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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

He must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. (1 Corinthians 15:25)

The kings who ruled over Israel and Judah were charged with defending their people from neighboring enemies who wanted to destroy them. Many kings had failed in this regard, which is why the people were waiting for a Messiah-King, a son of David who would again build a great nation as David had. Then along came Jesus, a Messiah who told people to love their enemies and turn the other cheek. What kind of a king was this?

In today’s second reading, St. Paul shows us what kind of king Jesus is— One who has conquered our true enemies: Satan, sin, and death. Jesus didn’t come to win a battle between nations; instead, he came to win a cosmic battle with everlasting consequences. That’s why we celebrate him today as “King of the Universe.”

Unlike an earthly king, Jesus did not engage his enemies with armaments of war. No, he defeated them by dying on a cross. Through his death and resurrection, he saved not just Israel but all who believe in him (1 Corinthians 15:22). Out of his great love for each one of us, Jesus offered himself up, disarming the devil and draining sin of its power. Now we are forgiven, redeemed, and given the grace to love and forgive others as he has done for us. And though we still see evil in the world, we know that Jesus will destroy “every sovereignty and every authority and power” when he comes again (15:24).

Today at Mass, let’s recommit ourselves to living under the reign of this great King. Let’s tell him that we are ready to join him in rescuing his creation from the powers of darkness. Our King has already shown us how to do this: by offering ourselves in love to one another. Because without a doubt, love is the most powerful force in the universe!

“Jesus, King of kings, reign in my heart today and always.”

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Ezekiel 31.11-12, 15-17

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.20-26,28

Gospel: Matthew 25.31-46

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 26 November, 9:00 AM (Italian)
+ Antonio Damato

Sunday 26 November, 10:30 AM
For all Parishioners

Sunday 26 November, 12:00 PM
+ Departed Members of the DeFacendis & Altobello Families

Tuesday 28 November, 9:00 AM
+ Reymundo Torres

Wednesday 29 November, 7:00 PM
+ Eduardo Villanueva

Thursday 30 November, 9:00 AM
+ Deceased Members of the Campanaro Family

Friday 1 December, 7:00 PM
+ Annunziata Pellegrini, + Ayla Gonzales
+ Antonio Cozzitorto, + Domenica Console
+ Leo Palmucci , + Departed Souls in Purgatory
Thanksgiving from Luciel Almoceda

Saturday 2 December, 9:00 AM
Healing of the Lobo & Fernandes Family

Saturday 2 December, 5:00 PM
+ Edmund Lobo

CELEBRATING DEACON DOMINIC PULLANO AS A COMMUNITY

We have all grieved the sad news of the passing of our dear Deacon and friend, Dominic Pullano. The reality continues to stun us. The parish of St. Joseph the Worker, together with friends, will be gathering to celebrate a community mass with the family, in prayers for Deacon Dominic. Please join us on Thursday December 7th, at 7 pm for the Mass. At the end of the Mass, we will gather in the hall for some refreshments and to also have more time to spend with the family. May God grant eternal rest to all our departed and console us all.



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** (no longer November 29th) 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.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL: SHARING GOD’S LOVE WITH OTHERS THROUGH ACTS OF SERVICE

Our Faith calls us to serve, and the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul welcomes all who wish to live their faith by loving and serving their neighbour. We are seeking new members to help visit the poor and others in need in their homes and assist us with food and clothing drives. For more information on how you may be able to help, please call our helpline at 647-303-2621 and leave your name, contact information and state that you would like information on becoming a volunteer. You can also assist others in need by donating to our poor boxes or our **upcoming second collection scheduled for next weekend December 3, 2023.**

CWL POINSETTIA SALE – PICK UP

Thank you to all who have preordered red or white Poinsettia plants. 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

Join the Legion of Mary to have the opportunity to experience the joy of communal prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary, fellowship and impactful outreach. Meetings take place on Tuesdays in the basement Hall from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. All are welcome to join!

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PLAY

FRIDAY DECEMBER 15TH
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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.

Don't Forget to pick up
Your 2024 Offertory

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.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Every month on the first Friday on 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 wondrous love. Our next monthly adoration will be on Friday, December 1, 2023.

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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