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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.

Parish Groups

Choir Groups

5:00 p.m. Mass: Ldefacendis@rogers.com

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12:00 p.m. Mass: Ldefacendis@rogers.com

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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

St Joseph the Worker C.E.S.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION: REACHING OUT TO ALL PEOPLE

But who do you say that I am? (Matthew 16:15)

Jesus didn't pull any punches with his disciples, did he? Yes, he wanted them to tell him what the crowds were saying about him. But he wasn't just interested in the "word on the street." The most important question that Jesus asked his disciples—the question that made all the difference—was a more personal one: "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15, emphasis added).

It's the question that makes all the difference for you, too. Because being able to explain what other people say about Jesus doesn't really change your life. As you think about who Jesus is, you might hear the echoes of your mother or grandfather telling you that Jesus is the Son of God. You might hear friends or coworkers say that he's a healer or great moral leader. You might hear a teacher or catechist tell you that he is the Messiah. You might hear your parish priest say that he is the Lord of heaven and earth.

But what about *you*? After all that input from other people, after your own life experiences, who do you say that Jesus is? Find some time today to take this question into your time of prayer. Ask your heavenly Father for the grace—the same grace he gave to Simon Peter in today's Gospel—to reveal Jesus to you more deeply and to convince you more powerfully that he is *your* Messiah and Savior.

Then tell Jesus who you say that he is. If you felt his presence during a troubled time, praise him for being your best friend and guide. If you experienced the relief and joy of forgiveness, thank him for being your Redeemer and merciful Savior. If you catch a glimpse of his glory at the Father's right hand, worship him for being the Lord of history, the Son of God.

Who we say that Jesus is changes everything. So who is he to you?

"Jesus, you are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!"

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 22.15,19-23

Second Reading: Romans 11.33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16.13-20

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 27 August, 9:00 AM (Italian)

+ Benedetto Izzi

Sunday 27 August, 10:30 AM

For all Parishioners

Sunday 27 August, 12:00 PM

Blessings for Antonietta & Giuseppe Di Lillo on their 60th Anniversary

Tuesday 29 August, 9:00 AM

+ Peter DiGiuseppe

Wednesday 30 August, 7:00 PM

+ Catherine Elaine Thompson

Thursday 31 August, 9:00 AM

+ May & Yaduiga Sztruf

Friday 1 September, 7:00 PM

+ Mario Corrado

+ Anna Ranieri

+ Dominga Badongen

+ Deceased Members of the Malfara Family

+ Deceased Members of the Galloro Family

Special Intentions of Nolieta Torres

Saturday 2 September, 9:00 AM

+ James Carino

Saturday 2 September, 5:00 PM

+ Emma & Gabrielle Fallone

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS – SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

Come and join us in learning more about the women of the Bible. Have you often wondered who are some of the women in the Bible that really had an impact? Can we as women in our modern world relate to any of these stories or experiences in our lives? Join us on September 13th after the Wednesday Mass at 7:45 pm. There will be fellowship, Bible reading, and sharing of ideas. If you are 18+ we look forward to seeing you there.

RCIA PROGRAM

Our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program will be starting on October 10, and will take place every Tuesday from 7 – 9 pm. Adults who are in need of the sacraments to become Catholic (Baptism, Confession, First Holy Communion) should contact the office.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Our Marriage Preparation course will start on October 20 and will take place every Friday from 7 – 9 pm for 6 weeks. Couples who are planning to wed are invited to now register in the Church Office.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 2024

Embark on a profound pilgrimage to the Holy Land from February 22nd, 2024 – March 1st, 2024 under the spiritual guidance of Spanish guide Fr. Salvador Curutchet and English guide Fr. Nicetus Tario. Priced at \$3490, inclusive of taxes and tips. For more information, please contact Halina at extension 315 or Liliana at extension 324 from International Heritage Tours: 647-294-4116.



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



JOIN THE ROSARY APOSTOLATES

The Rosary Apostolate has been faithfully visiting our parish schools to pray the Rosary with our students, inspiring them to continue the practice of faith. They are seeking people who have a great love for the Rosary and who are willing to dedicate 2 hours a month to pray the Rosary with school children. If you are interested, please contact Cecilia Ferreira at 416-522-3403.



CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE FOR 2023- 2024

Confirmation Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/9KF1dT3M6qL1hFj89>

There will be 12 Preparation Classes and a 2-day Mandatory Retreat. Classes start on Saturday January 13, 2024, to Saturday May 4, 2024.

Important Dates and Information:

- **Information Night:** Thursday October 5 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
- **Registration From Submission Due Date:** Sunday November 19, 2023
- After registration is submitted, parents must visit the office to submit the necessary documentation/fees by Sunday December 10, 2023.

Confirmation Masses:

- St. Joseph the Worker CES – Saturday May 18, 2024 @ 11:00 am
- Our Lady of the Rosary CES & Other Schools – Sunday May 19, 2023 @ 3:00 pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE FOR 2023 – 2024

First Holy Communion Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/veJEcvMXg6LUk5tC>

There will be 10 Preparation Classes. Classes start on Saturday January 13, 2024, to Saturday April 13, 2024.

Important Dates & Information:

- **Information Night:** Tuesday October 3 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
- **Registration From Submission Due Date:** Sunday November 19, 2023
- After registration is submitted, parents must visit the office to submit the necessary documentation/fees by Sunday December 10, 2023.

The dates and times for the First Holy Communion Masses will be announced during the Information Night on Tuesday October 3.

PRECIOUS BLOOD SOCIAL GATHERING

Whether you're new to prayer or looking to enhance your practice, The Precious Blood prayer group welcomes all who seek to deepen their connection with God. For more information and to sign up, please contact the parish office.



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