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The story of the Samaritan woman teaches us that with the things of God we should expect the unexpected. In short we, too, are unlikely recipients of revelation. Yet our Lord courts us as well. In the midst of our sins, our distractions, our ignorance, our worldly concerns, just occasionally we hear his voice and recognise in it the voice of one who knows us profoundly.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENIENT RECONCILIATION

Our Lenten Reconciliation night will be on Tuesday evening of March 21st from 7 pm. There will be many visiting priests that evening.

WEDNESDAY VESPERS

Come join fellow parishioners in the public celebration of Vespers each Wednesday of Lent at 6:00 pm. Vespers is the liturgical Evening Prayer of the Church and an important part of how we can sanctify each hour of the day. No prior experience necessary. Hope to see you there!

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ST. JOSEPH FEAST DAY - Lenten Offering

Spring Cleaning Kit - Not just cleaning the spiritual inside but the physical outside too!

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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Save the Date - Friday March 31 Details to follow.

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PARISH SPIRITUAL WALK-IN MINISTRY

Deacon George is available to answer questions, lend spiritual assistance, listen to your difficulties, make referrals, and generally give support to those in need, in a non-judgmental, confidential, and Catholic approach. Tuesdays 11 am - 2 pm and Thursdays 5 - 8 pm. (No cost) By appointment or drop-in. Register for appointment online with QR code or https://bit.ly/3YDCZzc

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Stations of Cross. Join us during the Lent Season to pray at the Stations of Cross outside the front entrance of St Joseph Church Saturday at 5: 45 pm.

Membership Drive: Catholic & Living IT of Holy Names. For more info please email Megan at ym.stjosephML@gmail.com

Smile for the week: How do children travel is work? They grow up.

*** St. Joseph Feast Day ***

MONDAY MARCH 20th Mass at 7:00 PM Followed by St. Joseph Table in the Hall (Please bring an Appetizer or Dessert for the table)

MARCH 12, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

AROUND THE ARCH

QUEEN OF APPOSTLES - LENTEN RETREAT

Facilitated By Our Centre Team

Saturday March 18, 9:00AM - 5:00PM $45.00 includes lunch at QUEEN OF APPOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE, 1617 Blythe Road. Contact: JEAN 905-278-5229 OR OFFICE@QOA.CA

DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH Saturday March 25

Catholic Women's Conference Hosted by Reverend Robert Kasun, CSB | Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Diana Filipiak, Kasia Ryba, Sandra Wojcik - Journeying with Mother Mary | Dr. Josephine Lombardi Healing & Forgiveness

Right to Life Mississauga & Area will be hosting this in-person event on Medical Assisted Suicide at Maximilian Kolbe Church (Meeting Hall) on Sunday, March 26th at 4:00pm.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

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Movie 1 hr 37 min

The Story of the Man Closer to Christ

The first feature film ever on the story of St. Joseph, who was a carpenter, the husband of Mary, and the foster father of Jesus Christ. Scripture tells us that St. Joseph was a “just man” and that God gave him the most daunting task ever: asked of a man-to-be the husband of the woman who would give birth to the Messiah and the father and protector of this Holy Family. (Parental guidance is suggested due to some violent scenes)

THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHANGED THE COURSE OF HUMAN HISTORY

Register with an email and parish code: VWHQIN or search for St. Joseph Parish Mississauga.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

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

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Friday, April 7 to Saturday, April 15 - 6:30 p.m. - Church FESTIVE OF DIVINE MERCY

Sunday, April 16 - 2:30 p.m. - Church

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Adoration Divine Mercy Chaplet in Song - Benediction

HOLY MASS

Followed by Reception in Hall (Finger Food will be appreciated)

*** ALL ARE WELCOME! ***