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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

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For assistance call 647-303-2621

ssvpsjwc@gmail.com

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: FORGIVENESS

Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. (Matthew 18:18)

Jesus' words sound familiar, don't they? That's because two Sundays ago, we heard him say the same thing to Peter. Then, Jesus was giving Peter the keys to the kingdom and establishing him as leader of the Church (Matthew 16:18-19). Along with that position, he was giving Peter a specific ministry that came with a special authority and grace: the power to bind and loose. That ministry continues today in Peter's successors.

In today's Gospel, however, Jesus seems to be doing something different. He's speaking to all his disciples, and he extends this call to bind and loose to all of them—and in a way, even to us.

While most of us aren't priests who hear confessions, we are all called to forgive. Jesus wants us to understand that both our forgiveness and our failure to forgive have an effect on people. By our words and the thoughts in our hearts, we can keep someone bound in condemnation or judgment. But we can also "loose" them by forgiving them. And forgiveness always releases people from the chains of guilt or shame. This means that we can help them experience the freedom that Jesus wants for them. We can continue his "ministry of reconciliation" in our corner of the world (2 Corinthians 5:18).

How amazing that Jesus trusts us to share in this sacred calling! He doesn't want anyone to remain trapped in sin or in unforgiveness. He knows the danger that sin poses to our souls. That's why he urges us to "cut off" and "throw away" anything in our lives that leads us astray (Matthew 18:8). That's why he never stops seeking after his lost sheep (18:10-14). And that's why he calls us to forgive "seventy-seven times . . . from [our] heart" (18:22, 35). Because as we forgive people who sin against us, we won't just be freeing them. We'll be "loosing" ourselves from those chains, too.

"Jesus, help me to forgive today."

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Ezekiel 33.7-9

Second Reading: Romans 13.8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18.15-20

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 10 September, 9:00 AM (Italian)

+ Fiorella & Enzo Quattrini

Sunday 10 September, 10:30 AM

For all Parishioners

Sunday 10 September, 12:00 PM

+ Adaikala Mary & Maria Sundaram

Tuesday 12 September, 9:00 AM

+ Virginia de la Cruz & Loved Ones

Wednesday 13 September, 7:00 PM

+ Giuseppe Boragina

Thursday 14 September, 9:00 AM

+ Domenic & Stella

Friday 15 September, 7:00 PM

+ Maria & Antonio Luciani, + Joe Magnoli

+ Giuseppe Amodio, + Sonnie Sampaga

+ Domenico Delle Donne + Cheslava Koorash

Thanksgiving from Maria Theresa De Chavez

Saturday 16 September, 9:00 AM

+ Pacita Aliermo

Saturday 16 September, 5:00 PM

+ Andrew Sibbald

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 own lives? Join us on September 13th after the Wednesday 7:00 PM Mass. 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.

STREET PATROL – SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

Our upcoming trip to Street Patrol is on Saturday September 16, 2023. We will meet downstairs in the Church Kitchen at 9:30 am to make meal packages 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:

- Food items such as sliced bread, deli meat, sliced cheese, juice boxes and peanut-free granola bars
- Gift Cards to shop at Walmart, No Frills, McDonalds, and Tim Hortons

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



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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

40th Anniversary
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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION NOTICE

Please note that the Information Night for both Confirmation and First Holy Communion has been **CANCELLED**. For more information about the procedure and the requirements to register please see the Parish's website at: <https://stjosephtheworkerth.archtoronto.org>

CHILDREN'S LITURGY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

STJW Children Liturgy are looking for teachers and student volunteers to help support our 2023/2024 program. Please email: dennym@gmail.com for more information.

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.

DEVOTION TO THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Discover the Devotion to the Most Precious Blood, rooted in the institution of the priesthood and the Holy Eucharist on Holy Thursday. In 1995, Barnabas Nwoye of Nigeria received a divine call to console and adore the Precious Blood, resulting in the creation of the Precious Blood Devotion, including the prayers and hymns. Join us every Thursday from 9:00 pm to 12:00 am in the Adoration Chapel to partake in this profound spiritual practice.

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 need 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.

CONCLUSION OF OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY: VISIT OF ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO

Join us in concluding the grand festivities of our 40th anniversary celebrations with a Mass presided over by Archbishop Francis Leo. As we reflect on the remarkable journey of our Parish over the past 40 years, this special Mass will be held on Sunday, September 24, 2023, at 12:00 pm. We extend a warm invitation to all our parishioners. Let us come together in prayer and gratitude as we mark this significant chapter in our history.

As well, tickets for our 40th anniversary gala are going fast! Secure your spot for a night of celebration, joy, and camaraderie. Join us in making this milestone a truly memorable one for our community.



The 40th ANNIVERSARY GALA

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 AT 6 PM

TICKETS \$150 PER PERSON (10 PER TABLE)

VENUE: EVENT SPACE
2800 HWY 7
VAUGHAN, ONT. L4K 1W8

ATTIRE: FORMAL

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