

# 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)

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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: THE POWER OF JESUS’ MERCY**

*My Lord and my God! (John 20:28)*

Why wasn’t Thomas with the other apostles the first time Jesus appeared to them? Maybe Thomas was so discouraged that he just wanted to be alone, or perhaps he was hiding somewhere else. Whatever the case, he didn’t believe that Jesus had really appeared to the disciples that night (John 20:25). He had to see the risen Christ for himself.

Jesus knew this, so exactly one week later, he appeared again, this time to all the apostles. When Jesus invited Thomas to put his hand in his wounds, Thomas exclaimed, “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28).

What an appropriate Gospel passage for Divine Mercy Sunday! In his great mercy, Jesus deeply desired that Thomas believe that he had truly risen—so much so that he may have come back especially for him.

The Gospels are filled with examples of Jesus’ mercy, from his healing of people who were blind or sick to his compassion for those who were far from home and needed something to eat. Of course, his greatest act of mercy was his self-offering on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins.

“Tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy.” That’s the message Jesus gave to the Polish nun Sr. Faustina Kowalska in 1931 (Diary, 699). This is a mercy that knows no bounds, that longs for every single person to receive it and be saved, no matter how far they have strayed. We have trouble conceiving it because it is so unlike anything we have ever encountered here on earth!

No matter how long we’ve followed Jesus, we are all in need of his mercy and compassion. Even Thomas, his very own apostle, needed it! Today make time to gaze on the Divine Mercy image of Jesus and ask him to give you the grace to believe in the depths of his mercy. Then exclaim with Thomas, “My Lord and my God!”

*“Jesus, let every soul in Your Passion and place its hope in Your mercy. You will not deny Your mercy to anyone. Heaven and earth may change but Your mercy will never be exhausted, mercy endless throughout the ages.*

**MASS READINGS**

**First Reading:** Acts 4.32-35

**Second Reading:** 1 John 5.1-6

**Gospel:** John 20.19-31

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday 7 April, 9:00 AM (Italian)**

For all Parishioners

**Sunday 7 April, 10:30 AM**

For all Parishioners

**Sunday 7 April, 12:00 PM**

For all Parishioners

**Tuesday 9 April, 9:00 AM**

+ John Ferreira

**Wednesday 10 April, 7:00 PM**

+ Mectildes Maria Anna de la Cruz

For All Saints

Special Intentions of Denise Mortel Wong

Birthday Blessings for Mectildes Maria

Anita de la Cruz

**Thursday 11 April, 9:00 AM**

Special Intentions of the Gucciardi Family

**Friday 12 April, 7:00 PM**

+ Virginia de la Cruz

+ Pasquale & Angela Catenaro

+ Isabella Solovieff

+ Armando Megetto

Special Intentions of Crisante Torres

**Saturday 12 April, 9:00 AM**

+ Deacon Dominic Pullano

**Saturday 12 April, 5:00 PM**

Special Intentions of the Foo Family

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY**

Come and join us in learning more about the women of the Bible. Join us on Wednesday, April 10 at 7:30 pm sharp. There will be fellowship, Bible reading, and sharing of ideas.

**THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** would like to thank

parishioners for their overwhelming generosity for our recent Food Drive. The food was distributed to the nearby Food Banks at St. Augustine, St. Wilfred and Our Lady of the Annunciation. They are very thankful for all your support.

**DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION**

Join us in celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday this weekend on Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>. Our Masses are as usual, and we will return at 3 pm for prayers of the divine mercy. Immediately after this there will be a procession around the church followed by a celebration downstairs. Come let us celebrate together!

## Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the second Sunday of Easter

"As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. **It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace.** How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy!"

ST. JOHN PAUL II



## STREET PATROL

Our upcoming Street Patrol trip is on Saturday, April 20, 2024. 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)
- Gift Cards to shop at Walmart, No Frills, McDonalds, etc.
- As will with the harsh winter weather, we also encourage the donations of socks, tuques, mittens, and other winter accessories.



On this day you may obtain a plenary indulgence\* if you complete these **four** conditions 'in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin':

**1** Go to Confession

**2** Receive Holy Communion

**3** Pray for the pope's intentions

**4** Take part in the prayers and devotions held in honour of Divine Mercy, OR in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, **recite** the *Our Father* and the *Credo*, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus

\* An Indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven

**LORD, WE BELIEVE IN YOU AND CONFIDENTLY REPEAT TO YOU TODAY: Jesus, I trust in You, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world.**

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## VESPERS CELEBRATING ST. GREGORY OF NAREK AS 'ABBOT AND DOCTOR OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'

St. Gregory of Narek, widely revered as one of the greatest figures of medieval Armenian religious thought and literature, and a saint in the Oriental Orthodox Church, has recently come into our Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Join Archbishop Francis Leo and Bishop Abgar Hovakimyan (Primate of the Armenian Diocese of Canada) who will co-preside at a jointly prepared Armenian Vespers to celebrate this remarkable event on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at 6 pm, hosted at Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church on 920 Progress Ave., This event will also feature an ecumenical exchange of gifts. Liturgical vessels entrusted to us from Armenians fleeing Genocide during the last century will be returned and an icon of St. Gregory of Narek will be received. Thank you for your continued support and promotion of Christian Unity in the Archdiocese of Toronto.



**CWL BAKE SALE MAY 4TH AND 5TH.** The Catholic Women's League (CWL) is holding a bake sale on **May 4th and 5th** after all masses in the church basement lobby. Proceeds from the sale support the needs of our parish and charitable organizations. Donations of baked goods for the sale are most welcome. Please deliver these to the parish office on Friday May 3rd or Saturday May 4th in the morning. Thank you for supporting the CWL!

## 27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SHARELIFE GOLF TOURNAMENT

We look forward to greeting our amazing Golf supporters at the Royal Woodbine Golf Club on Monday, June 10th for the 27th Annual ShareLife Golf Tournament.

Registration is \$475 per individual and \$1,900 for a foursome. Your registration includes golf, cart, BBQ lunch with wine tasting, snacks, hors d'oeuvres, three complimentary drink tickets for use on the course or in the club house and dinner with wine. To confirm your participation, please register or download your registration form at [www.sharelife.org/golf](http://www.sharelife.org/golf). Tax receipts will be issued for the maximum eligible amount. Registration closes on May 28, 2024.

To further enhance our tournament, we welcome sponsorship enquiries and silent auction and prize donations. If you wish to discuss a sponsorship or donation, please contact Thiviya Keethadevan at 416-934-3400 ext. 526 [tkeethadevan@archtoronto.org](mailto:tkeethadevan@archtoronto.org) or Wendy Wong at 416-934-3400 ext. 516 or [wwong@archtoronto.org](mailto:wwong@archtoronto.org). As ShareLife's mission reminds us, we are all called "to live the Gospel by providing for those in need."

Please join us on June 10th for a day of golf and friendship and to continue the support of our Catholic agencies that respond generously with justice and love. Your participation makes a huge difference! Thank you.

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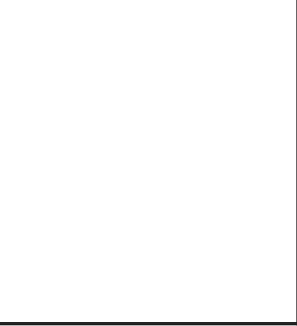
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