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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

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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

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GOSPEL REFLECTION: FORGIVENESS & MERCY

Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you? (Matthew 18:33)

People saddled with impossible debt, desperate pleas for more time, threats of imprisonment and even torture—why did Jesus tell such an upsetting parable? To help his disciples understand the need to show mercy when someone sins against them.

Peter's question started it all: "How often must I forgive?" (Matthew 18:21). It was understandable. Shouldn't there be a limit to how often we should forgive, especially repeated offenses? An honest look at ourselves might help us see the answer. How often do we go to the Lord asking for mercy for the same sins again and again? We would never want him to tell us we have reached our limit. Thankfully, he never does; he repeatedly forgives us.

Not only does God forgive us again and again; he doesn't hold our sins against us. Remember the unforgiving servant. His entire debt was wiped out. There was nothing hanging over him. Similarly, God has pardoned every sin we have ever committed and stands ready to forgive every sin we will ever commit. Nothing is outside the scope of his mercy. He forgives us *everything*.

This is the standard of mercy that Jesus calls us to imitate. It's not so different from the Lord's Prayer: "Forgive us . . . as we forgive" (Matthew 6:12). Granted, today's parable is more graphic. But it shows us that God doesn't want us imprisoned in unforgiveness and tortured by resentment. He knows how hard it is to forgive. But he went so far as to give us his only Son to cleanse us and soften our hearts so that we could share that same mercy.

Mercy goes beyond simply not punishing offenses. It forgives the entire debt. That's how God treats us. Let that truth change how you treat the people who offend you.

"Heavenly Father, strengthen me to be able to forgive others as you have forgiven

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Sirach 27.30-28.7

Second Reading: Romans 14.7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18.21-35

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 17 September, 9:00 AM (Italian)
+ Tecla Migliaccio

Sunday 17 September, 10:30 AM
For all Parishioners

Sunday 17 September, 12:00 PM
+ Rudy Pinto

Tuesday 19 September, 9:00 AM
+ Cosimo Rigano

Wednesday 20 September, 7:00 PM
+ Larriane and Angelito Carino

Thursday 21 September, 9:00 AM
+ Anna Leung

Friday 22 September, 7:00 PM
+ Francesco Tenuta,
+ Giuseppe Francavilla,
+ Faye Bruni,
+ Dayana Terrones,
+ Louis Victor Ramos,
+ Vincenza Cascio,
+ Cheslava Koorash

Saturday 23 September, 9:00 AM
+ Gregorio Malfara

Saturday 23 September, 5:00 PM
+ Monica Baffoe

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

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



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



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.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST DAY

There will be a meeting for those who are seeking more information or wish to volunteer on Thursday, September 21st at 7 pm in the church basement. If you would like to sign up to volunteer, sign-up sheets are available after every mass in the parish office.

ALL SAINTS DAY PARTY

There will be a All Saints Day Party on Sunday, October 29th at 1:30 pm. All children must come dressed as their favourite bible character or saint. Each parent is asked to bring a peanut free snack per child, as it will be used to prepare their loot bags. Sign up is in the office.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Please note that the Information necessary for registration of candidates for both Confirmation and First Holy Communion are now up on our website. Kindly visit our website page for this information and the necessary procedure and the requirements to register at <https://stjosephtheworkerth.archtoronto.org>

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 started 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.



The poster is for the 40th Anniversary Gala. It features a dark background with a large, stylized '40th' in the center. The text 'THE' is above it, and 'ANNIVERSARY GALA' is below it. A diagonal banner on the left says 'Tickets are NOW Available'. In the top right corner, there is a circular logo for 'ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER 40th ANNIVERSARY THORNHILL ESTD 1983'. The event details are listed in the center: 'FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 AT 6PM' and 'TICKETS \$150 PER PERSON (10 PER TABLE)'. The venue is 'VENU EVENT SPACE, 2800 HWY 7, VAUGHAN, ONT. L4K 1W8'. The attire is 'FORMAL'. The dinner includes 'ANTIPASTO BAR DELUXE, SIT DOWN DINNER, LATE NIGHT PORCHETTA STATION AND DELUXE DRINK BAR'. There is also a 'DJ' and a 'SILENT & LIVE AUCTION' with a '50/50 DRAW'.

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