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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

### Choir Groups

5:00 p.m. Mass: [Ldefacendis@rogers.com](mailto:Ldefacendis@rogers.com)

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12:00 p.m. Mass: [Ldefacendis@rogers.com](mailto:Ldefacendis@rogers.com)

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Mary Lynn Porto: [jandml@rogers.com](mailto:jandml@rogers.com)

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### St Vincent de Paul

For assistance call 647-303-2621

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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.

206 Glenshields Ave. 905-669-6690

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## GOSPEL REFLECTION: FEELING JOYFUL

*Rejoice always. (1 Thessalonians 5:16)*

When St. Paul tells us to “rejoice always” (1 Thessalonians 5:16), it might seem that he is asking the impossible. How can we always feel joyful? Isn’t this too much to ask, even today, on Gaudete (or “Rejoice”) Sunday?

Not according to St. Thomas Aquinas! He taught that “joy is caused by love” (Summa Theologiae II-II, q. 28). As we experience God’s love for us, we grow in love for him—and this exchange of love is what produces joy in us. St. Paul also knew that God’s love was the secret to joy, which is why he follows up his exhortation to “rejoice always” with specific steps that we can take to experience his love more deeply:

First, pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17). When we open our heart to God throughout the day, he fills it with his very self. The experience of his unconditional love and unending mercy ignites our love in return.

Second, in all circumstances give thanks (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Gratitude also deepens our love for God, especially when we reflect on who he is and what he has done for us. And in this Advent season, whatever our circumstances, we can thank God for sending his Son to earth to become one of us.

Finally, do not quench the Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:19). In his Letter to the Romans, St. Paul tells us that “the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit” (5:5). If we want more joy in our lives, we can ask the Spirit to stir up the love of God in our hearts. And when he does, we can express it by praising him—which will, in turn, increase our joy.

Joy is not just for Gaudete Sunday; it’s for every day. So each day, follow Paul’s advice: turn to the Lord in prayer, thank him for all he has done for you, and ask him to fill you with more of his Spirit. Then praise him—and let your spirit soar!

*“Lord, shower me with your love today so that my heart swells with joy!”*

## MASS READINGS

**First Reading:** Isaiah 61.1-2, 10-11

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24

**Gospel:** John 1.6-8, 19-28

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday 17 December, 9:00 AM (Italian)**

+ Benvenuto Cipolla

**Sunday 17 December, 10:30 AM**

For all Parishioners

**Sunday 17 December, 12:00 PM**

+ Rogelio Relente

**Tuesday 19 December, 9:00 AM**

+ Serafino Virgilio

**Wednesday 20 December, 7:00 PM**

+ Antonio & Maria Tavares

**Thursday 21 December, 9:00 AM**

+ Deceased Members of the Pacificador Family

**Friday 22 December, 7:00 PM**

+ Artur Pereira, + Horacio Machado,  
+ Giovanni Grella, + Deacon Dominic Pullano,  
+ Luigi La Valle, + Miriam Rowinski,  
+ Denise Runcinan

**Saturday 23 December, 9:00 AM**

For all Parishioners

**Saturday 23 December, 5:00 PM**

+ Gregorio Malfara



## 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

STJW'S ANNUAL  
**CHRISTMAS  
CONCERT**



**DECEMBER 17TH, 2023  
AT 4:00 PM**

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

**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

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS  
WITH ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO –  
FEBRUARY 11, 2024 AT 3:00 P.M.**

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, firstserved basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage). For questions, please email [formation@archtoronto.org](mailto:formation@archtoronto.org) or call 416-934-3400 ext. 523.



**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

**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

**SUNDAY MORNING, DEC. 31**

9:00 AM – Italian  
10:30 AM – English  
12:00 PM – English

**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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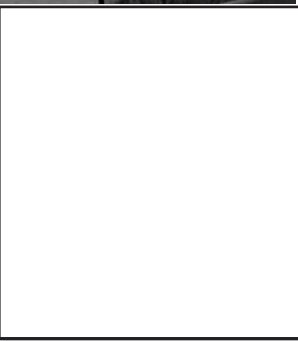
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