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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

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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: BEING A WITNESS OF CHRIST

You will be my witnesses. (Acts 1:8)

Today’s first reading describes the last time the apostles saw the risen Christ. Luke describes the scene in the very first chapter of his Book of Acts, but words alone can’t capture the amazement and wonder the apostles must have felt when they saw Jesus “lifted up” into heaven (Acts 1:9). They were blessed indeed to have seen all that Jesus said and did, from the beginning of his ministry up to this dramatic moment.

But along with this privilege came a great responsibility. In his final instructions to his apostles, Jesus said, “You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8). This was their new purpose in life, the very reason why Jesus had chosen them in the first place. Upon their eyewitness accounts would rest the faith of millions of believers—and the entire Church—through the centuries.

Of course, many other people have followed in the apostles’ footsteps by witnessing to Christ. They may not have seen Jesus firsthand, but they have experienced his presence and the power of his Holy Spirit in their lives. In fact, every person who calls himself a believer is also, by default, a witness to Christ.

Do you think of yourself as a witness? If you follow Jesus, you can’t help being one. You witness by the values that guide you, by the love you show others, and by your life of prayer. You witness when you share how God is working in your life or how he has forgiven you or answered a prayer.

Jesus’ final words at his Ascension weren’t just for his apostles; they are for you, too. So how might you witness to Jesus today? Every day presents a new opportunity—one that might just lead another person to a new or deeper love of the Lord.

“Holy Spirit, open my eyes to the ways I can witness to you today.”

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 21 May, 9:00 AM (Italian)
+ Lugia Cipolla

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Sunday 21 May, 12:00 PM
+ Mike D’Amelio & Vincenza Visciglio

Tuesday 23 May, 9:00 AM
+ Adele Eto

Wednesday 24 May, 7:00 PM
+ Marcelina Fontanilla

Thursday 25 May, 9:00 AM
Petitions for Divina Bernal

Friday 26 May, 7:00 PM
+ Reymundo Torres,
+ Maximo & Julia Dominguez,
+ Josefino Pacificador,
+ Maria,
& Blessings for Norabel & Rogelio Nonesa on
their 25th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday 27 May, 10:00 AM
Confirmation Mass: OLR & Public Schools

Saturday 27 May, 5:00 PM
+ Adaikala Mary Maria Sundaram

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to our little ones celebrating their First Holy Communion this weekend, together with their families and friends! May God, who brought you to this special day, continue to direct your life in his perfect way and be the centre of your lives. Thank you to the hardworking teachers and volunteers who gave their time to prepare the children for this special day.



CONFIRMATION REMINDER

Our Confirmation ceremonies this year will be on **Saturday 27 May 2023 at 10:00 AM** for candidates from Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic School & Public Schools, and on **Sunday 28 May 2023 at 3:00 PM** for candidates from St. Joseph the Worker Catholic School. Please be at the church no later than an hour before the mass starts.

STREET PATROL

Thank you to all who attended and donated to our Street Patrol this weekend! Our next Street Patrol will be on Saturday, June 17th.

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CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

The Consecration to Jesus Through Mary course is a 33-day preparation of devotion. Classes will be held on Wednesday at 7pm in the church hall and will follow the schedule below.

- Week 1 (June 7):** Emptying Ourselves of the Spirit of the World
- Week 2 (June 14):** Emptying Ourselves of the Spirit of the World
- Week 3 (June 21):** Knowledge of Self
- Week 4 (June 28):** Knowledge of Mary
- Week 5 (July 5):** Knowledge of Jesus
- Week 6 (July 12):** Consecration Conclusions and Instructions

To register, please call the Parish Office at 905-660-1253.

FR. TERRY MCKENNA'S 50TH PRIESTLY ANNIVERSARY



Join us to celebrate Fr. Terry McKenna as he celebrates his 50th anniversary as a priest on Thursday, May 25, 2023. Fr. Terry will be celebrating our morning Mass at 9 am, and then we will proceed downstairs to have some social time with our senior group. A hearty felicitation to Fr. Terry!

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40th Anniversary Gala 50/50 Draw

Grand Prize Draw: September 29th 2023
Early Bird Draw: \$500 on June 24th 2023
Early Bird Draw: \$500 on September 2nd 2023

Tickets Available in the Parish Office


STJW PRESENTS
In celebration of our 40th Anniversary

Cultural Fiesta

After the 12PM Mass
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If you would like to donate cooked food, please visit the basement to sign up after the weekend Masses, starting from May 20/ 21. There will be representatives from each continent to give more information.

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