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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: GOD'S INVITATION

You too go into my vineyard. (Matthew 20:4)

Jesus told this parable to help us better understand how generous and merciful God is. But the seeming unfairness of the landowner's decision can still leave us feeling a bit unsettled. We might react differently, however, when we consider the lives of two people who, like the workers in this parable, came to the vineyard later in life.

Felix Leseur was raised Catholic in nineteenth-century France but lost his faith in medical school and became an atheist. His wife, Elisabeth, on the other hand, grew closer to God and began praying fervently for her husband's conversion. After her death at the age of forty-seven, Felix began reading her diary. The deep faith he saw there touched him, and he returned to the Lord at the age of fifty-six and eventually became a priest.

St. Angela of Foligno was born in 1248 to a wealthy family in Umbria, Italy. Married at a young age, she reveled in the worldly life and all its trappings. But a series of natural disasters and an ongoing war led her to reexamine her priorities. At the age of thirty-seven—considered midlife for that time—she sought the Lord's mercy in Confession. Then after the premature deaths of her husband, mother, and two children, she gave up all her possessions and became a lay Franciscan.

When we hear about people like Felix and Angela, we don't begrudge them the heavenly reward they are now enjoying. It doesn't matter that they came later to the vineyard. God and his angels in heaven still rejoiced, and so should we anytime we hear of someone turning to God later in life.

God is always inviting people to "go into my vineyard" (Matthew 20:4). Today at Mass, pray for the people you know who have not yet accepted his invitation. May they one day receive the reward he so graciously has in store for them!

"Father, I praise you for your mercy and generosity, which have no bounds!"

CONCLUSION OF OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

We are delighted to announce the conclusion of our 40th Anniversary celebrations. As we reflect on the remarkable journey of our Parish over the past 40 years, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all our parishioners and volunteers for their unwavering support and participation throughout all the momentous occasions. A special thank you to Archbishop Francis Leo for presiding over our Grand Mass on Sunday September 24, 2023, at 12:00 pm.

Additionally, we hope you secured your spot for our 40th Anniversary gala on Friday September 24, 2023 @ 7:00 PM. We are thrilled to have you be part of this night of celebration, joy, and camaraderie, making this milestone a truly memorable one for our community.

LIFE CHAIN – SUNDAY OCTOBER 1, 2023, FROM 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Life Chain is an annual pro-life even that raises awareness about the injustice of abortion and the inherent dignity of every human being. Participants pray and hold signs at hundreds of locations across North America for one hour. Please join us this year at the intersection of Dufferin and Steeles on Sunday October 1, 2023, from 2:00 – 3:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to peacefully, publicly, and safely call upon our community to protect human life from conception to natural death. Let us advocate for the innocent; as Christ himself reminds us, "Whatever you do to the least of these, you do to me" (Mt 25:40).

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 55.6-9

Second Reading: Philippians 1.20-24, 27

Gospel: Matthew 20.1-16

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 24 September, 9:00 AM (Italian)

For all Parishioners

Sunday 24 September, 10:30 AM

For all Parishioners

Sunday 24 September, 12:00 PM

For all Parishioners

Tuesday 26 September, 9:00 AM

+ Rinaldo Tersigni

Wednesday 27 September, 7:00 PM

+ Gemma Aragona

Thursday 28 September, 9:00 AM

Blessings for Dora Trujillo on their 90th Birthday

Friday 29 September

NO MASS – 40th Anniversary Gala

Saturday 30 September, 9:00 AM

+ Salvatore Pugliese

Saturday 31 September, 5:00 PM

+ Maximo Balauag



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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




INDIGENOUS HEALING & RECONCILIATION FUND – SPECIAL COLLECTION – SEPTEMBER 30 / OCTOBER 1

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation takes place each year on September 30. At St. Ann's parish in Toronto, home to the Native People's Mission, a special Mass will be held on October 1, 2023, at 12:30 pm – all are welcome to attend.

