round the block and refreshments in the hall to follow

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