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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.

ANOIDING 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.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION: ACCEPTING JESUS' YOKE

They tie up heavy burdens . . . and lay them on people's shoulders. (Matthew 23:4)

Today we read how Jesus accused Jerusalem's religious leaders of laying "heavy burdens" on people by imposing more and more rules on them (Matthew 23:4). But wasn't he doing the same thing? After all, he's the One who told people, "Take my yoke upon you" (11:29). Isn't a yoke—a contraption made of iron and hardwood—a burden as well?

Maybe so, but anyone who spent time with Jesus saw that the burden he spoke about was completely different—and much more attractive!

First, Jesus said that the burdens imposed by these scribes and Pharisees "nullified the word of God" (Matthew 15:6). They consisted of rules and fasts and tithes that were nowhere to be found in the Law of Moses. Some of them even contradicted God's will for his people. But Jesus' yoke is meant to help us "fulfill" the word of God (5:17). It's a yoke that calls us simply to love him and love our neighbor (22:34-40).

Jesus also said that his opponents placed burdens on people but did not "lift a finger" to help them (Matthew 23:4). By contrast, Jesus used the image of a yoke to describe his "burden." A yoke is an instrument that links two oxen together so they can help each other bear the load. And that's the point: Jesus wants to yoke himself to us so that he can walk beside us and help to lighten our burden.

Finally, and most important, the burdens of Jesus' opponents were made up of human regulations and restrictions, of additional fasts and tithes, that could not bring people closer to God. But the exact opposite happens when we accept Jesus' yoke. We come into an ever-deepening relationship with him. And that relationship fills us with the joy and comfort of his own Spirit.

So come to Jesus today. Let him yoke himself to you in a bond of everlasting love.

"Jesus, thank you that your *burden is light!*"

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Malachi 1.14 – 2.2,8-10

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2.7-9,13

Gospel: Matthew 23.1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 5 November, 9:00 AM (Italian)
+ All Departed Souls

Sunday 5 November, 10:30 AM
For all Parishioners

Sunday 5 November, 12:00 PM
+ Susan Rodrigo

Tuesday 7 November, 9:00 AM
+ Carolina Lio

Wednesday 8 November, 7:00 PM
+ Celestina Torres

Thursday 9 November, 9:00 AM
+ Annunziata Pellegrini

Friday 10 November, 7:00 PM
+ Rosa Giuseppe, + Maria Torielle
+ Gelsomina Rosa Rubino, + Lucia Agliata
+ Salvatore Agliata, + Vincenzo Zannella
+ Rosa Nicola, + Teresa Moura,
+ Giuseppe Boragina +Teresa Moura

Saturday 11 November, 9:00 AM
+ Enrique Bulatao

Saturday 11 November, 5:00 PM
+ Antonetta & Maria Terrible

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>. The last day to register is **Sunday, November 19, 2023!** Once you have registered, please visit the office to submit the necessary document(s) and fees.

CWL POINSETTIA SALE – PRE-ORDERS

Once again, this year, the CWL will be taking your preorders for a red or white Poinsettia plant the weekend of November 11th and 12th and November 18th and 19th after all masses. Order forms will be available in the church foyer. The cost of a 6" plant is \$10.00 and a 10" plant is \$30.00. Pick up of the plants is scheduled for the weekend of December 9th and 10th in the church basement after all masses.



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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!

2024 MASS INTENTIONS

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

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!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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 November 29 after the Wednesday Mass at 7:35 pm. There will be fellowship, Bible reading, and sharing of ideas. If you are 18+ we look forward to seeing you. Please bring a notebook and a bible.

STJW CHRISTMAS CONCERT – SAVE THE DATE

We are excited to announce a special event that will surely bring joy and warmth to your holiday season. Mark your calendars and save the date for our annual Christmas Concert, that will take place on Sunday December 17 at 6:00 PM. Join us in continuing our Parish's tradition that unities our community in celebration.

SHARELIFE UPDATE: YOUR GIFT WILL BE MATCHED!

Haven't yet made your annual contribution to our parish's ShareLife Campaign? Wait no longer! From November 1 until the year end, your gift will be matched by an anonymous donor up to \$500,000. That means your compassionate generosity helps even more families in need, including those nourished through ShareLife's recently announced food programs. Double the impact of your kindness by giving at the parish with a ShareLife Envelope or anytime at sharelife.org/donate.

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