

# 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

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### St Vincent de Paul

For assistance call 647-303-2621

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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. Please do not wait till the last moment. Sacrament of anointing is for the sick.

### 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. - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### RESOURCE CENTRE/GIFT SHOP

Open for 30 minutes after each weekend Mass.

## 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.

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## GOSPEL REFLECTION: MORAL & RELIGIOUS OBLIGATIONS

*Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God. (Matthew 22:21)*

In first-century Palestine, taxes were a painful reminder that God's people were living under the oppressive rule of a foreign power. So when the Pharisees "plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech" (Matthew 22:15), the hot-button topic of taxation seemed like a clever strategy. If Jesus supported paying taxes, he would come across as disloyal to the Jews. If he opposed it, he could be accused of rebelling against Rome.

Jesus' reply makes an important point for both first-century Jews and for us today: we can, and should, meet both our civic and religious obligations. What "belongs to Caesar" (Matthew 22:21)? In other words, what are our civic duties? According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "It is the duty of citizens to contribute . . . to the good of society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity, and freedom" (2239). This includes a moral obligation "to pay taxes, to exercise the right to vote, and to defend one's country" (2240).

What about our religious obligations? What exactly "belongs to God" (Matthew 22:21)? Our entire selves! Regardless of nationality or citizenship, we are all made in the image of the living God (Genesis 1:26-27). So while we pay our taxes and cast our vote to fulfill our political obligations, we give to God what belongs to him—and that involves the surrender of our entire lives.

Participating wholeheartedly at Mass is a wonderful way to offer to God what belongs to him. Today, as you set aside other activities to listen to the word of God and receive Jesus in the Eucharist, reflect on what he has given you. Then invite him to show you how to surrender to him even more—of your time, treasure, dreams, and of all the people you hold dear.

*"Lord, I entrust my whole life to you."*

## MASS READINGS

**First Reading:** Isaiah 45.1, 4-6

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 1.1-5

**Gospel:** Matthew 22.15-21

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday 22 October, 9:00 AM (Italian)**

+ Deceased Members of the Quintino & Tamangi Families

**Sunday 22 October, 10:30 AM**

For all Parishioners

**Sunday 22 October, 12:00 PM**

+ Lorenzo Torres

**Tuesday 24 October, 9:00 AM**

+ Manuel Piques

**Wednesday 25 October, 7:00 PM**

+ Luigi Corrado

**Thursday 26 October, 9:00 AM**

+ Guillermo Balda

**Friday 27 October, 7:00 PM**

+ Florencio & Victoria Collantes  
+ Teresa Borkowski, + Luca Giovannoni  
+ Salvatore Carmelo Arena, + Asuncion Adriano Perez, +  
Filomena Halog Viernes,  
& Thanksgiving from Dionne V. Malaban & Family

**Saturday 28 October, 9:00 AM**

+ Augustine & Mercedes Grande

**Saturday 28 October, 5:00 PM**

+ Marie Lobo

## 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.

## 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!

## 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>

**HAPPY Saints' Day KIDS' PARTY**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 29TH**

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

**Church Basement**

**AGES: UP TO 12 YEARS OLD**  
Make sure to register your child.  
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## Free Webinar Estate Planning From a Catholic Perspective



**Saturday October 28, 2023  
9:00 to 10:00 A.M.**

Join this webinar to learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney, and Estate Planning, as well as Catholic teachings and traditions around burial and cremation

The Archdiocese of Toronto & Catholic Cemeteries Estate Planning Team will share how **YOU** can:

- **Protect** your loved ones with the powers of attorney and a proper will
- **Ensure** your wishes are legally protected
- **Select** a proper Estate Trustee
- **Find** Lawyers and Estate Planning advisors - and -

**You will learn** about our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

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#### 2. Follow QR Link: <https://qrco.de/oct28>

#### 3. email us at: [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org)

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body of the message



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## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – OCTOBER 22

Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! Join us in prayer and giving, to support missions worldwide. Today, all parishioners are encouraged to invoke a missionary spirit, promote missionary vocations, and collaborate spiritually and materially in the Church's Mission Works including support for all the dioceses in our country's northern regions.

## 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 and 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!

## 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!

## 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

All are welcome to attend!

## 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 your generosity!

STJW's Catholic Women's League &  
Knights of Columbus Present

## Spiritual Warfare

**Saturday, November 4, 2023** | All are welcome to  
attend this **FREE** event!

**8:30am-1pm**

**Guest Speaker: Fr. Joel Okojie**

The event will  
feature Praise &  
Worship with  
Generation Faith and  
conclude with  
Eucharistic Adoration



For more info, please  
contact Carmela  
Pietrobon at  
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647-917-7925

Fr. Joel Okojie is an Augustinian Friar who arrived in Canada five years ago to work with the Canadian Augustinians. He is currently serving as Prior of the Augustinian Monastery and as Shrine Director at Our Lady of Grace Shrine at Marylake in King City. He has served as pastor in two different parishes in his home country of Nigeria and was ordained on July 3, 2004. Fr. Joel was a Novice Master and a member of the Provincial Council of his Augustinian Province. He has authored two books; "The Reality of Demons" and "The Great Crucifix: The Channel of Grace and Mercy."



**"Be alert and of sober mind.  
Your enemy the devil  
prowls around like a roaring  
lion looking for someone to  
devour." (1 Peter 5:8)**



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