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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: EXAMINING OUR PRIORITIES

Five of them were foolish and five were wise. (Matthew 25:2)

In Jesus' time, weddings were events to be anticipated: seven days of nonstop feasting and celebrating. So we can assume that all of the ten young women in today's parable wanted to go to this particular wedding feast. And yet, when the bridegroom was delayed, five of them were not ready. Their lamps died out, and they had no oil to refill them.

Who knows why they weren't prepared? Maybe they were distracted or too busy to make sure their oil flasks were full. But what we do know is that, as a result, they were not where they were supposed to be, and they missed the chance to come into the feast. What a shame! These young women seriously needed to reexamine their priorities!

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the Church uses our Mass readings to encourage us to examine our own priorities as we await the coming of the Lord. We have been invited to the wedding feast of Jesus, when his Bride, the Church, will be united to him forever. Of course we want to go!

That means we need to make sure our lamps have enough oil. We need to heed Jesus' last words from today's Gospel: "Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (Matthew 25:13). But it's not about going to a store to stock up on supplies. Staying awake means looking at how we spend our time and making sure that we're putting the Lord first and cultivating our love for Jesus, our Bridegroom.

Look back over this past week. Think about the decisions you made and how they reveal what is important to you. Is there one priority you could reshape that would help you be closer to where you need to be when the Bridegroom returns?

"Jesus, thank you for inviting me to your wedding feast! Help me be ready for you!"

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Wisdom 6.12-16

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25.1-13

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 12 November, 9:00 AM (Italian)
+ Filomena Rossi

Sunday 12 November, 10:30 AM
For all Parishioners

Sunday 12 November, 12:00 PM
+ Virginia de la Cruz & Loved Ones
+ Pietro Bucci

Tuesday 14 November, 9:00 AM
+ Departed Members of the Bocchicchio

Wednesday 15 November, 7:00 PM
+ Anime De Pugaterio, Luigi, Dorio, & Rodolfo

Thursday 16 November, 9:00 AM
+ Felicidad Bernal

Friday 17 November, 7:00 PM
+ Carmela Barbieri, + Anna & Francesco Barbieri
+ Arcangelo & Dominica Colace,
+ Fiorella & Enzo Quattrini,
+ Departed Members of the Di Benedetto

Saturday 18 November, 9:00 AM
+ Prudencio Vigilia

Saturday 18 November, 5:00 PM
+ Living and Deceased Members of the Lobo & Lapera Families

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!

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.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF DEACON DOMINIC PULLANO

It is with extreme sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved Deacon Dominic Pullano. Deacon Dominic was a devoted member of our parish for and played an integral role in our faith community. He lived a life of service and dedication to the church, touching the hearts of countless individuals through his faith, and kindness. Whether it was through his spiritual guidance, assisting during Mass, or his involvement in various ministries, we are deeply grateful for the countless hours Deacon Dominic dedicated to our Church Community.

Please keep Deacon Dominic and his family in your thoughts and prayers during this challenging time. Let us remember him for his unwavering faith, his commitment to serving others, and the love he shared with all.

His funeral mass has been celebrated last Thursday, November 9th.

*Eternal rest grant unto Deacon Dominic,
O Lord,
and let your perpetual light shine upon him.
May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen*



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.

JOIN US FOR

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

PLAY



FRIDAY DECEMBER 15TH
ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH
191 Wade Gate, Thornhill
TIME: 7:30PM

*Limited seats available.
Register in advance.*

*There will be a 'finger food' potluck
following the presentation. Please bring something to share.*

Contact the office to register.

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.

ARCHDIOCESAN CONSULTATION UNDERWAY – YOUR ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED!

Our archbishop, the Most Rev. Francis Leo, is inviting Catholics throughout the archdiocese to share their key priorities to help inform and guide an updated Pastoral Plan. To participate in the consultation, visit: www.archtoronto.org/consultation to complete a brief survey by December 15, 2023, where you can offer your suggestions and insights.

The process should take just a few minutes and we ask that you complete the short survey as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from the Catholic community throughout the archdiocese. Thank you in advance for sharing your insights, ideas and discernment.

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.

STJW is looking for
Children Volunteers
to partake in our annual

Christmas Concert

Children from ages 4 and up are welcomed to join. No experience is required.

If interested in being part of our Christmas concert this year, please contact us or sign up.

Concert Date: **December 17th**
Practices: **TBA**
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