

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT 24 	Vigil Mass
4:30 pm †	Beverly Bolster & Family
SUN 25 	26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 am †	Antonio Ricciardi
9:30 am	<i>Pro Popolo</i>
11:00 am †	Mary & Matthew Correia
12:30 pm †	Antonietta Cascioli
6:00 pm †	Neil Llado
MON 26 	Sts. Jean de Brebeuf
	& Isaac Jogues
8:30 am †	Bernadette Joseph
TUES 27 	St. Vincent de Paul
8:30 am †	Patricia Melnike
WED 28 	St. Wenceslaus
8:30 am †	Dotie & Ted Killgallen
THUR 29 	Sts. Michael, Gabriel
	& Raphael
8:30 am †	Manuel Costa
FRI 30 	St. Jerome
8:30 am †	Jose Flor Gomes
SAT 01 	
9:00 am	Multiple Intention Mass

1st Holy Communion Registration

For parents with **children who attend private or public schools**, we will resume our one-year catechism program to prepare children to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion. Registration will take place Wed, September 28th in the parish hall at 4:30 pm. Classes will begin Oct. 5th and take place on consecutive Wednesdays 4:30 - 6:00 pm.

For questions or additional details, please contact Marie Morrison at 905-821-9012.

Youth Ministry Volunteers

We are looking for individuals who are willing to serve the youth of our parish in various ministries, such as children's liturgy on Sundays, Confirmation Preparation Program on Tuesday evenings, and LifeTeen on Saturday evenings.

If you can get involved, please email Megan at ym.stjosephmi@gmail.com.

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES

Saturday begins the month of October; the month of the Holy Rosary; in which we contemplate how God has brought us life in Christ through Mary. The connection between the Rosary and the month of October goes back to the year 1571 when Pope St. Pius V appealed to all Christians to pray the Rosary to bring peace to the world from the threat of Turkish invasion and persecution. This appeal was heard and through the Rosary a great victory was won over the Turkish fleet at Lepanto on October 7th, which saved Christendom for another hundred years. This date is now the feast of the Holy Rosary.

Many centuries later at Fatima in Portugal, Our Lady appeared to three young shepherd children and impressed upon them the importance and power of the Rosary: *"Say the Rosary every day...Pray, pray a lot and offer sacrifices for sinners... I am Our Lady of the Rosary. Only I will be able to help you. In the end My Immaculate Heart will triumph."* Of course, the Rosary isn't easy to pray! But that shouldn't put us off.

Here is a helpful thought: Saturday is also the feast of St. Theresa of Lisieux, the Little Flower. It may surprise you to learn that she found prayer, and particularly the Rosary, very difficult. But she kept on trying. She once said: *"The first thing I have to admit when asked how I pray, is that I am not good at it."* That should give us a bit of courage! If even a great saint who is a Doctor of the Church, should have found prayer difficult, then we need not be ashamed to admit that we do, too. Of the Rosary she even said, *"It's a terrible thing to admit, but saying the Rosary takes it out of me more than any hair shirt would; I say it so badly! Try as I will to force myself, I can't meditate on the mysteries of the Rosary, I just can't fix my mind on them. For a long time, I was in despair about it. Now I don't distress myself so much; it seems to me that the Queen of Heaven, being my Mother, must be aware of my good intentions, and that's enough for her."*

Note that, despite the fact that she found it difficult, she did not give up. So please keep on praying despite any difficulties you may find. The Holy Rosary is considered a perfect prayer because within it lies the awesome story of our salvation. With the Rosary in fact we meditate the mysteries of joy, of light, of sorrow and of the glory of Jesus and Mary. It's a simple prayer, humble like Our Lady. It's a prayer we can all say together with Her, the Mother of God. With the Hail Mary we invite Her to pray for us. Our Lady always grants our request. She joins Her prayer to ours. Therefore it becomes ever more useful, because what Mary asks She always receives, our Lord can never say no to whatever His Mother asks for.

In every apparition, our heavenly Mother has invited us to say the Rosary as a powerful weapon against evil, to bring us to true peace. With our prayer made together with our heavenly Mother, we can obtain the great gift of bringing about a change of hearts and conversion. Pray at least a decade of the Rosary each October day, and please teach your children to do so with you. ~ Fr. Paul Dobson

Smile for the week:

What are the best things you can put in a pizza?

