

# St. Joseph The Worker Parish

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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

5:00 p.m. Mass: [Ldefacendis@rogers.com](mailto:Ldefacendis@rogers.com)

10:30 a.m. Mass: [ignited.musicoffical@gmail.com](mailto:ignited.musicoffical@gmail.com)

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### Catholic Women's League

Mary Lynn Porto: [jandml@rogers.com](mailto:jandml@rogers.com)

### Hospitality Team

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### Knights of Columbus

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### St Vincent de Paul

For assistance call 647-303-2621

[ssvpsjwc@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:stjwrc@stjw.ca)

## PARISH SCHOOLS

### St Joseph the Worker C.E.S.

475 Brownridge Dr. 905-738-5703

### Our Lady of the Rosary C.E.S.

206 Glenshields Ave. 905-669-6690

### St Elizabeth C.H.S.

525 New Westminster Dr. 905-882-1460

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## GOSPEL REFLECTION: CHOOSING THE KINGDOM

*Many are invited, but few are chosen. (Matthew 22:14)*

This is a sobering parable. None of us want to end up like those villagers who became victims of the violence they had visited upon the king's servants (Matthew 22:7). And we certainly don't want to be like that poorly dressed wedding guest (22:13)! So how should we respond?

Jesus told this parable to those chief priests and Pharisees in Jerusalem who had been seeking to destroy him (Matthew 21:45). Despite the malice he encountered from them, Jesus loved them deeply. So he told them a jarring story to warn them about the stark consequences they risked if they continued down the path of unbelief and hatred they had started on. He wanted them instead to find their way into his kingdom, just as so many "tax collectors and sinners" had done (9:11).

Jesus wants everyone to enter his kingdom. His invitation is open to his enemies as well as his disciples, "bad and good alike" (Matthew 22:10). He welcomes all who come to him in humility, faith, and repentance—including you. And when you come, he showers you with mercy. He offers you his Bread of Life. He heals your wounds and gives you peace. Whether you are more like the chief priests or the tax collectors, he removes all of your sins and gives you a seat of honor at his banquet table.

Choosing the kingdom is not just once and done. It's an ongoing vocation. Today and every day, you will encounter many invitations from the Lord. They will come through the people you interact with: will you love them as Christ does? They will come as you scan the headlines: will you intercede for all the suffering in the world? They will come as you spot opportunities to share your faith: will you witness to the Lord, whether through your words or actions?

You are among the "many" who are invited (Matthew 22:14). Choose Jesus!

*"Lord, thank you for inviting me into your kingdom!"*

## HANDICRAFT HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS

On the weekend of October 21-22, we will welcome our special guest Paul from Sebastien Cardinal's team representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass.

Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

"May God Bless you for your generosity, for you help and for your prayers."

Visit and support them at [www.HolylandChristians.ca](http://www.HolylandChristians.ca).

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION – OCTOBER 22, 2023

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church, and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. Thank you for your support!

## MASS READINGS

**First Reading:** Isaiah 25.6-10

**Second Reading:** Philippians 4.12-14, 19-20

**Gospel:** Matthew 22.1-14

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday 15 October, 9:00 AM (Italian)**

Personal Intentions of the Vecchiato Family

**Sunday 15 October, 10:30 AM**

For all Parishioners

**Sunday 15 October, 12:00 PM**

+ Nicomedes Exclamador

**Tuesday 17 October, 9:00 AM**

+ Agostino Di Matteo

**Wednesday 18 October, 7:00 PM**

+ Rinaldo Tersigni

**Thursday 19 October, 9:00 AM**

+ Luigi Martini

**Friday 20 October, 7:00 PM**

+ Giuseppe Caprara,

+ Luca Giovannoni,

+ Christina Iannelli

**Saturday 21 October, 9:00 AM**

+ Kelvin Lopez

**Saturday 21 October, 5:00 PM**

+ Vincenzo DeRose

**HAPPY Saints Day KIDS' PARTY**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 29TH**

**1:30PM-3:30PM**

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### 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>

### 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!

### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST DAY PLAY

To celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe in December, the parish is organizing a play and need volunteers for various roles, including arts & crafts, setting up, helping with the costumes, potluck preparation and more. There are also still opening for roles in the play, specifically we are looking for more young children to play angels. If interested, please sign-up in the foyer after all weekend masses. Your help is greatly appreciated!

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

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 October 24 at 7:00 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.

### 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!

### 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DONOR TREE

We are grateful for the many families and individuals who have contributed to the 40<sup>th</sup> 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!

### SECURITIES AS A CHARITABLE GIFT OPTION

A gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds) is still one of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto. When you donate securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and more significant support for your Parish and various archdiocesan charities.

To donate securities, follow the link: To donate securities, follow this link: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/social-justice--outreach/development-and-sharelife/home/gifts-of-securities/>

### SHARELIFE: COMBATING HUNGER THROUGH YOUR COMPASSION

Many of our brothers and sisters grapples with the daily challenge of putting food on the table. In response to their urgent need, ShareLife has launched the Food Security Grants – dedicating over half a million dollars to combat hunger. Your compassionate support of our parish's ShareLife Campaign will make possible this bold action. Please support our fight against hunger at [sharelife.org/donate/](https://sharelife.org/donate/). Thank you for heeding the Lord's call to feed the hungry in our community and beyond.

### ALL SOUL'S DAY MASS – SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2023

Catholic Cemeteries and Funeral Services – Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the All Soul's Day Mass on Saturday November 4, at 2 p.m. All Masses will be held indoors at the following locations:

- Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga – Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum
- Christ the King Cemetery, Markham – Reception Centre
- Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill – Holy Family Mausoleum
- Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge – St. Anthon's Mausoleum (Liturgy in Italian and English)
- Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby – Our Lady of Assumption Mausoleum

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