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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: AWAITING JESUS' RETURN*Be watchful! Be alert! (Mark 13:33)*

Today we begin our Advent journey and prepare for Jesus' coming at Christmas. So you'd expect today's Gospel to refer to his birth. But Jesus isn't talking about Christmas when he says, "Be watchful! Be alert!" (Mark 13:33). He's urging his disciples to be vigilant as they wait for his return. We might wonder, Why are we hearing about the Second Coming? Isn't Advent about Jesus' first coming? Well, yes. But as St. Bernard of Clairvaux once said, we can ponder three "comings" of the Lord during Advent.

First, there's Jesus' coming as a baby in Bethlehem. So we can enter into the Jewish people's longing for the Messiah. Next, there's his Second Coming in glory at the end of time. We can be watchful as we ready our hearts for Jesus' return. Finally, we can experience a third coming of Jesus—his coming into our hearts right now. In fact, it is this coming of Christ that undergirds all that we do during this holy season.

Jesus comes to us every day. He isn't passive; he doesn't wait for us to climb some mountain to find him. He is the initiator. He actively pursues us and seeks us out. That's why he became a man; that's why he promised to be with us always (Matthew 28:20). And that's why he seeks to come into our lives this Advent.

Jesus comes to remind us to pause in our busy lives. He comes to inspire us to pray or read his word. He reminds us that he is with us, even when we feel alone. He stirs our conscience so that we want to turn away from sin and toward his mercy. He comes to us in a friend or stranger in need of kindness. Jesus is constantly seeking ways to come to us. And the more alert we are to his coming now, the more ready we will be when he comes again.

So be alert! The Lord who loves you is walking beside you. Will you notice him?

"Jesus, help me to be aware of the ways that you come to me this Advent."

MASS READINGS**First Reading:** Isaiah 63.16-17;64.1, 3-8**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1.3-9**Gospel:** Mark 13.33-37**MASS INTENTIONS****Sunday 3 December, 9:00 AM (Italian)**

+ Palmerino Casciato

Sunday 3 December, 10:30 AM

For all Parishioners

Sunday 3 December, 12:00 PM

+ Nona Villanueva

Tuesday 5 December, 9:00 AM

+ Deceased Members of the Pacificador Family

Wednesday 6 December, 7:00 PM

Santa Lucia, Immaculate Conception

Thursday 7 December, 9:00 AM

+ Ted Asenczuk

Friday 8 December, 7:00 PM+ Pietro Dilillo, + Rosa Giuseppe,
+ Gelsomina Rosa Rubino, + Louisa Agliata,
+ Salvatore Agliata, + Vincenzo Zanella,
+ Giuseppe Rosa**Saturday 9 December, 9:00 AM**

+ Hoang Vu

Saturday 9 December, 5:00 PM

+ Carmela Barbieri

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** 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.

ADVENT RETREAT

We start off the Advent season this weekend, preparing ourselves for the birth of our Savior. We will have an Advent retreat on Wednesday December 13, from 7 to 9pm, starting off with the Mass. Let us get together to prepare our hearts for the Lord's birth.

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.

ENVELOPES READY FOR PICKUP

Next year's envelopes are ready for pickup in the foyer. If you have any inquiries or would like to register for an envelope number, please come by the office.

CWL CHRISTMAS GIFT SALE

The Catholic Women's League is holding a Christmas Gift Sale on Sunday December 17th after the Christmas Concert, in the church hall. All proceeds will be donated to the parish's 40th Anniversary Fundraising Campaign.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION REMINDER

The deadline for submitting the required document(s) and Course Fee to complete your child's registration for First Holy Communion or Confirmation is December 10. Please ensure that registration is finalized by this date. Thank you!

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.

STJW'S ANNUAL
**CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**




DECEMBER 17TH, 2023
AT 4:00 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US IN
CELEBRATING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!

**CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**

We are looking for volunteers for our annual Christmas Concert. If you would like to be involved, please sign up in the office.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE COUPLES WHO COMPLETED THE MARRIAGE COURSE!

Congratulations to all the couples who have completed the marriage course! May God bless you and your marriages and futures together. Thank you to all the facilitators who helped plan and teach the course! This course is successful because of your contributions!



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**
stjwchildren@gmail.com



LEGION OF MARY

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

JOIN THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

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. Our heartfelt thanks for donating to our recent Bundle Up collection and Food Drive. The success of our collections would not be possible without your unwavering generosity.

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