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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.

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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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PARISH SCHOOLS

St Joseph the Worker C.E.S.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION: CHANGE & TRANSFORMATION

God forbid! (Matthew 16:22)

Isn't that the way these things often happen? One minute, you're filled with good and holy thoughts. Then the next minute, someone says something that upsets you, and you respond with anger, jealousy, resentment, or some other negative emotion. We all know what that's like!

So it should be no surprise to see Peter "rebuke" Jesus, the man he had just proclaimed to be "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16, 22). When he hears Jesus predict his coming death, Peter becomes upset. In a flash, he loses his peace and clarity. Instead of humbly asking Jesus what he means, he tries to tell Jesus what he should and should not do. And that passionate response earns Peter a stern rebuke of his own: "Get behind me, Satan!" (16:23).

So how can we get to the point where we can hold onto our peace and our trust in the Lord no matter what happens? The answer lies in today's second reading: "Be transformed by the renewal of your mind" (Romans 12:2). We *can* change. We can learn how to put aside our fallen sinful thoughts and ideas and take on Jesus' way instead. Or as Jesus told Peter, we can learn to think "as God does" (Matthew 16:23).

For Peter, this meant accepting that the way of Jesus, the Messiah, is the way of self-giving love, not self-preservation. For us, it may mean asking for the grace to embrace Jesus' call to forgive "seventy-seven times" (Matthew 18:22), or to turn the other cheek (5:39), or to choose not to be served "but to serve" (20:28), or any of Jesus' other teachings that we find difficult.

Today's story about Peter shows us that this kind of change is not a once-and-done event. It happens over time, often with stops and starts. But it does happen, day after day, decision after decision. We *can* be transformed!

"Jesus, teach me how to think and act as you do!"

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 20.7-9

Second Reading: Romans 12.1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16.21-27

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 3 September, 9:00 AM (Italian)
+ Deceased Members of the Quintino Family

Sunday 3 September, 10:30 AM
For all Parishioners

Sunday 3 September, 12:00 PM
+ Mectildes & Luvino Vergara

Tuesday 5 September, 9:00 AM
+ Moises & Julieta De Los Santos

Wednesday 6 September, 7:00 PM
+ Julia Jover

Thursday 7 September, 9:00 AM
+ Moises & Julieta De Los Santos

Friday 8 September, 7:00 PM
+ Antonio Moura, + Maria Torielle
+ Rosa Giuseppe, + Gelsomina Rosa Rubino
+ Lucia Agliata, + Salvatore Agliata
+ Vincenzo Zannella, + Rosa Nicola
Birthday Blessings for Mariano Gonzales

Saturday 9 September, 9:00 AM
+ Maria Adriana Tavares

Saturday 9 September, 5:00 PM
+ Deceased Members of the Braig Family

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, sharing of ideas and light refreshments. If you are 18+ we look forward to seeing you there. Please bring a notebook and a bible.

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.

DEVOTION TO THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Every Thursday, we met to pray this Devotion from 09:00 pm to 12:00 am in the Adoration Chapel. You are welcome to join us. For more information, Please contact the Devotion Coordinator Bridget 905-889-1254 & Marilyn 905-738-5936.



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Grand Prize Draw: September 29th 2023
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Tickets Available in the Parish Office






JOIN THE ROSARY APOSTOLATES

The Rosary Apostolate has been faithfully visiting our parish schools once a month to pray the Rosary with our students for many years, 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. Training, screening, and materials will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Cecilia Ferreira at 416-522-3403



BROWN SCAPULAR ENROLLMENT

Members of the Blessed Trinity Lay Carmelite Community will be at our parish on Wednesday evening, September 20, 2023. They will give out free packages of brown scapulars and booklets with explanation on the meaning of the brown scapulars. The brown scapular is a reminder and an external sign of the relationship between Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the faithful who, like Our Lady, pledges allegiance to Jesus. The enrollment will take place at the 7 PM Mass. All are welcome.

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.

For the Son of Man will come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and then he will render to everyone according to his deeds.

Matthew 16:27 WEB

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



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