

# Saint Joseph The Worker Parish

Oshawa, Ontario

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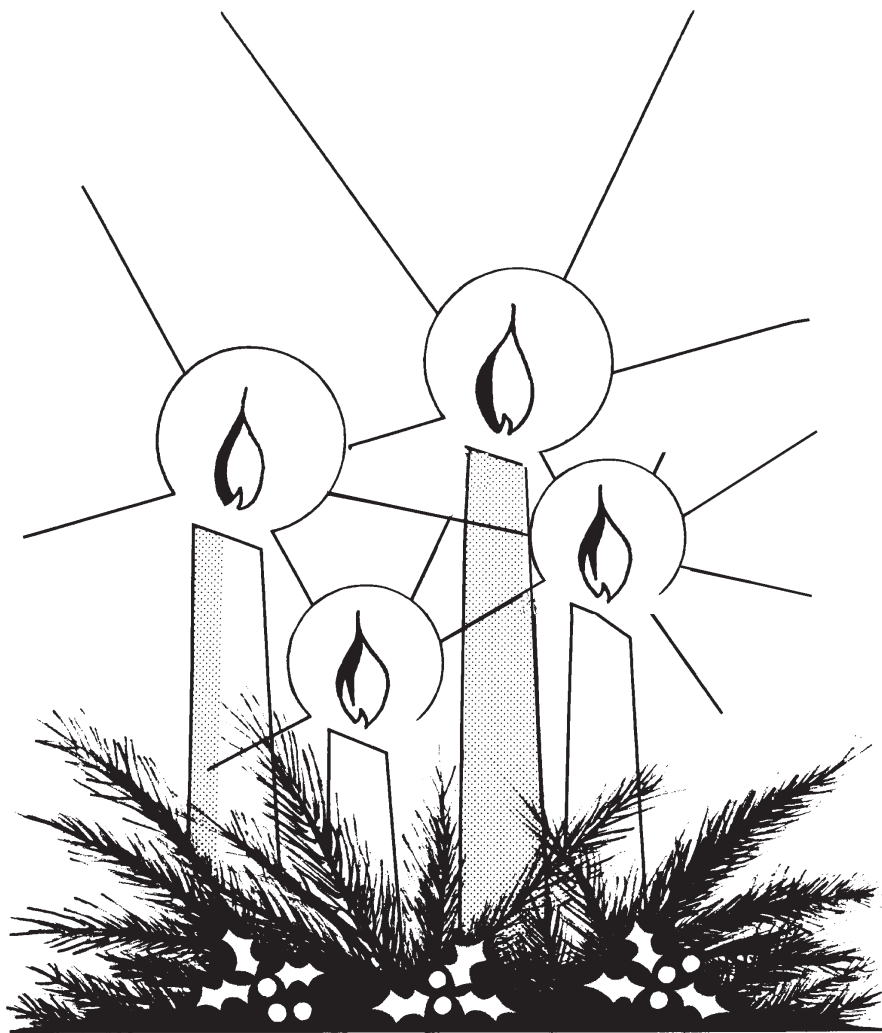
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## PARISH STAFF

Rev. Victor Amole, Pastor

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# Advent

# December 19, 2021

## MASS INTENTIONS



### Monday, December 20

† Doug Flintoff req. by His family

### Tuesday, December 21

† Bayani Marcos & Anamparo Marcos req. by Julie Lopez

### Wednesday, December 22

† Antonio & Domenic Molinaro req. by Carmela Molinaro  
† Frank Nash req. by Nati Nash  
Intention of Nicole Warner req. By Varghese family  
Intention of Sheri-Anne & family req. by John Longo  
Intention of Max Coia req. by Lourdes & Gerry  
For all Parishioners of St. Joseph the Worker Parish  
Chaplaincy Students of ONTech, Durham College & Trent

### Thursday, December 23

† Shelley Wilson req. by Mom & Jack

### Friday, December 24

**5 pm, 7 pm & 9 pm**

For all Parishioners of St. Joseph the Worker Parish  
Chaplaincy Students of ONTech, Durham College & Trent

### Saturday, December 25

**9 am** For all Parishioners of St. Joseph the Worker Parish

**11 am** For all Parishioners of St. Joseph the Worker Parish

### Sunday, December 26

**9 am** † Deceased members of the Desousa family

**11 am** For all Parishioners of St. Joseph the Worker Parish

## CHRISTMAS OFFICE & CHURCH HOURS

As Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Saturday in the coming Christmas Season the office and church will be closed on the following days.

Friday, December 24—CLOSED

Monday, December 27—CLOSED

Tuesday, December 28—CLOSED

Wednesday, December 29—OPEN

Thursday, December 30—OPEN

Friday, December 31—CLOSED

Monday, January 3—CLOSED

**OUR ADORATION CHAPEL WILL REMAIN OPEN WITH CODE**



Please pray for the deceased especially Brenna O'Connor & Stephen Toutant and for those who mourn for them.