Answer:

Teeth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

R.C.I.A. FOR ADULTS (AGE 14+)

Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm

For those who are looking to enter the Catholic Church (baptism and or Confirmation if already baptised).

It is also for Catholics wishing to know more about the Catholic Church or to be a sponsor. Please come to the first session on Sept 28th in our upstairs meeting room (accessible from the side entrance of the church).

INDIGENOUS HEALING & RECONCILIATION FUND

October 1 & 2, To support indigenous communities.

INTRODUCING MERRYMAKERS a dynamic afternoon program for 3-5 year olds

Mary, Mother of God School is now registering children for 2 1/2 hours of enriched programming on Wednesday afternoons, 1:00-3:30 pm. Join us for songs, stories, poems, nursery rhymes, instruments, games, classical music, mime, drama, and lots of play. For more information, call the school office at 416-531-7897.

Events

LIFECCHAIN 2022

October 2 at Bristol and Creditview Rds

Following the 12:30 pm Mass, please join us for an hour as we stand together with thousands across Canada to pray for victims of abortion and raise awareness that all, even the pre-born, have human rights – the right to life.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2022

Sept 28 to Nov 6 Queensway Blvd by the hospital

You are invited to join others for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion and to stand in peaceful vigil at the designated site. See front entrance for posters. **Our parish days are: Sept 28, Oct 5, and 12 (all Wednesdays from 7am – 7pm).**

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Prayer Meetings every Wednesday - Parish Hall at 7 p.m.

OUR FORTHCOMING SPECIAL PROGRAMS

HOLY MASS WITH HEALING SERVICE

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 6.45 p.m. in the Church

"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it." (Luke 11:28)

God's Word is medicine for our soul. It heals us from the inside out. The struggle is real but so is God's Word. Join us and be healed in the mighty Name of Jesus! See posters at entrances.

ONE DAY ADVENT RETREAT - "The Future - Full of Hope"

Saturday, December 10, 2022

(Registration details to follow) Preacher: Rev. Fr. Marco Testa
Formerly Pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Streetsville

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Ministries

COMING SOON - DROP-IN COUNSELLING

With Deacon George Jurenas. Details to follow.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE 65TH ANNIVERSARY

On September 24th members of the St. Joseph Council Catholic Women's League will gather to celebrate 65 years since the founding of our Council in 1957. We are thankful for all the members past, present and future, for their contributions over the years to help our parish, organizations and individuals in need.

God Bless the Catholic Women's League.

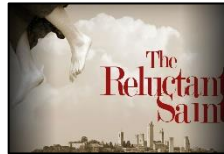
Around The Arch

PILGRIMAGE – Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate

In Guelph Ontario on October 1st. Travel by luxury coach. Holy Mass at 10 am with Bishop Douglas Crosby following confessions at 9 am. Crowning of Our Lady at 11 am and The Queen's Tea luncheon at noon. Cost is \$65pp. See the posters at both entrances for pickup locations. For more information call/text Enza at 905-301-3376.

PICK OF THE WEEK

September 25, 2022



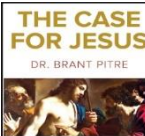
The Reluctant Saint: The Story of St.

Joseph Cupertino | Movie 1 hr 45 min
A heartwarming and amazing true story of the humble Franciscan friar who literally rose to sainthood.



Where are the fathers? Men, this is what you're made for! | Chris Stefanick Show
We're in a "father crisis" right now.

More kids than ever are raised without dads, and we can't save our culture without good fathers. Fr. Dave Pivonka knows just how high the stakes are and what we need to do about the culture today – starting with the men.



The Case for Jesus by Dr. Brant Pitre

Talks: Defending the Faith | 1h 13m

Many false theories that have been introduced over the past years, resulting in widespread skepticism about the reliability of Christian Faith. Questions tackled: Were the four Gospels written anonymously? Did Jesus claim to be God? Did Jesus fulfill the Jewish prophecies of the Messiah? and many more.



Watch Angels: Bishop Fulton Sheen | 1h 13m

In this first segment, "Angels," Bishop Sheen explicates the nature of angels and the meaningful role they play in our world.

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