

# St. Joseph The Worker Parish

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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)

10:30 a.m. Mass: [ignited.musicoffical@gmail.com](mailto:ignited.musicoffical@gmail.com)

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

### Catholic Women's League

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### Hospitality Team

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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

#### St Elizabeth C.H.S.

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**GOSPEL REFLECTION: LISTENING TO GOD**

*Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. (1 Samuel 3:9)*

Samuel lay sleeping when he first heard someone calling his name. He ran to his mentor, but Eli was not calling him. So Samuel returned to bed, only to hear the voice twice more. When Samuel appeared at Eli’s bedside for the third time, the priest realized that it was the Lord he had heard. The God who loves to speak to his people was now calling Samuel. So he gave Samuel timeless advice: “Reply, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” (1 Samuel 3:9).

This same God wants to speak to us! It’s not hard to hear him, but like Samuel, we need to learn to listen. The good news is that God loves us and wants us to hear his voice. So let’s take Eli’s words to heart.

*Speak, Lord.* God wants you to know him. He’s always speaking, always trying to reveal himself to you. You can believe that he has a message for you, so confidently express your desire to hear him. This means sitting before the Lord and fixing your heart on him alone. “Speak, Lord. I want to know you more.”

*Your servant.* Everything we have comes from God. He is our Master, and we are his grateful and humble servants, eager to hear and obey his word. This means more than passively waiting for a message from the sky. It means offering yourself to the Lord with a willing heart, open to God’s plans—even if they differ from your own. “I am your servant, Lord. I’m ready to do your will.”

*Is listening.* It’s not easy to hear God’s voice when we’re surrounded by noise. So to listen for the Lord, we will need to find a quiet place away from the clatter that can drown out the Lord’s voice. We may need to silence our anxious thoughts and doubts, too. But with God’s help, we can set aside those thoughts and listen for his voice instead. “Quiet my heart, Lord. I’m listening for you.”

*“Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.”*

**MASS READINGS**

**First Reading:** 1 Samuel 3.3-10, 19

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 6.13-15, 17-20

**Gospel:** John 1.35-42

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday 14 January, 9:00 AM (Italian)**

For All Parishioners

**Sunday 14 January, 10:30 AM**

For all Parishioners

**Sunday 14 January, 12:00 PM**

+ Vincenzo Pulla

**Tuesday 16 January, 9:00 AM**

+ Felicidad Bernal

**Wednesday 17 January, 7:00 PM**

+ Bernie Fraioli

+ Lorenzo Serrano

+ Joseph Kingsly Perera

+ Loretta Weerasuriya

+ Vera & Josephine Verasudaram

**Thursday 18 January, 9:00 AM**

For all Parishioners

**Friday 19 January, 7:00 PM**

+ Rosalia Ferro

+ Esther Gonzales

+ John Ferreira

**Saturday 20 January, 9:00 AM**

For all Parishioners

**Saturday 20 January, 5:00 PM**

+Romaldina Misquita & Joseph Godinho

**LIVE FROM LAS VEGAS, NEVADA**



**Sunday, February 11th, 2024**

**StJW TAILGATE PARTY**

**5:00p.m.**

**FOOD ITEMS**

BBQ Pork | BBQ Chicken | Chilli | Rice | Potatoes | Salads | Popcorn  
Coke | Diet Coke | Ginger Ale | Water  
Beer - \$6.00 (ID Required)

**COST**

**\$30 Per Person | Children 8 and Under are Free**  
Price includes buffet dinner, pop and water

Contact: Mike De Medicis-(416) 508-5283 | Mark Clow -(416) 826-9131

**STREET PATROL**

Our upcoming Street Patrol trip is on Saturday, January 20. 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, we also encourage the donation of socks, tuques, mittens, and other winter accessories.



**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 January 24 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.



IMAGE: LAWRENCE OP  
"YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD... AND YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF." LUKE 20:27

**Annual GTA Prayer Service**  
*Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024*

**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.

**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 weekly on Thursdays in the basement Hall from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. All are welcome to join!

**DEVOTION TO THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF 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 Adoration Chapel to partake in this profound spiritual practice.

**PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE MOST REV. FRANCIS LEO – "SEEKING THE KINGDOM OF GOD ABOVE AND BEYOND ALL OTHER THINGS"**

Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled, "Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things". This significant reflection from our spiritual shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New Year and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our archdiocese. The Pastoral Letter can be accessed by visiting the archdiocesan website at: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org).

*"To live each day as an active and committed member of God's Kingdom is not for the faint of heart, but the Lord is still present, loving and active even in the necessary hardships and struggles."*

**St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral**  
455 Ferrier St. (Steeles Ave. E. & Warden Ave.),  
Markham, ON L3R 5Z2

**Sunday, January 21, 2024**  
**4:00 p.m.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

Join Archbishop Francis Leo and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church

The homilist is H.G. Anba Archilids, General Bishop and Papal Vicar Coptic Orthodox Archdiocese of Toronto

Livestream available at:  
<https://bit.ly/WPCU2024live>

Sponsored by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity & Religious Relations with Judaism, and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches



January 18 – 25, 2024 marks the annual celebration of the Week of the Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU). This year's theme inspires all of us to pray and work together for the unity willed by Christ for the Church

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

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, first served 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.



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