**Please pray for those who are sick and those who love and minister to them.....**



Anthony Mc Dermott  
Br. Clarence Blaskavitz

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Chris Harshman

Dave Bezzant

Diane Belliveau

Ed Lynch

Frank Mc Nulty

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Jo Anne Craig

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Mike Hickey

Nigel Boos

Sante Mastroianni

Santina Del Gobo

Sebastian Edassery

Susan Craig

Richard Elliott

Robert Robinson

Vicky Mikalauskas

Yvonne Bartholomew



**CONFESSION** Our regular Saturday confessions at 4 pm will now take place in the confessional inside the parish. If you wish to make an appointment for confessions at a different date/time than our Saturday confessions, please contact the parish office at 905-432-2300 or [stjosephtheworkeos@archtoronto.ca](mailto:stjosephtheworkeos@archtoronto.ca)

**MEETINGS** in the parish halls or other indoor spaces are permitted at 50% of meeting space during step 3.

**OFFICE HOURS** The parish secretary will continue to work remotely on Thursday and Friday's. She will have remote access to emails and phones on these days. Please feel free to contact us at 905 432-2300 or email: [stjosephtheworkeros@archtoronto.org](mailto:stjosephtheworkeros@archtoronto.org)

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December, 24— 5pm, 7pm, 9pm

Saturday, December 25—9am & 11am

Sunday, December 26— 9am & 11am

Friday, December 31—5 pm & 7 pm

Saturday, January 1— 9am & 11am

Sunday, January 2—9am & 11 am



Please note there will be no confession nor evening Mass on Saturday, December 25th & Saturday, January 1st.

**May Christ be born in our hearts. May his light dawn our lives. And may 2022 usher in a better year than ever before.**

**CONFESSION**-are available on Tuesday and Thursday, December 22nd and 23rd, between 10am and 5pm.

**By appointment only. Please contact the parish office**

# Fourth Sunday of Advent



*You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah, . . . from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel. (Micah 5:1)*

Did you know that there are more than three hundred verses in the Old Testament pointing to Jesus as the Messiah? In today's first reading, for instance, the prophet Micah says that a great ruler will come from Bethlehem, the village where David was born (5:1). That aligns with other prophecies that the Messiah would come from the line of David (2 Samuel 7:16; Isaiah 11:1).

Yet Micah's words were written centuries before Jesus was born. For the Jews of Jesus' time, living under Roman occupation, that was a long time of waiting, watching, and praying for God to fulfill his promises.

But now the wait is over, and Mary and Elizabeth know it. That's why, in today's Gospel, they are so joyful. Elizabeth greets Mary with a loud cry, and even the young John the Baptist leaps with joy in her womb (Luke 1:44).

Maybe for you, Advent has seemed like a long time of waiting. Maybe you've been waiting for Jesus to speak to you, and you hear nothing but silence. Maybe you've been waiting a long time for him to answer a prayer, and you want to be reassured that he hears you. Maybe your waiting will continue, even after Advent is over.

Unlike the Jews before Jesus' coming, you don't have to wait for the Messiah to appear. And whatever else you are waiting for, you don't have to wait for him to draw close to you. He loves you so much that he offers you his own Body and Blood in the Eucharist. This is what he came to do—to save you and unite himself to you.

So even if you find yourself still waiting on the Lord, know that he always fulfills his promises. Today he is waiting for you to receive him, and that alone is reason to rejoice!

*"Lord, fill me with joy, today and at your coming on Christmas Day."*

*Culled from *The World Among Us**

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Registration forms are available from the schools and at the Parish Office.

- **Registration Deadline: Tuesday, December 21, 2021**



## **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

The Catholic Women's League thanks everyone for all their support during this past year and wishes everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Joyous New Year.

A friendly reminder, the CWL 2022 Membership dues are now due (\$30.). Thank you to all members who have renewed their membership. If you have any questions regarding membership, please speak to Mary Lynch or contact Maria Tuccia @ 905-576-2776 / maria\_tuccia@yahoo.ca Thank you.

For more information about the CWL, please contact Diana Petre at cwl.sjtwoshawa@gmail.com.



## **SYNOD ON SYNODALITY**

Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God's will in the world today. The comments of the faithful will ultimately be discussed at a meeting of the bishops in the Vatican in 2023. To learn more about the Synod on Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit: [www.archtoronto.org/synodality](http://www.archtoronto.org/synodality)

## **COVID-19 UPDATE: SAFETY MEASURES**

### **FOR PRIVATE PRAYER IN THE ADORATION CHAPEL**

In light of the current pandemic, we invite you to please observe the following measures, which have been put in place for your safety and the safety of others:

- **A mask or face covering is mandatory while you are in the church building.**
- Please maintain social distancing of at least six feet, unless you are from the same household
- The Adoration Chapel and crying room will be open on a 24/7
- A maximum of 6 people are allowed in the Chapel and 4 people in the Crying Room at any one time
- Please sanitize the area you were in before you leave
- A security code is required to enter the chapel during the weekend and outside of office hours
- The foyer, Adoration Chapel, and Crying Room are under 24 hour video surveillance

**Thank you for your patience and understanding**

## **2022 DONATION ENVELOPES**

The 2022 envelopes are now available in the hall. Please do not use the 2022 envelopes until January 2022. **Please include your name and full address on all of your January donation envelopes as we are updating our parish records.** Thank you for your cooperation.



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