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Tuesday to Friday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 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.

ANOIDTING 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

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GOSPEL REFLECTION: LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOUR

You shall love the Lord. . . . You shall love your neighbor. (Matthew 22:37, 39)

Why are these two commandments the greatest? Because they encapsulate everything that God had spoken to Moses and the Israelites. As Jesus told the Pharisees, “The whole law and the prophets depend” on them (Matthew 22:40).

As important as these two commandments are, however, we might be tempted to think they’re impossible to follow. That’s because too often, we associate love only with warm and fuzzy feelings. But love goes beyond emotion and is sometimes even independent of it. In other words, it’s not so much what we feel as how we act.

Today’s first reading shows us that to love our neighbor, especially the most vulnerable among us, we must act justly toward them (Exodus 22:20-26). These laws, given to Moses by God himself, may have been what Jesus had in mind when he was talking to the Pharisees that day. Jesus knew that in order to love someone, we don’t have to necessarily feel an emotional connection. We don’t even have to know them personally. But we do need to care for them and make sure they are being treated justly.

The same is true in our relationship with the Lord. We might be going through a dry spell in our prayer time. Maybe we don’t even have the desire to pray. But when we make time to be with Jesus, whatever our feelings at that moment, we are loving him.

Each day, whether you wake up feeling energetic and cheerful or tired and cross, you will be presented with opportunities to love God and your neighbor in concrete ways. Don’t pass them up! By itself, each specific action you take might not seem particularly noteworthy. Maybe you don’t feel any love as you do them. But in fact, when you extend yourself for another time and again, you are doing exactly what God has called you to do.

“Jesus, help me to see how I can love you and my neighbor today.”

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 22.21-27

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1.5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22.34-40

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 29 October, 9:00 AM (Italian)

+ Maria Giaginta & Vincenzo Mariani

Sunday 29 October, 10:30 AM

For all Parishioners

Sunday 29 October, 12:00 PM

Thanksgiving for the Relente family

Tuesday 31 October, 9:00 AM

+ Jorge Rodriguez

Wednesday 1 November, 7:00 PM

All Saints’ Day – For all Parishioners

Thursday 2 November, 9:00 AM

All Souls’ Day – For all Parishioners

Friday 3 November, 7:00 PM

+ Stella Raco

+ Annunziata Delle Donne

+ Froilan de los Santos

+ For all Departed Legionaries

+ Deceased Members of the Reyes Family

Saturday 4 November, 9:00 AM

+ Florenco & Victoria Collantes

Saturday 4 November, 5:00 PM

+ Francis Ho Tim

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. As we delve deeper into this subject, we hope to foster meaningful discussions. All are welcome to attend!

STREET PATROL

Our upcoming Street Patrol trip is on Saturday, November 18. We will meet downstairs in the Church Kitchen at 9:00 AM to make meal packages before we head downtown. In the days leading up to our deliveries to the needy, we welcome the following donations, which can be dropped off at the church office:

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

As well with the harsh winter season approaching, we also encourage the donation of socks, tuques, mittens, and other winter accessories.

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>. Once you have registered, please visit the office to submit the necessary document(s) and fees.

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!

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!

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FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Every month on the first Friday of the month, St. Joseph the Worker invites everyone to our holy hour of Adoration, beginning at 8:00 Pm after our Friday Mass. Set some time in your schedule to connect with God and experience the power of his wonderful love. Our next monthly adoration will be on **Friday, November 3,**

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!

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

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feature Praise &
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conclude with
Eucharistic Adoration



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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)

SVDP FOOD DRIVE

We are collecting donations of nonperishable food items for local food banks this weekend until next weekend November 4/5. Some examples of donations include canned vegetables, soups, tuna, rice, lentils, pasta, noodles, ad boxed mixes. Please drop off your donations in the designated bins in the foyer/back entrance. Thank you for your generosity!

2024 MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for the new year will be available to reserve starting Saturday, November 24th, 2023.

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