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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.

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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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GOSPEL REFLECTION: THE BLESSING OF FREE WILL

A man had two sons. (Matthew 21:28)

It wasn't an unusual beginning for a story. In Jesus' time, rabbis often used stories with two sons who respond to their father—and by extension, to God—in two different ways. So when Jesus told the chief priests and elders this parable, it didn't seem so different. Here, a father tells his sons to go work in his vineyard and gets two different answers. But ironically, despite their different responses, each son teaches us something similar about the free will that God has given us.

The first son, who immediately said no to his father but afterwards went to work, teaches us that it's always possible to change our minds and hearts. This son's "no" wasn't the final answer for him; he thought better of his initial response and went on to do his father's will.

The second son, who immediately said yes but did not do what his father wanted, *also* teaches us that it's always possible to change our minds and hearts. This son's yes sounded like an obedient response to his father, but in the end, something made him change his mind and turn that "yes" to a "no."

Jesus' parable tells us that changing your mind can work both ways. That's the blessing of free will that Ezekiel also describes in today's first reading. Imagine! God loves us so much that he gives us this freedom, even when it might mean—like that second son—that we turn away from him. But Ezekiel assures the Israelites of God's promise: when someone turns from wickedness and toward the Lord, they will receive mercy (Ezekiel 18:27-28). And that can happen no matter how long ago we have turned away from the Lord.

So take heart! It's never too late to use your free will as God intended. If there's a way that you've turned from the Lord, be like the first son in Jesus' parable and return to him with all your heart.

"Father, I choose to do your will today."

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Ezekiel 18.25-28

Second Reading: Philippians 2.1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21.28-32

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 1 October, 9:00 AM (Italian)

+ Domenico Mandarino

Sunday 1 October, 10:30 AM

For all Parishioners

Sunday 1 October, 12:00 PM

+ Maximo Andres Miemban

Tuesday 3 October, 9:00 AM

+ Salome Ledesma

Wednesday 4 October, 7:00 PM

+ Gesue Carere

Thursday 5 October, 9:00 AM

+ Placido Torres

Friday 6 October, 7:00 PM

+ Elena & Antonio Iori & Family,

+ Giuseppe Amodio, + Adilia Pereira,

+ Cosimo Delle Donne, + The Family of Antonietta Zanella, & Birthday Blessings for Leonor Machado

Saturday 7 October, 9:00 AM

+ Dorean Francis

Saturday 7 October, 5:00 PM

Thanksgiving for Gianluca Manzonna

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, including the Grand Mass by our Archbishop Francis Leo, and the recent 40th Anniversary Gala. We were thrilled to have you be part of this night of celebration, joy, and camaraderie, making this milestone a truly memorable one for our community.

The celebrations now concluded, we look forward even with greater zeal to an active participation in the life of the community, growing in faith and growing as one. May God bless us all!

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

Life Chain is an annual pro-life event 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.

STREET PATROL – THANKSGIVING EDITION

This Thanksgiving let's take a moment to reflect on the blessings in our lives and extend a helping hand to those in need. Street Patrol is an opportunity for us to come together to create meal packages and create meaningful difference in the lives of our less fortunate neighbours. Join us on Saturday October 7, 2023, where 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, we welcome the following donations, which can be dropped off at the Church Office:

- Food items (ie. Sliced bread, deli meat, sliced cheese, juice boxes), Gift Cards to shop at Walmart, No Frills, McDonalds etc.

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

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 starts 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

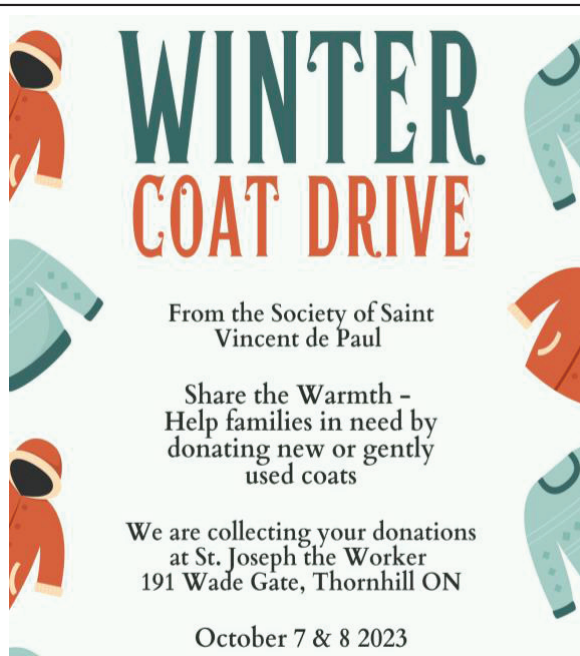
Our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program starts on October 10, and will take place every Tuesday from 7 – 9 pm. Adults who need the sacraments to become Catholic (Baptism, Confession, First Holy Communion) should contact the office.

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 poster for a Winter Coat Drive. It features several colorful winter coats (orange, green, red) arranged around the text. The text reads: "WINTER COAT DRIVE", "From the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul", "Share the Warmth - Help families in need by donating new or gently used coats", "We are collecting your donations at St. Joseph the Worker 191 Wade Gate, Thornhill ON", and "October 7 & 8 2023".

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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.

FAITH FORMATION STUDY: IS SCIENCE OPPOSED TO FAITH

This is an evergreen question that always comes up in our practice of faith as we navigate our livelihood. It is a question that cannot be swept aside by any Catholic. This fall, we shall be making a deep study of this topic for 5 weeks, every Wednesday beginning from October 25, between 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. It will be preceded by Mass at 7 PM. All are welcome to attend!

LIVING ROSARY

There will be a Living Rosary by Our Lady Ark of the Covenant Praesidium on Friday, October 13, 2023. The Living Rosary is a prayer service in which each person represents one of the beads of the rosary and leads the corresponding prayer while reflecting on the mysteries of Jesus' life. It will be held inside the Church after the 7 pm Mass. All are welcome to attend!

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.

PARISH HEADCOUNT OCTOBER 14/15 AND OCTOBER 21/22

The Archdiocese is requesting your participation in its annual parishioner attendance survey for all parish and mission communities. Our parish will be conducting the headcounts on the weekends of October 14/15 and October 21/22. Although the parish headcount numbers may still be affected because of the pandemic, it is still important and necessary to obtain an accurate account of the number of people attending Weekend Masses. We thank you for your participation!

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION – OCTOBER 6, 2023

On the First Friday of the Month, St. Joseph the Worker parish invites everyone to our hold hour of adoration after the Friday Mass. Set some time in your schedule to connect with God and experience the power of his wonderful love.

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