

# 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

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### St Vincent de Paul

For assistance call 647-303-2621

[ssvpsjwc@gmail.com](mailto:ssvpsjwc@gmail.com)

## 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.

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#### Our Lady of the Rosary C.E.S.

206 Glenshields Ave.

905-669-6690

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**GOSPEL REFLECTION: HEALING**

*A leper came to Jesus. (Mark 1:40)*

Jesus' disciples must have recoiled when they saw the man approaching. Everyone feared the dreaded disease that he was obviously suffering from. Sure, showing signs of leprosy would make someone ritually unclean (Leviticus 13:46). But it was also deadly and thought to be very contagious. That's why the Book of Leviticus had so many regulations to keep those suffering from leprosy isolated from society. No one wanted to risk contracting the disease!

So why did Jesus reach out to touch this man? Why didn't he shrink back or turn aside? Because he was not afraid of the disease or the uncleanness. He could not be harmed or made unclean by any infirmity. Quite the opposite: Jesus had come to heal and restore all people. He could see beyond the disease and reach out to cleanse this beloved child of God. And by healing him, Jesus brought the man back into society.

Jesus isn't afraid to reach out to us, either. While we might not be afflicted with leprosy, there is something that can cut us off from God and isolate us from other people: our sin. But on the cross, Jesus took on himself our sins and those of the whole world. By his resurrection, he destroyed the power of sin and death. Sin has no hold on him, and he does not fear it. Each time we come to him in repentance, seeking healing and restoration, he replies to us as he did to the man with leprosy: "I do will it. Be made clean" (Mark 1:41).

So come to Jesus with your sins. Bring to him your isolation and suffering. He won't pull away from you. He is the pure One who removes all of your impurity. He is the holy One who takes on your sin and strips it of its power over you. Like the man suffering from leprosy, don't be afraid to approach Jesus. Let him bring you restoration and healing!

*"Jesus, in my weakness and need, I come to you! Cleanse me and make me whole."*

**MASS READINGS**

**First Reading:** Leviticus 13.1-2, 45-46

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 10.31-11.1

**Gospel:** Mark 1.40-45

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday 11 February, 9:00 AM (Italian)**  
For all Parishioners

**Sunday 11 February, 10:30 AM**  
For all Parishioners

**Sunday 11 February, 12:00 PM**  
+ Virginia de la Cruz

**Tuesday 13 February, 9:00 AM**  
+ Deacon Dominic Pullano

**Wednesday 14 February, Ash Wednesday**  
Masses 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

**Thursday 15 February, 9:00 AM**  
+ John Ferreira

**Friday 16 February, 7:00 PM**  
+ Luigi Corrado  
+ Enzo & Fiorella Quatrini  
Blessing for Alexander Family  
Blessing For Ian Guthrie

**Saturday 17 February, 9:00 AM**  
+ Cipriano Nisnisan

**Saturday 17 February, 5:00 PM**  
+ Angela Caitanlobo

**LENTEN SEASON PASTORAL NOTES**

As we begin this season of grace which extends from Ash Wednesday, through Holy Saturday (omitting Sundays), we remind ourselves of the invitation "to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word". Let us aid our Lenten journey with these particular canonical/pastoral notes:

- Canon 1250 - All Fridays through the year and at the time of Lent are penitential days and times throughout the entire Church.
- Canon 1251 - Abstinence from eating meat or another food according to the prescriptions of the conference of bishops is to be observed on Fridays throughout the year unless they are solemnities; abstinence and fast are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on the Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Canon 1252 - All persons who have completed their fourteenth year are bound by the law of abstinence; all adults are bound by the law of fasting up to the beginning of their sixtieth year. Nevertheless, pastors and parents are to see to it that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated in an authentic sense of penance.

The Ash Wednesday Masses on Feb. 14th shall be at 9am and 7pm. We shall be having the Stations of the Cross every Friday, after the 7pm Mass. May this holy season aid us to journey with the Lord in his passion and rise with him at his Resurrection.

## SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

In 2023 we made 112 visits to 24 separate homes to those in need, providing \$10,800 in food vouchers.

We also contributed \$2,000 to support the Society's mission in the GTA including special programs for men and women recovering from addictions or needing help to get housing and jobs. A further \$200 was sent to support our Twin Conference in Trinidad and Tobago. Only \$311 (2.9%) was spent on non-charitable expenses (phone and bank charges, supplies, etc.).

We also sent 5 children to a week-long overnight summer camp experience (operated by the SSVP). We provided about two dozen bicycles and some furniture to families in need. We truly appreciate and rely on your continued support. You can call our helpline (647-303-2621) if you have need of our support, or if you have items to donate, or if you wish to join us in this mission.



[Hallow](#) has incredible guides walking beside us in prayer, fasting, and serving others this Lent.

- **Mark Wahlberg**, will lead us in incredible fasting, discipline, and surrender challenges and Scripture motivation to keep us going through the weeks of Lent
- **Jonathan Roumie**, who portrays Jesus in *The Chosen*, will lead us through powerful reflections on what it means to completely surrender our lives to God
- **Fr. Mike Schmitz**, host of the #1 Christian podcast *Bible in a Year*, will guide us through weekly reflections on the Gospel and the excerpts from *He Leadeth Me*
- **Sr. Miriam James, S.O.L.T.**, will help explore imaginative prayer on the moments before Christ's death and resurrection
- **Sr. Mary Bernice**, an incredible Missionary of Charity who served alongside Mother Teresa in Calcutta, India, will reflect on charity and loving others
- And surrender stories from **Tammy Peterson, Jim Wahlberg, Fr. Frankie Cicero**, and more to inspire our faith and reliance on God.

Use Hallow to pray at <https://hallow.app.link/pray40>

## STREET PATROL

Our upcoming Street Patrol trip is on Saturday, February 17. 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.

## SHARELIFE PARISH CAMPAIGN 2024

Your support for ShareLife brought the hands of Christ to those in need. Because of you, ShareLife agencies annually help more than 150,000 people.

- You eased the struggles of more than 13,000 people by providing over 45,000 mental health services;
- You offered quality care and companionship to over 2,800 vulnerable seniors;
- You invested in our Church's future by supporting 62 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary in the 2023-2024 academic year;
- You helped sponsor 708 refugees on their journey to safety and freedom in Canada;
- You extended a helping hand to over 1,600 young parents and their children;
- You provided accessible, dignified support to over 2,300 people with special needs and their families.

Special Collections for this campaign will be on March 17, April 28, and June 2. Thank you for your generosity!



Dear brothers and sisters,

It is with immense joy that I extend my heartfelt appreciation to each one of you for your kind and compassionate support of ShareLife.

In my brief time as archbishop, I have been deeply moved by the sensitive and giving spirit that pervades our archdiocese. Your commitment to demonstrating love through tangible actions truly inspires me.

In the biblical account of the multiplication of the loaves, we witness the profound impact that love can have. Just as Jesus multiplied the loaves to feed the hungry crowd, your compassion multiplies blessings for those on the fringes of society. May you continue to be moved by His love for us and inspired to share your blessings with our brothers and sisters.

In 2023, your support of the Parish Campaign led to an exceptional fundraising achievement of \$14.2 million. This marks an extraordinary record. Your continued faithful support makes it possible to carry out the essential work of ShareLife-funded agencies, reaching out to those most in need with love and understanding. The impact of your warm generosity echoes the teachings of the Gospel, and for that I express my deepest gratitude.

Thank you for living the Gospel by being a beacon of kindness in our community. Your caring support enables us to make a lasting impact in the lives of many.

May the Lord's blessings be abundantly multiplied in your lives.

Sincerely Yours in Jesus with Mary,

Most Rev. Francis Leo  
Archbishop of Toronto

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