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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: THE PARADOX OF THE CROSS

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself. (John 12:32)

This is not the first time in John’s Gospel that Jesus uses the image of being “lifted up” to describe his crucifixion (John 12:32). Earlier, Jesus compared Moses’ lifting of the serpent in the desert to himself being “lifted up” (3:14). Then, speaking to the religious leaders, he said, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM” (8:28).

Of course, after Jesus was nailed to a cross, he was physically lifted up. But John’s repeated use of the phrase goes beyond that. Jesus’ crucifixion, as horrible and painful as it was, was also an exaltation. That’s because through his cross and resurrection, Jesus saved the world. It was a victory over sin, Satan, and death.

This is the paradox of the cross. It was through Jesus’ suffering and death that he was glorified—and brought glory to his Father’s name (John 12:28). It was by becoming that grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies that Jesus was able to produce “much fruit” (12:24). That “fruit”—our salvation—is why we reverence the cross. It is also why Jesus could talk of his impending death as a lifting up. It was truly a triumph of love over death.

Jesus also promised to “draw everyone” to himself (John 12:32). This, too, was the fruit of his sacrifice. The cross removed the barrier of sin that blocked our relationship with the Father. Now, forgiven and made blameless through Jesus’ blood, we have become sons and daughters of God. Drawn into the heart of the Trinity, we can enjoy eternal life with God, both now and forever.

Today at Mass, gaze at the crucifix above the altar and let it speak to you of God’s infinite love for you. Then praise and thank Jesus for his willingness to suffer and die so that you might live.

“Jesus, I exalt your name over all the earth!”

MASS READINGS

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36.14-17, 19-23

Second Reading: Ephesians 2.4-10

Gospel: John 3.14-21

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 17 March, 9:00 AM (Italian)
+ Antonio D’Amata

Sunday 17 March, 10:30 AM
For all Parishioners

Sunday 17 March, 12:00 PM
+ Tony Escolar

Tuesday 19 March, 9:00 AM
Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 20 March, 7:00 PM
+ Evlin Gappy
+ Brian Dias
+ Florence De Guia
+ Dave Martel

Thursday 21 March, 9:00 AM
+ Cyril Kagoo

Friday 22 March, 7:00 PM
+ Angela Puopolo
+ Michael Angelo & Francesca DeMedicis
+ Josefina Pacificador
+ Nicolo Di Maria
+ Grazyna Jedrej
+ Irene Espiritu
+ Addy Leung

Saturday 23 March, 9:00 AM
+ Luigia Cipolla

Saturday 23 March, 5:00 PM
For all Parishioners

FEAST DAY OF ST. JOSEPH

Congratulations as the parish celebrates the feast day of St. Joseph on March 19th. May he intercede for all of us and lead us on the path of holiness.

SVDP NON-PERISHABLE LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is hosting a non-perishable food drive on Palm Sunday weekend (next weekend, March 22/23, 2024). Red re-usable grocery bags will be distributed this weekend for your donation, although any bag can be used. The food will be donated to the food banks at St. Wilfrid's and St. Augustine's parishes. Thank you for your support!

LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Our Lenten Reconciliation Day will be taking place on Thursday March 21st, from 10 am – 12 pm, and 7 – 9 pm. We shall have 2 priests available in the morning for English and Italian. But there will be several priests for the evening session to hear confessions in a variety of languages. Mark your calendars!

SHARELIFE IMPACT REPORT

ShareLife has shared an impact report in testament to your incredible generosity serving as a guiding light to our brothers and sisters in need. Please visit sharelife.org/impact to see how your donations have impact those who needed it the most.

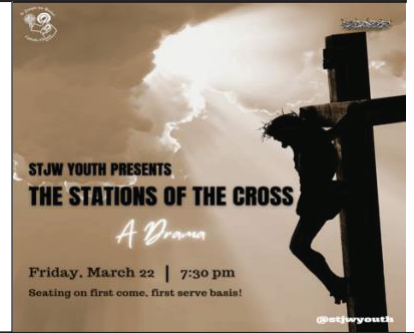
THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS: A DRAMA

The STJW youth ministry is excited to bring the Stations of the Cross to life!

Everyone is welcome to attend this retelling on March 22nd after the 7 pm mass.

Please note that seating is on a first come, first serve basis. Come let us pray together.

Thank you for your support!



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 Wednesday, March 27 at 7:30 pm sharp. There will be fellowship, Bible reading, and sharing of ideas. If you are 18+ we look forward to seeing you, feel free to invite a friend! Please bring a notebook and a bible.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2024

PALM SUNDAY 24 MARCH 2024	5:00 PM - English Vigil Mass 9:00 AM - Italian Mass 10:30 AM - English Mass 12:00 PM - English Mass
HOLY THURSDAY 28 MARCH 2024	7:00 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual) Adoration of the B.S. after Mass until midnight
GOOD FRIDAY 29 MARCH 2024	10:00 AM – Stations of the Cross 2:30 PM - Divine Mercy Novena DAY 1 3:00 PM – Liturgical Service of the Lord's Passion (Bilingual)
HOLY SATURDAY 30 MARCH 2024	9:00 AM - Vigil with Our Lady of Sorrows 9:30 PM - Divine Mercy Novena DAY 2 11:00 AM - Bread & Basket Blessing 8:00 PM - Vigil Mass of the Resurrection (Bilingual)
EASTER SUNDAY 31 MARCH 2024	9:00 AM - Italian Mass 10:30 AM - English Mass 12:00 PM - English Mass 1 :30 PM - Divine Mercy Novena DAY 3
EASTER MONDAY TO FRIDAY 1-5 APRIL 2024	1 April - 9:00 AM Mass + 9:30 AM - Divine Mercy Novena Day #4 to follow 2 April - 9:00 AM Mass + 9:30 AM - Divine Mercy Novena Day #5 to follow 3 April - 7:00 PM Mass + 7:30 PM - Divine Mercy Novena Day #6 to follow 4 April - 9:00 AM Mass + 9:30 AM - Divine Mercy Novena Day #7 to follow 5 April - 7:00 PM Mass + 7:30 PM - Divine Mercy Novena Day #8 to follow
EASTER SATURDAY 6 APRIL 2024	9:00 AM - English Mass 9:30 AM - Divine Mercy Novena DAY #9 5:00 PM – Mass
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 7 APRIL 2024	9:00 AM - Italian Mass 10:30 AM - English Mass 12:00 PM - English Mass 3:00 PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet. Procession round the block and refreshments in the hall to follow

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