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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.

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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

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GOSPEL REFLECTION: EXAMINING OUR PRIORITIES

Well done, my good and faithful servant. . . . You were faithful in small matters. (Matthew 25:23)

Don't we all long to hear these words from Jesus when we meet him face-to-face? Though we stumble and fall, we put our faith in our Lord's mercy. We hope that one day, we will greet our Master with joy and confidence rather than with fear and trembling. But how can we see this hope fulfilled? Today's Gospel gives us a clue. In this parable, Jesus is doing more than giving financial advice. He's teaching us how to be ready for his return in glory.

Earlier in this discourse, Jesus told two similar parables. First, he spoke of two servants who are put in charge of their master's household (Matthew 24:45-51). One is responsible and provides faithfully for his fellow servants. He is rewarded and put in charge of all his master's property. The other is lazy, selfish, and cruel to the others; he earns a severe punishment.

Jesus' second parable involves two groups of women awaiting a bridegroom (Matthew 25:1-13). Some are wise and bring oil; some are foolish and do not. When the bridegroom returns, only the wise women have oil to light their lamps. They are ready to greet him and enter the feast. The foolish rush off to buy oil, but in the end, they are too late to join the celebration.

Now in today's parable, Jesus tries once more to show his disciples how to be ready for his return. He wants them—and all of us—to enter the feast of heaven and “share [our] master's joy” (Matthew 25:21). And that requires faithfulness. Jesus wants us to be like those servants who earned a return. He's urging us to stay alert, obey his commands, and be faithful “in small matters”(25:21). Every act of love and obedience will help us to live as children of light. Then our hearts will be ready to greet Jesus and hear him say, “Well done!”

“Lord, help me to be faithful, even in the small things.”

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Proverbs 31.10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25.14-30

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 19 November, 9:00 AM (Italian)
+ Izzi & Inglese Family

Sunday 19 November, 10:30 AM
For all Parishioners

Sunday 19 November, 12:00 PM
The Cairo & Mammone Families

Tuesday 21 November, 9:00 AM
+ Mactino Luu

Wednesday 22 November, 7:00 PM
+ Antony David

Thursday 23 November, 9:00 AM
Special Intentions of Conception Noronha

Friday 24 November, 7:00 PM
+ Edilberta Pastor, + Orlando Mainolfi,
+ Christina Iannelli,
+ Moises & Julieta de los Santos,
+ Antonio & Adriana Cusano,
All Saints, & Birthday Blessings for Liliana Pereira

Saturday 25 November, 9:00 AM
+ Catalina Miranda

Saturday 25 November, 5:00 PM
+ Lourdinez Sanchez

SECOND COLLECTION: THE SHEPHERDS' TRUST

There will be a second collection today, for The Shepherds' Trust. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. For more information about The Shepherds' Trust please go to: www.shepherdstrust.org. Thank you for your support of this important work.

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 this weekend. 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.

LEGION OF MARY SOCIETY

Join the Legion of Mary Society to have to opportunity to experience the joy of communal pray to the Blessed Virgin Mary, fellowship and impactful outreach. Meetings take place on Tuesdays in the basement Hall from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. All are welcome to join!

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 December 6 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.

CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY AT ST. ROCH'S CHURCH

Catholic in Recovery provides healing from addictions. Meetings combine the spiritual principles of 12 Step recovery and the sacraments of the Catholic Church. Join others in recovery (16 years or older) Thursdays at 7:30 PM at St. Roch's Church (2889 Islington Avenue) as we overlap scripture from Sunday's Mass readings, liturgical themes and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayer. Confidentiality is protected. We welcome those recovering from any addiction and also welcome the family and friends of people experiencing addiction.

DEVOTION TO THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Discover the Devotion to the Most Precious Blood, rooted in the institution of the priesthood and the Holy Eucharist on Holy Thursday. In 1995, Barnabas Nwoye of Nigeria received a divine call to console and adore the Precious Blood, resulting in the creation of the Precious Blood Devotion, including the prayers and hymns. Join us every Thursday from 9:00 pm to 12:00 am in the Chapel.

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
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If interested in being part of our
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