The archdiocese of Toronto will hold a special collection the weekend of September 30 / October 1, 2023, to support the Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation Fund. The fund support both local and national programs proposed by Indigenous communities to nurture the ongoing reconciliation journey including culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and families.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Our Marriage Preparation course started 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.

RCIA PROGRAM

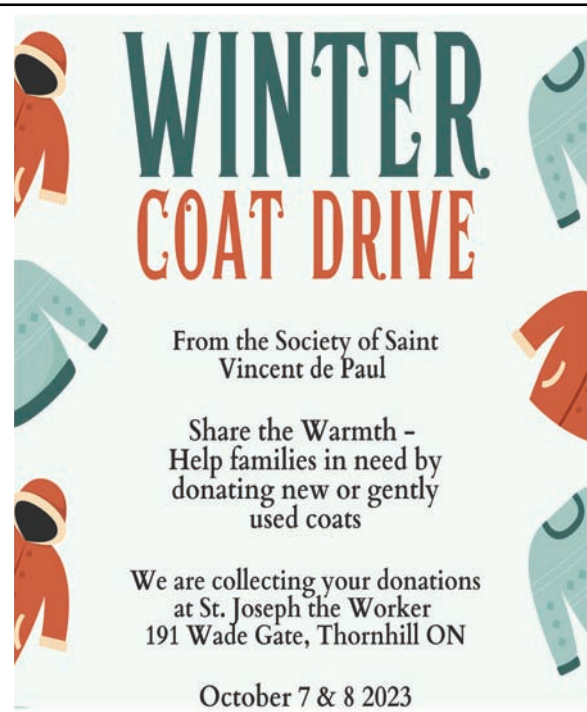
Our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program started on October 10, and will take place every Tuesday from 7 – 9 pm. Adults who need the sacraments to become Catholic (Baptism, Confession, First Holy Communion) should contact the office.

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 procedures and the requirements to register 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.

A graphic for a Winter Coat Drive. It features the text "WINTER COAT DRIVE" in large, bold letters. Below it, it says "From the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul" and "Share the Warmth - Help families in need by donating new or gently used coats". At the bottom, it says "We are collecting your donations at St. Joseph the Worker 191 Wade Gate, Thornhill ON" and "October 7 & 8 2023". There are illustrations of winter coats and hats.

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October 7 & 8 2023

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.

INTRODUCING MERRYMAKERS, A DYNAMIC AFTERNOON PROGRAM FOR 3 – 5 YEAR OLDS

Mary, Mother of God School is now registering children for 2 ½ hours of enriched programming on Wednesday afternoons, 1:00-3:30 pm. Join us for songs, stories, poems, nursery rhymes, instruments, games, classical music, mime, drama, and lots of play. For more information, call the school office at 416-531-7897. Come and make merry with us!

SPIRITUS YORK KICK-OFF BBQ

To kick off the new ministry year, Spiritus York Young Adult Ministry is planning an evening full of fellowship, fun, and food for all young adults. The kick-off will be on Thursday September 28, 2023, at St. Justin Martyr Parish (3898 Highway No. 7 East, Unionville, ON), doors open at 7 pm. It is the perfect opportunity to mingle, play games, and enjoy delicious food with friends,

40TH ANNIVERSARY DONOR TREE

We are grateful for the many families and individuals who have contributed to the 40th Anniversary of the Parish by buying a leaf or a branch on the Donor Tree. There are still spaces available on the tree to be filled even in the future to feature the names of our loved ones, living and dead. It will be great to have all families represented. Please contact the parish office for more information as and when the need arises. God bless you.

YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE FOR AGES 19-39

Join us on Saturday, November 4th for Renew Toronto – an annual conference for all young adults aged 19 – 29. Prepare for an uplifting experience with our exceptional lineup of speakers and worship leaders. It is an opportunity to grow in faith with like-minded people in a similar stage of life. This year's Renew Toronto Young Adult Conference will dive deep into the topic of identity, purpose, and discerning God's Will for our lives.

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