



# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday  
10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday  
10:00 am to 6:00 pm  
Closed for Lunch  
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Monday, Sunday  
and Statutory Holidays  
CLOSED

We celebrate Memorial, Clubs,  
and Groups Masses according to  
the parish schedule as a regular  
intention.

We DO NOT celebrate  
Private Masses.

### MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday & Thursday  
9:00 am

Wednesday & Friday  
7:00 pm

Saturday  
5:00 pm

Sunday  
9:00 am (Italian)  
10:30 am  
12:00 pm

RECONCILIATION  
Saturdays 4:00 – 4:45 pm  
and upon appointment

### ADORATION CHAPEL

Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament Tuesday to  
Saturday from 9:30 am to  
5:00 pm

### BAPTISM

To baptize your child at our  
Church, it is necessary for  
you to be registered with the  
Parish and attend Mass  
regularly. Baptisms are held  
most Saturdays of the month  
at 3:00 pm. For more  
information, please contact the  
office or visit our website.

### MARRIAGE

Please contact the office at  
least one year in advance.  
Weddings are held at 12 pm on  
most Saturdays of the month.

### HOME COMMUNION

Please call the Parish Office.

### NEW PARISHIONERS

Please visit our website and download the fillable registration form.  
Once the form is completed, kindly submit it to the parish office.

### SCHOOLS ASSOCIATED TO THE PARISH

St Joseph the Worker C.E.S. 475 Brownridge Dr. 905-738-5703  
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**GOSPEL REFLECTION: RECEIVING GOD’S BLESSINGS**

*They prophesied in the camp. (Numbers 11:26)*

Did you ever think that you might have missed God’s blessing? Maybe you were supposed to go on a pilgrimage, but your finances fell through. Or you had hoped to attend a retreat, but someone in your family got sick. Or perhaps you had planned to go to daily Mass at noon, but you got stuck in a work meeting and couldn’t get to church. How frustrating!

In today’s first reading, Medad and Eldad might have felt the same way. Moses had chosen them to be among the seventy elders, and God had promised to place his Spirit upon them. They would be able to hear God’s voice and help Moses care for the Israelites. But they had not gone out to the tent of meeting; they were left back in the camp among the hungry, complaining people. So it seemed that these two latecomers had missed their chance.

But God had other plans. He blessed them anyway—even in the chaos of the camp, even in their confusion. Medad and Eldad proclaimed God’s word right in the midst of the people.

What does this teach us? First, it shows that God is able to bless us wherever we are. He’s not limited by whether we’re in the “right place at the right time.” Second, he’s not limited to working only through certain people. Medad and Eldad had willing hearts open to God’s grace, and that helped them receive his Spirit. Joshua was scandalized and wanted to silence them, but Moses understood: the Lord’s power and his desire to bless his people were far beyond what they had expected. He rejoiced—“Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!” (Numbers 11:29).

You have not missed your chance to receive God’s blessing! You’re never beyond his reach, and it’s never too late. Today you can seek the Lord. He wants to shower his gifts and heavenly blessings upon you—no matter where you are!

*“Lord, I trust in your goodness.”*

**MASS READINGS**

**First Reading:** Numbers 11:25-29

**Second Reading:** James 5:1-6

**Gospel:** Mark 9:38-43, 47-48

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday 28 September, 5:00 PM**

+ Rowland Warwick & The Sudario Family

**Sunday 29 September, 9:00 AM (Italian)**

+ Salvatore Pugliese

**Sunday 29 September, 10:30 AM**

For all Parishioners

**Sunday 29 September, 12:00 PM**

+ Stan Sztuka

**Tuesday 1 October, 9:00 AM**

+ Maximo Miemban

**Wednesday 2 October, 7:00 PM**

+ Helen Grant Mammone

+ Gesue Carere & Family

**Thursday 3 October, 9:00 AM**

+ Maria Moreia

**Friday 4 October, 7:00 PM**

+ Grazia Tore

**Saturday 5 October, 9:00 AM**

+ Placido Torres

**CHANGES IN PARISH TIMINGS**

Please note that the Adoration Chapel is open Tuesday to Saturday, from 9:30 am – 5 pm. The chapel will remain closed during and between masses.

Confessions will be available every Saturday from 4 – 4:45 pm or by appointment.

There will be NO 9 am masses on Saturdays except for the following:

- Saturday, October 5th
- Saturday, October 26th
- Saturday, November 9th
- Saturday, November 16th
- Saturday, November 30th

Please visit the parish website for further information of all parish hours and mass timings.

**LIFE CHAIN – SUNDAY OCTOBER 6, 2024, FROM 2:00 – 3:00 PM**

Life Chain is an annual pro-life event that raises awareness about the injustice of abortion and the inherent dignity of every human being. Participants pray and hold sings at hundreds of locations across North America for one hour. Please join us this year at the intersection of Dufferin and Steeles on Sunday October 6, 2024, from 2:00 – 3:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to peacefully, publicly, and safely call upon our community to protect human life from conception to natural death. Let us advocate for the innocent; as Christ himself reminds us, “Whatever you do to the least of these, you do to me” (Mt 25:40).

**BECOMING A CATHOLIC**

We will be starting our RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Classes on October 6, 2024. The sessions will be held every Sunday after the 12 pm Mass. For registration & further information, please contact the office.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE**

Our Marriage Preparation course starts on October 18, 2024 and will take place for 7 consecutive Friday from 7 – 9 pm. Couples who are planning to wed are invited to now register in the Church Office.



**IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR COMMUNION MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND**

If you bring Communion to the homebound, we ask that you contact the Parish Office to record your name and contact information. Thank you!

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY**

Come and join us for the conclusion of the Women’s Bible Study on October 9, after the Wednesday Evening Mass.

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

Our First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on October 4, 2024. There will be rosary at 6:30 pm, Mass at 7 pm, followed by the adoration of the Holy Eucharist.

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**INDIGENOUS HEALING & RECONCILIATION FUND COLLECTION – OCTOBER 5/6, 2024**

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held the next weekend on October 5/6, 2024 to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is part of a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land.

The Archdiocese of Toronto has raised almost 50% of its \$6 million pledge with \$2.7 million in funds already allocated to support eight projects that focus on culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth.

Let us join together and follow the invitation of the Holy Father for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey. For more information or to donate online, visit:

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