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Office Hours

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.

Parish Groups

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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

St Joseph the Worker C.E.S.

475 Brownridge Dr. 905-738-5703

Our Lady of the Rosary C.E.S.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION: THE BEGINNING

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. (Mark 1:1)

Beginnings are important, and the beginning of Mark’s Gospel is no exception. His very first sentence reads like a summary of the entire book: “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God” (Mark 1:1). So where does Mark start the story? He takes us to the Judean desert, where John the Baptist is preparing the way for the Christ, the Messiah.

Contrary to expectations that the Messiah would bring Israel military liberation, John proclaims that Jesus will baptize his people in the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:8). He will open the way for God himself to dwell in them!

That’s why John offered baptism for the forgiveness of sins. He knew that Jesus had come to do something new, something astonishing. Repentance was the key that would help the Jews—and us—to receive this surprising good news.

In order to be ready, we need to empty ourselves of our old ways of thinking. That’s where repentance comes in. It clears out the sin that clouds our vision of God. It removes our shame and guilt and delivers us from whatever blocks God’s life from taking root in us. It makes us ready to receive God’s forgiveness and helps us to become more aware of his abiding presence within us.

Are there ways that you need a change of attitude or a new hope this Advent? As you prepare the way for Jesus during this holy season, go back to “the beginning” and listen to John the Baptist’s message. Repentance is good news because it opens your heart to Jesus. So take advantage of opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this season. Let God expand your capacity to receive him at Christmas. As Mark shows us in his Gospel, that’s where it all begins.

“Jesus, help me to open my heart to you as I await your coming!”

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 40.1-5,9-11

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3.8-14

Gospel: Mark 1.1-8

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 10 December, 9:00 AM (Italian)

+ Salvatore & Victoria Trotto

Sunday 10 December, 10:30 AM

For all Parishioners

Sunday 10 December, 12:00 PM

+ Manuel & Maria Ferreira

Tuesday 12 December, 9:00 AM

+ Wilfredo Punzalan

Wednesday 13 December, 7:00 PM

+ Virgina de la Cruz & Loved ones

Thursday 14 December, 9:00 AM

+ Fiorella and Enzo Quattrini

Friday 15 December, 7:00 PM

+ Virgilia Gilusto, + Christiana Gonzales,

+ Anna & Filippo D’Onofrio,

+ Joseph Dien Van Nguyen,

+ Deacon Dominic Pullano,

+ Vilomena & Grazia Vitiritti,

+ Crisanta & Charles Hui

Saturday 16 December, 9:00 AM

+ Nicolina & Rafael Di Palma

Saturday 16 December, 5:00 PM

+ Felicidad Bernal

ADVENT RETREAT

Preparing ourselves for the birth of our Savior during this Advent season. 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.

STREET PATROL

Our upcoming Street Patrol trip is on Saturday, December 16, 2023. 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.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION NIGHT

Advent Reconciliation Night will be taking place on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, from 7 pm – 9 pm. There will be several priests to hear confessions in a variety of languages. Mark your calendars!

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

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.

**Catholic Women's League
Christmas Gift Sale**

Sunday, December 17, 2023

(After Christmas Concert, in the Church Hall)



All proceeds will be donated to STJW's 40th Anniversary Fundraising Campaign

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.



SATURDAY, DEC. 23
NO 9:00 AM MASS
5:00 PM – English

SATURDAY, DEC. 30
NO 9:00 AM MASS
5:00 PM – English

SUNDAY MORNING, DEC. 24
9:00 AM – Italian
10:30 AM – English
12:00 PM – English

SUNDAY MORNING, DEC. 31
9:00 AM – Italian
10:30 AM – English
12:00 PM – English

CHRISTMAS EVE
Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord
Sunday, December 24, 2023
5:00 PM – English
10:00 PM – English
OFFICE CLOSED
From Sunday, December 24, 2023, to
Tuesday, December 26, 2023.
We will be open again on
Wednesday, December 27, 2023

NEW YEAR'S EVE
Vigil of Mary the Mother of God
Sunday, December 31, 2023
5:00PM – English
OFFICE CLOSED
From Sunday, December 31, 2023, to
Tuesday, January 2, 2024.
We will be open again on
Wednesday, January 3, 2024

CHRISTMAS DAY
Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord
Monday, December 25, 2023
10:AM – Bilingual
12:00 PM – English

NEW YEAR'S DAY
Solemnity of the Mother of God
Monday, January 1, 2024
10:00 AM – Bilingual

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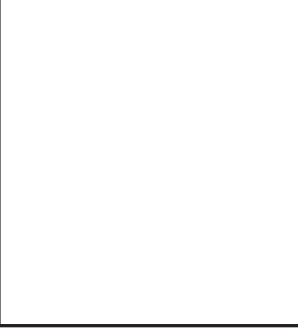
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